

the fight against drug crimes and the opioid epidemic by working to designate Bedford County as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area.

Sheriff Brown has worked in law enforcement for almost half a century. Since beginning his tenure Mike has worked to ensure that Bedford County remains on the cutting edge of training, and that the Sheriff's office is well equipped to protect the citizens they serve.

I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Sheriff Brown for his years of service to the Bedford community and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MADELEINE DEAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, I was absent on the Floor for the vote on ordering the previous question on the Amendment and House Resolution 577. I was unavoidably detained as I was offering testimony at a Judiciary Hearing. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted in favor of the order.

CONGRATULATING CHIEF JERRY DYER ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Jerry Dyer on the occasion of his retirement from the Fresno Police Department after 40 years of service. Chief Dyer has dedicated his career to protecting the people of the Central Valley making our community a safer place.

Jerry Dyer was born and raised in Fresno, California and attended California State University, Fresno; receiving his bachelor's degree in Criminology. He later received his master's degree in Management from California Polytechnic University, Pomona and graduated from the California Command College for law enforcement leaders. He joined the Fresno Police Department in May of 1979.

Chief Dyer quickly rose within the ranks of the department. He served as a Police Specialist and SWAT team member, Patrol Sergeant for Southwest District and SWAT team supervisor. Other leadership roles included; Sergeant for the Patrol Narcotics Enforcement, Police Lieutenant in Central District, Captain of Southeast District and Skywatch Commander. In 1999, he was named Assistant Chief of Police before being named Chief of Police in 2001.

Chief Dyer and the Fresno Police Department have received a number of accolades during his tenure. In 2005, he was awarded the Excellence in Public Service Award that is sponsored by The Fresno Bee, The Fresno Business Council, and the Maddy Institute at the California State University, Fresno. His department became nationally accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. In 2008, Chief

Dyer served as the president of the California Police Chief's Association. In 2011, at the California Police Chief's Conference, he was awarded the Joseph T. Molloy Award, for his commitment to mission of the organization. He was also named the 2nd Vice President of Major Cities Chief's Association, which represents large municipal departments throughout the country.

Chief Dyer built strong relationships with the community and citizens of Fresno to promote trust in police officers. He implemented reforms that were proposed by the Obama Administration's Task Force on 21st Century Policing and embraced the latest in policing technology to ensure his officers could properly and safely perform their duties.

Chief Dyer was active in the community throughout his career. He served on the boards of the Marjaree Mason Center and Breaking the Chains, worked with his church, spoke at community events, and participated in charity events. Through his career he has had the steadfast support of his wife Diane and their two children and grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on his impressive law enforcement career. His contributions to the Central Valley over the past 40 years will be felt for many years to come. I wish he and his family continued health, happiness and prosperity in this new chapter.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MINNESOTA COMMUNITY CARE

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Minnesota Community Care's 50th anniversary. With 18 locations in Saint Paul that serve more than 37,000 patients each year, Minnesota Community Care is the largest federally qualified community health center in Minnesota and a leader in innovative, compassionate, community-based care for patients where they live, work and go to school.

Since 1969, Minnesota Community Care has been serving the health care needs of its patients across Saint Paul in a culturally appropriate way. In 1972, the nonprofit organization was incorporated as West Side Health Center, delivering care to 1900 patients from a clinic in the Neighborhood House community center in the heart of the neighborhood.

A foundational part of Minnesota Community Care's mission is providing care to our most vulnerable populations, including young people, homeless and uninsured families, and others in need. Its Health Care for the Homeless program began in 1987. In 1992, in collaboration with Ramsey County, it started its HouseCalls homeless prevention program. A year later, working with the St. Paul Public Housing Agency, it established McDonough Homes Clinic—a primary care clinic for public housing residents in the North End neighborhood.

Minnesota Community Care is a leader in providing affordable dental care, understanding its impact on overall health. In 1978, it started providing dental services and in 2001, West Side Dental Clinic was estab-

lished. In 2013, with the help from a major Affordable Care Act grant, it expanded its dental care to reach more patients when it opened its new East Side Family Clinic.

As communities across our state have worked to improve educational achievement, Minnesota Community Care is working to keep students healthy and in school learning by caring for student patients where they are. Through its 10 school-based clinics, youth can access critical medical, mental health, and nutrition services and learn to be advocates for their health. These school-based clinics are a model for improving health and education outcomes at the same time.

Madam Speaker, it was a pleasure to host you during your visit to Saint Paul in May as we met with leaders from Minnesota Community Care and other community health centers. Working to strengthen our community health centers is one of the most effective ways to increase access to affordable health care across our community. Please join me in honoring the 50th anniversary of Minnesota Community Care's dedication to providing quality and affordable health care for all.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 120th Anniversary of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Building and Construction Trades Council. The Trades Council was originally formed as a subcommittee of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council in 1899, following the rapid growth of unionization of workers in the area. The milestone will be celebrated along with the 125th anniversary of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Labor Council at a special event on Saturday, September 28, 2019.

In 1899, five years after its formation, the Wilkes-Barre Central Labor Council was thriving. Three hundred delegates representing 118 local unions were attending meetings regularly to discuss important issues such as securing higher wages and better working conditions for laborers in the Wyoming Valley. Leaders John Casey (a pro-labor Representative who served seven terms representing Northeastern Pennsylvania in the U.S. House) and John Mullery saw the need for additional structure within the Labor Council and created the Building Trades Council as a subcommittee.

Throughout its 120-year history, the Trades Council has worked tirelessly to advocate for the rights and interests of workers throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. The organization has not only benefited workers but has also given support to many community causes, projects, and programs that serve everyone in our community.

It is an honor to recognize the important work done by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Building and Construction Trades Council. These trades have always been vital to our region's economy and will continue to be so in