

groups for youth, seniors, and military service members, HIV and AIDS testing and prevention, counseling and assistance with housing and meals. They also provide civil rights advocacy, classes, and workgroups.

Ultimately, one of the most significant benefits of the Resource Center is its ability to make the LGBTQ community more visible in North County. Everyone in our community should feel safe and welcome. Unfortunately, that has not always been the experience of our LGBTQ neighbors. There is much more that we need to do to ensure that LGBTQ individuals have the same rights and protections as anyone else. That's why I was proud to help introduce and pass the Equality Act to finally, fully end discrimination against LGBTQ Americans. I'm proud to stand with Max and so many others in North County's LGBTQ community in fighting for equality.

I launched a Constituent of the Month program to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond to make our region a stronger place for everyone to live and thrive. Max's contributions to our community are extraordinary, but I also want to recognize everyone else who helped launch the North County LGBTQ Resource Center and work to keep its doors open every single day. I thank them for everything they have done and will continue to do for the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, due to scheduling conflict, I missed votes. Had I been present, on Vote 539, I would have voted "no," and on Vote 540, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I was absent Friday, September 20, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 539 and "nay" on Roll Call No. 540.

RECOGNIZING ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR ITS 150 YEARS AS A CONGREGATION

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the St. Peter Lutheran Church for 150 years of unfaltering service to its community. The church began in 1869 with a congregation of 26; the growing number of attendees quickly surpassed the capacity of the small church, and a new building was constructed across the street. In 1894, a community formed around the church, which became

known as the town of Saint Peter. In 1971 a parochial school was added to the church grounds which still operates today.

To celebrate this historic occasion, the church will be holding honorary services dedicated to the anniversary on Sunday, November 10, 2019, at 9 AM. Immediately after the service there will be a presentation of the church's history, featuring memorabilia collected throughout the last 150 years.

I extend my well wishes to Reverend Ryan Meyer, the congregation, and the church anniversary committee as they celebrate this exciting event.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the St. Peter Lutheran Church and their entire congregation for their service and commitment to their community and to their faith throughout the past 150 years. I look forward to seeing the Saint Peter Lutheran Church continue to prosper.

HONORING THE FARMER'S DAUGHTERS' DRIVE-IN FOR 50 YEARS OF BUSINESS IN SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Farmer's Daughters' Drive-In for 50 years of business in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Farmer's Daughters' was founded in 1969 by Mr. Eddie Winslow and was run by his daughter Glenda Clausen and her husband Tom until 2006. It was then that Annette Osher bought the community staple. Ms. Osher has kept the community favorite alive and well. Small businesses like Farmer's Daughters' form the backbone of our North Country communities. They generate employment and job creation, while driving investment. Beyond that, small businesses become a part of the social fabric that makes our communities unique. Most small businesses survive fewer than five years so the 50th anniversary of a business is a momentous achievement.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate Annette Osher for reaching to this milestone. Annette is a great example of the entrepreneurial and community spirit that defines New York's 21st District. I look forward to her continued success.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RAY GREEN

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor and remember the life of Ray Green, who passed away on August 7, 2019, at age 91.

Born in Cascade, Iowa in 1927, Ray displayed a natural gravitation towards leadership. Ray Green began his studies at my alma matter, Loras College, in Dubuque, Iowa. Not long after he started his education at Loras,

Ray left to serve in the United States Army, where he fought in Italy during World War II. After returning from war, Ray finished his schooling and went on to start his long career in the automotive industry.

While working in auto sales, Ray advanced quickly at every stop that he made. In 1964, Ray Green was able to purchase his first car dealership in Monmouth, Illinois. Over the years, Ray owned and managed several car dealerships throughout Central Illinois. Ray also worked to improve his industry by serving as a director on many national auto retailer boards. All of Ray's hard work cemented his place as an inductee into the Automotive Hall of Fame.

