

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.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL MITCHELL S. DRUCKER, U.S. ARMY, ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 24 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 18, 2019*

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, today I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Mitchell S. Drucker, a resident of Chester Springs, Pennsylvania, on his upcoming retirement after 24 years of dedicated service to the United States of America.

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Drucker currently serves the United States Army War College in coordinating Army Heritage Education Center (AHEC) Operations. He entered the United States Army in 1995 and served in numerous assignments and deployments across his distinguished career.

In October 1995, LTC Drucker joined the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and became a commissioned officer two years later. In August 2002, LTC Drucker deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina, serving as a Battle Captain in the S-3 section and as the Liaison Officer for two joint contingent operations. After receiving his Command of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop (HHT) in May 2007, LTC Drucker deployed as the Commander of HHT to Sinai, Egypt in support of the Multinational Forces and Observers mission. He successfully redeployed to the United States to begin preparations for the next deployment.

His numerous commendations and awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medals, and others, are a testament to his steadfast courage, personal integrity, tireless work ethic and impeccable character. His enduring legacy of service to our Nation truly is exceptional and sets a standard for all to follow; he has left a lasting impact on all of those he has trained.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Tenth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate my fellow brother-in-arms, Lieutenant Colonel Mitchell S. Drucker, upon his retirement and for his tireless service to the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING RLS AWARENESS DAY

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 18, 2019*

Mr. TIPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the millions of patients from across the country suffering from Restless Legs Syndrome, to raise awareness of this severely misunderstood neurological disease.

RLS is a serious neurological disease that devastates the lives of millions of Americans. An estimated 12 million men, women and children in the U.S. have RLS. Patients with RLS experience an overwhelming, agitating and uncontrollable urge to move their legs, which can only be relieved by moving or walking to abate the sensation. RLS is at its strongest in the

evening and nighttime hours, severely disrupting sleep. Treatment is life-long, and there is no cure.

The sleep loss caused by RLS robs people of the ability to work and live normally and may lead to depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts. Profound sleep loss also puts people with RLS at risk for hypertension, diabetes, heart attack, stroke and Alzheimer's disease.

I ask my colleagues to join me in working to raise awareness of this devastating disease by recognizing September 23rd as RLS Awareness Day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 18, 2019*

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unable to vote on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, as I was unavoidably detained in my district. Had I been present, I would have vote "nay" on Roll Call No. 531, On Motion to Instruct Conferees, S. 1790, and "yea" on Roll Call No. 532, On Closing Portions of the Conference, S. 1790.

RECOGNIZING STATESVILLE BRICK COMPANY FOR 115 YEARS OF BUSINESS

**HON. TED BUDD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 18, 2019*

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Statesville Brick Company for 115 years of business.

Due to the Southeast's unique rivers that produce red clay deposits, North Carolina has long been at the center of the brick making economy. This includes companies like Statesville Brick Company which opened its doors in 1904. As times changed though and the post-World War II building boom began to slow, brick makers began closing shop, and small, local operations transitioned into large, interstate corporations. Statesville Brick Company, however, bucked that trend, and remains at heart the same family-run operation it was over a century ago.

For Statesville Brick Company President and General Manager Michael Foster and Executive Vice President Scott Rankin, the brick business is a generational affair. Scott's grandfather E.R. "Roy" Rankin joined the company in 1916 and oversaw the construction of an early iteration of the firm's plant while Michael's father, H.B. "Bob" Foster joined as a partner in 1969. Today, Statesville Brick Company currently employees over 90 people and their work can be found at some of our nation's most prestigious academic institutions such as Princeton University, Ohio State University, and Davidson College.

Statesville Brick Company's 115 years of business are a source of pride for our region, demonstrating how an operation dedicated to high craftsmanship with deep local roots can succeed and thrive in a changing landscape.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in celebrating Statesville Brick Company for 115 years of business.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II, KOREAN WAR, AND VIETNAM WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 18, 2019*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans who traveled to Washington, DC on September 18, 2019 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, DC. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on September 18th answered our nation's call to service during several of its greatest times of need. Across the world, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Carl R. Anderson, Mose Arseneau, Abram I. Becker, Frank Belletire, Robert Benjamin, Elwood Blise, John B. Bodoki, David R. Breeze, I.L. Brownlow, Otha L. Brownlow, Terry W. Cable.

Richard A. Campbell, Thomas M. Canale, Robert A. Canchola, Roger W. Cantlin, Thomas A. Chambers, Daniel R. Chiarito, Tony Joe B. Chinsio, Phillip M. Cirullo, James S. Collins, John E. Craig, Joseph DeMarchi, Jr.

James R. DiBiase, Richard Donald Dunlap, Andrew R. Ellicock, Jose Espinosa, Andrew M. Ferreri, Thomas B. Ford, Robert A. Fridrych, Richard Funfsinn, Joseph Gaberik, Richard J. Gatz, Clelia Angelina Ginay.

Esther M. Gleaton, Paul Goldman, Thomas F. Grabowski, Sherwin Greenberg, Richard F. Greenwald, Robert P. Greenwald, Paul R. Hammelman, Richard W. Heurich, Scott J. Horvath, Robert J. Hovorka, Lloyd T. Hubbard.

Ronald J. Hunt, Ronald M. Jones, Allen K. Jongsma, Ronnie Kimbrough, DuWayne Klapper, Harold B. Koenen, Matthew Adam Koswenda, Steven M. Kraslen, Peder Kringstad, Denis F. Krzeminski, Francisco A. LaMarca.

Sheldon C. Latz, Miles G. Leigh, Terry Leigh, Adeline Lence, Dennis P. Lenihan, James P. Lynch, Thomas O. Maguire, Joseph Mallegni, Antonio E. Massa, Richard A. Matkovich, Peter B. Mazzoni.

Joseph A. Moshure, Harry Mullins, Larry Murphy, William Muzyka, Robert J. Nagel, Joel Nederhood, Gary A. Nelson, William H. Niesluchowski, Robert E. Parrott, Thomas M. Peknik, Kenneth G. Periman.

Carl E. Peterson, Anthony Pfeiffer, Jack Primoic, Joseph Pusateri, James E. Rabjohn, Jerome R. Raczak, John Rudowicz, Martin Ruhland, Alphonse Scepurek, Walter T. Schmit, James L. Shohet.

Thomas A. Shumpert, William Norbert Siska, Andrew L. Smith, Anthony R.