

RECOGNIZING THE LAUNCH OF THE 50TH UPWARD ACADEMY AT THE TYSON FOODS PLANT IN ZEELAND, MI

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the launch of the 50th Upward Academy at the Tyson Foods Plant in Zeeland, Michigan.

This unique in-plant educational program offers a plethora of empowering resources and courses to all workers, from the frontlines to the offices, at no-cost. By partnering with local community organizations, Upward Academy provides team members the opportunity to access important classes that would otherwise be unattainable. Examples include English as a Second Language, General Educational Development (GED), and United States citizenship, among others. For new immigrants to the U.S., Upward Academy helps to assimilate and integrate them into American society, thereby creating a bedrock for their future success.

Moreover, the Upward Academy includes multiple components focused on workplace skills and professional training to develop talent, especially in rural or marginalized areas. This includes classes in driver education, computer technology, financial literacy, and a variety of soft skills. Through these programs, Upward Academy brings knowledgeable experts directly to workers so they can move beyond entry-level jobs, receive valuable qualifications, and perform at high levels.

The 50th launch of Upward Academy will open the door for all team members at Tyson's Plant in Zeeland, MI to strive beyond current limitations. Tyson Foods and Upward Academy's commitment to cultivating a modern workforce that is prepared for the 21st century will help our community grow stronger and make West Michigan a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Madam Speaker, please join me in officially recognizing the launch of the 50th Upward Academy at the Tyson Foods Plant in Zeeland, MI.

CONGRATULATING TIM HOYER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Tim Hoyer, this year's recipient of the Encompass Health Advocate Award.

Tim has been active with brain injury support groups since his own injury in 2012. In January 2016, Tim assumed leadership of the Blair County Brain Injury Support Group. He has also founded an Asperger's support group. Tim has taken special interest in each group member and encourages them to reach whatever goals they have set.

Tim is a tireless advocate in our community, and his work is truly deserving of this recognition.

Congratulations once again to Tim on this recognition

HONORING THE LIFE OF DON ALLEN WOLF

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the incredible life of Mr. Don Wolf. Don was an upstanding citizen, father, husband and business leader in northeast Indiana who dedicated his life to the humble service of others. The lives of his fellow Hoosiers have been vastly improved because of Don's generosity and good will.

Don truly lived out the American Dream. He established Do It Best Hardware which is presently the largest privately-held company in the state of Indiana and has a large presence across the entire country. The City of Fort Wayne and the entire Hoosier State feels a deep sense of pride in counting him as one of our own.

Achieving great success, Don set out to better the community he loved so much and worked to significantly improve the lives of those around him. His many philanthropic efforts range from serving as the first president of Big Brothers of Greater Fort Wayne, the founder of Study Connection, and a member of the Junior Achievement Hall of Fame. There can be no doubt that Don's top priority was to set our future generations up for success.

The positive impact Don made on his city, his state, and people across the country will not soon be lost or forgotten. Through a life as a business leader and community servant, Don Wolf shines as an example of what it means to live well and live for others.

RECOGNIZING THE GREATER PEORIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR WINNING THE COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR THROUGH THE TURNER CENTER SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council for winning the Community Partner of the Year award through the Bradley University Turner Center's Small Business Awards.

The Greater Peoria Economic Development Council—a non-profit organization focused on helping local businesses, site selectors and the local community develop in the Peoria community—is a wonderful resource for all businesses in the Peoria area. The Council currently runs several programs, including Elevate, Manufacturing Network, Economic Gardening, Startup, Pathways, Hello Greater Peoria, Farm Forums and Co Starters. These programs all help local businesses thrive. I commend the Council for all of its work in Peoria and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

It is because of community builders like the Greater Peoria Economic Development Coun-

cil that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council for winning the Community Partner of the Year award through the Bradley University Turner Center's Small Business Awards.

HONORING EPISCOPAL HOMES OF MINNESOTA ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Episcopal Homes of Minnesota on its 125th anniversary of caring for and serving senior communities in Saint Paul.

Episcopal Homes began in 1894 with a visionary leader named Sister Annette Relf. Sister Annette was a hospital nurse and Minnesota's first Episcopal Deaconess, who saw a need for a home and place of comfort for poor and elderly women. The first home was founded at 710 Martin Street in Saint Paul. In 1909, Sister Annette herself became a resident of the home until she died in 1915. The tradition of strong women's leadership continued in 1930, when Eliza May was elected as the first President of the Board and women took over daily management of the home.

The Great Depression brought major challenges to the community, and the federal government responded by granting the home an exception from taxes. The Social Security Act was passed which kept many residents out of poverty by providing retirement security. After World War II, the home grew to accommodate 70 residents. In 1970, the home officially became the Episcopal Church Home of Minnesota. The need for more supportive services led to the hiring of an occupational therapist who could address the physical, recreation and social needs of residents.

Episcopal Homes has continued to grow to serve residents, receiving a major grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to build subsidized housing for seniors. In 2011, Kings Crossing Apartments opened in Saint Paul's Frogtown neighborhood, which HUD lauded as a model for innovative community planning and neighborhood revitalization. This federal investment has continued and been valuable to Episcopal Homes' nine senior communities located near Green Line Light Rail stops along University Avenue in Saint Paul. Episcopal Homes has won numerous awards and recognition for its care and services—including those from Aging Services of Minnesota, the Metropolitan Council, the Midway Chamber of Commerce, the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce and U.S. News & World Report.

Today, Episcopal Homes is home to more than 1400 residents who thrive in their retirement years through the continuum of care offered through the homes in the heart of Saint Paul. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the 125th anniversary of Episcopal Homes of Minnesota's dedication to building affordable, diverse, vibrant communities and enhancing the lives of older adults.