Ray Green was a small and cunning businessman, but he was also known for his generosity and community service. He was heavily involved with the Knights of Columbus, Rotary Club, and the America Legion. Ray was also known for supporting those seeking a Catholic education. He helped to raise millions of dollars for Loras College and Routt Catholic High School, in Jacksonville, Illinois.

We mourn the passing of Ray Green, a friend and hero to many. He left a lasting impact on those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

TRIBUTE TO RANDON LANE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to our region have been exceptional. After serving ten years on the Murrieta City Council, my good friend Randon Lane recently stepped down to take a position with the U.S. Department of Transportation, here in Washington, D.C.

After graduating from college, Randon began a career in business working for Fortune 500 companies including AT&T Broadband, Nextel and Sprint. Until recently, Randon served as a Public Affairs Manager for The Southern California Gas Company, the largest natural gas provider in the nation. In addition to his business career, Randon has long been active in public service. In 2003, he was appointed to the Murrieta Planning Commission. In the following years Murrieta witnessed an incredible 70 percent population explosion, one of the largest population increases in the nation during that period.

In 2008 Randon was elected to the Murrieta City Council. While successfully leading Murrieta as Mayor in 2011 and 2016, he along with the City Council continued to prioritize investments in infrastructure and public safety. Forbes named Murrieta the No. 1 post-recession "boom town" in America and FBI statistics rank Murrieta the third safest city in the Nation among cities with populations over 100,000 residents. Randon's strong leadership led his council colleagues to appoint him to represent them on agencies locally, regionally, statewide and nationally. Randon and his wife, Bridget "Bo", have been married for 21 years, 17 of those in Murrieta. Together they have a daughter, Chelsea, 27 and son-in-law Sean and two sons, Randon, Jr., 15 and Joshua, 11.

Randon has contributed immensely to the betterment of our region and I am proud to

call him a dedicated public servant, American and friend. To conclude, Madam Speaker I want to thank Randon for his service to the Inland Empire—his dedication, insight and passion will be greatly missed. I wish him the very best in his new position with the Department of Transportation.

HONORING ARCHBISHOP MARY
FLOYD PALMER

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Archbishop Mary Floyd Palmer, affectionately known as Bishop Mary. On March 16, 2019, Bishop Mary was installed as the first woman Presiding Prelate of the Philadelphia Council of Clergy, Inc.

The Philadelphia Council of Clergy, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1994 as an ecumenical group of multi-cultural faith-based leaders who desire to alleviate suffering, overcome oppression and foster justice and peace, not only in Philadelphia but in all communities nationwide.

Bishop Mary is the eldest daughter of Rev. Dr. Melvin and the late Mrs. Elizabeth Floyd. Bishop Mary is a graduate of the Philadelphia High School for Girls and has obtained a Doctor of Ministry. In July 2009, Bishop Mary was ordained and consecrated to the Episcopal Office of Bishop in Atlanta, Georgia. In May 2011, Bishop Mary was selected by the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Congress of Black Women to receive their prestigious "Woman of the Year in Ministry" award.

In 2006, Bishop Mary entered full-time ministry as a Motivational Speaker. She is passionate about prison ministries and she serves as a volunteer instructor teaching a weekly Reality Life Skills Class for male inmates since 1988. In October 2011, she became Founder and Pastor of The Samaritan Temple, a place where hope exists. Bishop Mary serves as the Corresponding Secretary for the National Congress of Black Women, Philadelphia Chapter and actively serves in several capacities on several committees.

On behalf of the 3rd Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I am pleased to offer my sincere congratulations to Archbishop Mary Floyd Palmer in achieving this historic appointment as the first woman Presiding Prelate of the Philadelphia Council of Clergy, Inc.

HONORING DR. MICHAEL
CHERINGTON

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Dr. Michael Cherington for his 85th birthday.

