

Women Voters in Syracuse and New York on September 19, 2019. For 100 years, the League of Women Voters has successfully engaged and educated millions of women, promoted female participation in government, and advocated for significant public policy change.

Tracing its origins to the National American Woman Suffrage Association, the League of Women Voters in Syracuse and New York was created after New York State gave women the right to vote in 1917. Since its founding, the League has operated as a non-partisan organization, dedicated to educating and empowering women voters. In the spirit of this mission, the League of Women Voters today puts out periodic legislative newsletters to inform members on major public policy issues. Additionally, the League of Women Voters works to improve female participation in elections by hosting voter registration events and Get-Out-The Vote drives.

Along with improving civic education and participation in government, the League of Women Voters in Syracuse and New York undertakes advocacy efforts at the national, state, and local levels. As part of a national effort, the League's first historic legislative success came with the passage of the Sheppard-Tower Act, which provided federal aid to maternal and child programs. Later, the League advocated for the Social Security and Food and Drugs Act, which passed in 1938 to remove hundreds of federal jobs from the spoils system and place them under the Civil Service. Most notably, they also lead efforts to form the United Nations and encourage American participation in the organization. In recognition of the League of Women Voters' contributions to help create the United Nations, it became the first American organization to receive a United Nations designation as a non-governmental organization.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters in Syracuse and New York. Since its formation, the League has made great contributions to empower women voters and has played a significant role in positively shaping public policy in our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF HELAL FARHAT'S APPOINTMENT TO THE WAYNE COUNTY THIRD CIRCUIT COURT

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 18, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Helal Farhat on his appointment to the Wayne County Third Circuit Bench.

Since receiving his Juris Doctor from Wayne State University Law School in 2002, Farhat has been an active member of the legal community. For the past 16 years, Farhat served as the principal attorney at Farhat & Associates, a firm he established that specializes in commercial and business litigation, criminal law, family law, and immigration, and formerly served as partner at Salamey & Farhat. In addition to his work as an attorney, Farhat served as a magistrate judge on the 19th District Court in Dearborn. He held this position

from 2009 to 2012, and then again from 2016 until his appointment to the Wayne County Circuit Court by Governor Whitmer on March 28, 2019.

Helal Farhat has established himself as a pillar of the Dearborn community, earning his impeccable reputation amongst his peers, the legal community at large, and the judiciary through his accomplished legal background. Aside from serving southeast Michigan in a professional capacity, Farhat also dedicates a significant amount of time to charity work and involvement with advocacy organizations. Notably, Farhat is the President of the Leaders Advancing and Helping Communities, a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering Michigan families by supporting their social, health, educational, and economic well-being. Throughout all his work, Farhat displays an overwhelming commitment to protecting the fundamental rights of all Americans, and his efforts have received widespread acclaim, evidenced through his designation as a Super Lawyer and President of the Dearborn Bar Association.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Helal Farhat for his appointment to the Wayne County Circuit Court. His legal expertise, character, and public service experience will make him an excellent judge who will dutifully serve the people of Michigan.

HONORING CWD CHUCKY AND CWD MAKO

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 18, 2019*

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise today in recognition of two of our country's Military heroes, Contract Working Dogs Chucky and Mako, who are being honored for their service with a celebration hosted by Mission K9 Rescue and its founders: Kristen Maurer, Louise Kastner and Bob Bryant. This special event has been underwritten by former magazine publisher and charity organizer, Mindi Rudan and attorney Debra Rochlin.

Both CWD Chucky and CWD Mako are retired explosive detonation dogs who served our country with honor and saved countless lives throughout their service. Around the world, our military is dependent on the valuable, selfless, and heroic contributions of our highly trained working dogs. These dogs faithfully serve right alongside our service men and women and, after a lifetime of service, many never make it home to spend their senior years knowing the safety and love they so deserve after giving so much.

Winner of Petco Foundation's "Helping Heroes" Award and ASPCA's Henry Bergh Founders Award in 2017, Mission K9 Rescue is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to rescue retiring and retired Military Working Dogs, Contract Working Dogs and other Dogs who've given so much to our country. Mission K9 Rescue provides money, transportation, adoption, veterinary care and professional assistance for these retired hero dogs. In addition, Mission K9 Rescue helps rehome them and whenever possible reunite them with their military handlers, many who

owe their own lives to these dogs and want to provide that love and home.

Once again, I would like to recognize our military heroes CWD Chucky and CWD Mako for their service, Mission K9 Rescue for their unbelievable service to our often forgotten servicemembers, and to Mindi Rudan and Debra Rochlin for their support of this event. May they go from strength to strength.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 18, 2019*

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes. Had I been present for roll call vote number 527, On agreeing to the Amendment of Mr. GOSAR of Arizona, Part D Amendment No. 2 for H.R. 1146—The Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 528, On agreeing to the Amendment of Mr. GOSAR of Arizona, Part D Amendment No. 3 as modified 2 for H.R. 1146—The Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 529, On the Motion to Re-commit with Instructions for, H.R. 1146—The Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act, I would have voted "yea." Had I been present for roll call vote number 530, On final passage for, H.R. 1146—The Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act, I would have voted "nay."

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM McVEY

**HON. TIM WALBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 18, 2019*

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize William McVey of Jackson, Michigan as he is posthumously presented the Bronze Star Medal.

McVey, and his entire M4A1 Sherman tank crew, are receiving this high honor because of their heroism during World War II.

The crew's story of battling enemy forces outside Cologne, Germany was the subject of the recent book, "Spearhead," by author Adam Makos.

Outgunned by German tanks, and facing harrowing odds, McVey and his band of brothers pushed eastward across Europe after D-Day, gaining critical ground for Allied forces.

Our nation is forever grateful to the Greatest Generation and soldiers like William McVey who fought for freedom around the world. Their actions, which came at great personal cost, changed the course of history.

While William McVey is now gone, may this long overdue Bronze Star serve as a reminder for generations to come of his incredible valor and service to the country he loved.