

talents from an early age. She pursued those talents and studied commercial design in her country of birth while continuing to make art.

Sulin eventually moved to Hawaii for two decades, where she learned how to make three-dimensional floral designs out of clay. Her ceramic flowers were a hit and soon she was setting up shop at shows to sell her works of art.

Ms. Sue moved to Sugar Land in 2015 where she began teaching art at schools before opening up her own studio where she has had immense success privately instructing students. Three of Sulin's students were among the 40 winners selected from over 3,900 submissions in the 2019 Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest.

Sulin embodies what it truly means to be an educator. She fosters creativity and love for the work that she and her students do and is a stellar example of the inspirational power that teachers have.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second District of Texas, I thank Sulin Huang for inspiring so many with her art.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
JOSEPH GIULITTO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Judge Joseph Giulitto, who has been named the 2019 Circle of Caring Honoree by the Hattie Larlham Foundation. Each year, Hattie Larlham honors an individual for their long-time support of and commitment to the Hattie Larlham Foundation and to the community.

Judge Giulitto was born in Bitritto, Bari, Italy and arrived in the United States at the age of 11. This was the beginning of his impactful legacy as a proud Portage County resident.

He is a graduate of Ravenna High School and Kent State University, graduating cum laude in 1958. He graduated with an L.L.B. from Case Western Reserve School of Law in 1961. He was admitted to the Ohio Bar in May 1961 and opened his private law practice in Ravenna in July of that same year.

For nearly a decade, Judge Giulitto served as Prosecutor and Law Director for the City of Kent. In 2005, Judge Giulitto was elected Judge of the Portage County Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division. He retired on January 1, 2011 but continues to serve as a Visiting Judge by appointment by the Ohio Supreme Court.

Judge Giulitto holds a lengthy record in civic involvement, which includes past or present membership in: the Ravenna Jaycees, Ravenna Rotary, the Board of Directors for First Federal Savings and Loan in Kent, Ohio, the Board of Trustees of Robinson Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, the University Hospitals Portage Medical Center Foundation Board of Trustees, the Portage County Bar Association (President, 1997–98), the Ohio State Bar Association and the Ravenna Elks.

In 2012, Judge Giulitto was awarded the Norm Sandvoss Memorial Humanitarian Award by the Portage County Bar Association for his dedication to the standards of the practice of law, and his integrity and commitment to helping others in his community.

Judge Giulitto also previously served as a Board Member and Legal Counsel for Hattie Larlham. Judge Giulitto was a founding member of the Sugar Bush Golf Classic, which began in 1986 as a fundraiser for the Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities in Mantua. Since its inception, the Sugar Bush Golf Classic has raised over \$1,000,000 for Hattie Larlham. Over the years, the money raised has funded the Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities renovations, a toy tech library, a sensory playground and nature walk, an education center, a pediatric ventilator program and Hattie's Creative Arts.

It gives me great pleasure that Judge Giulitto is being honored by Hattie Larlham for his dedication and service to our community. His service and philanthropy are truly unmatched, and I thank him for all he has done. Portage County, and our region, owe Judge Giulitto an enormous debt and our eternal gratitude.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID P.
HIGGERSON

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and retirement of David P. Higgerson, Director of Field Operations at the Laredo Office of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. He is a great friend, and I sincerely appreciate his service.

Mr. Higgerson was born and raised in Gary, Indiana. He attended St. John's Military Academy, Canal Zone College in Panama, and Valparaiso University where he was awarded an associate degree in Accounting. He then chose to serve in the U.S. Army, and was honorably discharged in 1971. Thereafter, he worked as a Customs Inspector in the Panama Canal Zone for seven years, until the treaty of Panama. Mr. Higgerson was then transferred to Laredo, Texas as a Supervisory Inspector. He continued to hold various leadership roles, including Port Director in Hidalgo, Texas and Director in the El Paso and Tucson Field Offices, totaling forty-nine years of experience in the federal government.

As Director, Field Operations for Laredo Field Office, Mr. Higgerson was responsible for 8 international ports of entry and the Machinery, Center of Excellence and Expertise (CEE) processing nearly 59.4 million people, more than 21 million vehicles, over 3.5 million commercial trucks, and over \$194 billion in international trade in 2018.

He has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the 2018 DHS Secretary's Leadership Award and the South Texas Railroad Strategic Problem-Solving Initiative—Commissioner's Strategic Problem Solving Award.

Mr. Higgerson is married to Maria Teresa Higgerson and is the father of five wonderful children. In his free time, he is an avid reader of military and historical tomes. After retirement, Mr. Higgerson plans to spend time with his family and play some golf.

Madam Speaker, I have known Mr. Higgerson for many years now and I have always appreciated his friendship and dedication to his work. I am honored to recognize his

service and I wish him many more years of happiness.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 RECIPIENT
OF THE DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN
AWARD

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I take this time to recognize the recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Citizen Award, presented annually by the Boy Scouts of America Calumet Council. To commemorate this special occasion, the organization will host a celebratory dinner on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster, Indiana.

Each year, the Boy Scouts of America Calumet Council presents the Distinguished Citizen Award to an individual whose selfless efforts have had a positive impact on their communities in Northwest Indiana and across the state. This year, the Boy Scouts of America Calumet Council will honor Mr. Donald Fesko, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Community Healthcare System and the Community Foundation of Northwest Indiana. Under Don's outstanding leadership and guidance, these successful organizations have received numerous local, state, and national accolades.

In addition to his outstanding career, Mr. Fesko gives of his time and efforts to several organizations that serve the people of Northwest Indiana and beyond. He is on the Board of Directors for Peoples Bank, the Advisory Council of Indiana University School of Medicine, the Board of Directors for Hospice of the Calumet Area, and he is President of the Cancer Research Foundation, Inc. Don is also actively engaged with the Munster High School Booster Club. For his dedication to such worthy causes, Mr. Fesko is worthy of the highest praise.

Throughout Mr. Fesko's remarkable career, he has received several honors and awards. In 2009, Don achieved Fellow Status in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He was also presented the Robert S. Hudgens Memorial Award, recognizing him as the 2012 Young Healthcare Executive of the Year. In 2013, Mr. Fesko was appointed Chairman of the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority by then Governor Mike Pence. Additionally, Don was honored with the Executive Regent's Award for the State of Indiana, bestowed upon him by the American College of Healthcare Executives in 2014.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Mr. Donald Fesko. Don continues to serve as an exemplary leader for the community of Northwest Indiana, and he is undeniably deserving of the 2019 Distinguished Citizen Award. His exceptional devotion to the region and to the wellness of our community will have a positive impact for generations to come.