Dr. Michael Cherington of Castle Rock, Colorado was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1934. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and later attended the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. As such, he was destined to continue his career on the East

Coast until a mentor directed him to take a year for residency. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Colorado Springs with his first wife, and that same year, he was drafted into the United States Army.

While in Colorado, Dr. Cherington opened his own private practice in neurology and he taught at the University of Colorado Medical School. He served his community very well in both capacities while helping thousands of patients across the state. He most notably cared for patients with varying degrees of neurological damage from lightning strikes. As a matter of fact, towards the end of his practice, he wrote an article about lightning strikes and the injuries they can cause, and it was published in "SportsMedicine."

Later, he became known as "The Lightning Doctor" after publishing many articles about lightning injuries and how to avoid such injuries. This eventually led to the creation of the Lightning Data Center in Denver, which brought together many lightning experts across several different areas of expertise and discipline. As "The Lightning Doctor," he was featured on many local television stations, as well as, ABC's 20/20, National Geographic, and Unsolved Mysteries.

To this day, Dr. Cherington still lives happily in Colorado, almost sixty years later. In his spare time, he greatly enjoys spending time with his wife Nancy, his children, and nine grandchildren. I would like to thank Dr. Cherington for all his contributions and wish him a very Happy Birthday.

CONGRATULATING INDIANA HIGH
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE
YEAR BRUCE D. JENNINGS

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bruce D. Jennings on being named the 2018 Indiana High School Principal of the Year.

Annually since 1992, the Indiana Association of School Principals has recognized outstanding principals across our great state of Indiana. In his 12 years as principal at Bremen High School, Mr. Jennings has truly been an extraordinary educator, and it is clear this high honor is well-deserved. However, his impact goes far beyond the walls of Bremen High School.

In addition to his role as principal, Mr. Jennings has served his community in compassionate and philanthropic ways that have helped to advance educational opportunities for the next generation. As a member and advisor of organizations like the Marshall County Community Foundation, the Bremen Dollars for Scholars Organization, and Indiana University's Educational Leadership Program, Mr. Jennings works hard to build a bright future for Hoosier students and lead by example for educators across the country. His record of leadership and dedication reflects positively on Bremen High School and the northern Indiana community, and I am grateful for his innovative ideas that promote creativity, confidence, and discovery.

Mr. Jennings' ability to connect with students and teachers and share his passion for

learning empowers everyone at Bremen High School to reach the next level of success. He is a true inspiration and valuable role model to us all, and I have no doubt Bremen students are well-equipped for whatever their futures may hold.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I want to thank Bruce Jennings for all he has done to educate, guide, and support his students and faculty. It is a privilege to represent principals like Mr. Jennings who help make our schools vibrant and our students' futures bright.

CELEBRATING THE 200TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE OLD
MCKENDREE CHAPEL

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Old McKendree Chapel in Jackson, Missouri on the occasion of its bicentennial. The Old McKendree Chapel was built in 1819 and held their first services on September 14th, a year and a half before Missouri was granted statehood.

The chapel was constructed by Methodist pioneers, who had been meeting at the site since 1809. It was named for the circuit-riding preacher, William McKendree, who visited the congregation in 1818. McKendree went on to become the first native-born bishop of the Methodist Church in the United States. The chapel was actively used until 1888. By the 1920s, the chapel was in disrepair and faced the threat of demolition.

Through the efforts of Rev. William Stewart, then pastor of New McKendree Church in Jackson, the historic chapel was saved. Restoration was completed in 1933 and the McKendree Chapel Memorial Association was founded to preserve the landmark for the enjoyment of future generations.

Today the chapel continues to serve as a holy place in the community. It is a national Methodist shrine visited by families from across the country each year.

For its contributions to the Jackson community and its place in Missouri history, it is my great pleasure to celebrate the Old McKendree Chapel today before the U.S. House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 9, 2019 during roll call no. 515, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 1420, Energy Efficient Government Technology Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 516, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 1768, Diesel Emissions Reduction Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."