

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