

The Giffords' entrepreneurial spirit lived on, then leading Vero to experience significant growth and expansion in the following decades. In 1893, Henry Flaglers Florida East Coast Railroad (FEC) began service through Indian River County, serving as a turning point for the growing settlement that led to the Indian River Farms Company's launch of an extensive land reclamation project. This included a vision for a town that would become "one of the finest in Florida." The final plans for the "Town of Vero" were adopted in 1913. In 1925, following Vero's incorporation into the City Beautiful Campaign, the town's most prominent members lobbied the Florida Legislature for the creation of a new county known as "Indian River." Vero was designated the county seat and was re-named Vero Beach.

Just recently, the city officials of Vero Beach gathered in recognition of the Centennial with an official proclamation. The Mayor of Vero Beach, Val Zudans says of the milestone, "There is no better small town in America to live, retire, visit, raise children, or start a business. At 100 we are proud of our heritage, culture, and freedom. We eagerly await the next 100 years of making Vero more Vero."

In 2018, Vero was named one of the "Top Ten Happiest Seaside Towns in America" by Coastal Living Magazine, and it continues to stand as a beautiful and lively back drop for families looking for a place to settle and for veterans seeking retirement. Its residents led by the Vero Beach Centennial Committee, intend to celebrate the 100 years with a month-long celebration of the community that includes a historic slide show and video presentation, live music, and a parade by Vero Beach High School.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Centennial of Vero Beach. Here's to 100 more years of memories and community.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR ARTHUR
HOLK ON HIS 94TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. BYRNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor Arthur Holk upon his 94th birthday.

Arthur has a decorated career as a public servant that began in 1952.

Arthur served as the mayor of Foley from 1976 to 1996 after serving on the Foley City Council for 24 years.

While Mayor, Arthur was elected President of the Alabama League of Municipalities, President of the Alabama League of Municipal Insurance Corporation, and Chairman of the State of Alabama Aeronautics Commission. Outside of office, he remained an engaged leader in his community.

During Arthur's long tenure in public office, Alabama incredibly had nine different governors.

Outside of public office, Arthur served his hometown as an insurance agent for over 60 years with State Farm Insurance and Baldwin Mutual Insurance.

Arthur is a 1949 graduate of Auburn University. He and his late wife, Fannie Jo, had two children, Frances and Andy. Their children and grandchildren have continued Arthur's leg-

acy of community service and civic involvement.

I congratulate Mayor Holk, on his 94th birthday, and thank Kim for all he has done for Southwest Alabama.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL
ANTHONY OVIEDO

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the life-giving choice made by Mike Oviedo.

In August, Mike, a lively, jovial 21-year-old from Katy, Texas passed away suddenly from an asthma attack.

A child of a military family, Mike embodied the value of service and worked hard to make others happy. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and was a hard worker who took immense pride in his job at Gorman Uniform.

Mike continued exemplifying the value of service even in death by making the magnanimous decision to donate his organs.

Organ donors are some of the most selfless and honorable people, giving up their own bodies after dying to ensure that others can live happier, healthier and longer lives. People like Mike demonstrate what it truly means to give.

Mike's memory will forever live on in the hearts and minds of his family, friends and community. And now, his big heart will continue to beat on, imparting onto someone the greatest gift of all: life.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I would like to commemorate Mike's memory, his selfless gift and the wonderful legacy he has left to his family and our community.

FIRE OPERATIONS CHIEF MARK
BURNS OF MEDFORD FIRE &
RESCUE

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Fire Operations Chief Mark Burns of Medford Fire & Rescue.

Mark James Burns was born on June 18, 1953 in Medford, Oregon, located in the Rogue Valley where he resided and worked the rest of his life. Mark's desire to help others surfaced at an age when he became a volunteer firefighter as a 16-year-old.

In 1971, just months after graduation from Crater High School in Central Point, Mark accepted a full-time firefighter position with Jackson County Fire District 3 and worked there for the next 10 years. His hard work, determination, wisdom, sense of humor, and his ability to inspire others garnered him the respect of his peers and supervisors—who quickly promoted him to Fire Engineer and then to Fire Captain.

Throughout his fire & rescue career, Mark consistently focused on his professional devel-

opment so he could be the best leader for his fellow firefighters and his community. He worked vigorously to advance his working skills and knowledge: completing the four-year Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy in Maryland, earning his Fire Science Technology degree at Rogue Community College, his Certificate in Fire Services Administration at Western Oregon University, and several certifications from the Department of Public Standards and Training.

In his leadership roles, Mark always led by example and played a significant role in grooming Rogue Valley's next generation of fire & rescue leaders. In fact, he became a mentor to many outside his own department while off-duty, teaching Fire Science in the classroom at Rogue Community College and serving as the campus Fire Science Program Coordinator.

In 1982, Mark left Jackson County Fire District 3 to serve as a Shift Battalion Chief for Medford Fire-Rescue, and in 1990 he became their Training Chief. By 1991, Mark was promoted to Operations Chief and, for the next 20 years, was responsible for all fire and rescue emergency response within Medford city limits. During this time, Mark led the Oregon State Fire Marshal Region 8 Hazardous Materials Response Team and the City of Medford Emergency Management Team, and he served on the Oregon Department of Forestry's statewide Incident Management Team.

Mark lived a life of selfless service as a firefighter and first responder protecting and saving the lives and property of southern Oregonians. Unfortunately, while battling the Oak Knoll Fire in Ashland on August 24, 2010, Mark experienced intense smoke inhalation and was medically retired in 2011 after 40 years of service. This incident caused Mark to develop an aggravating lung condition that he struggled with for the next five years, ultimately leading to his death. Chief Burns succumbed to his fire-related illness on March 6, 2016 at the age of 62.

Over the weekend, on October 6, 2019, Mark was one of the 119 fallen firefighters honored at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, MD.

Mark is survived by his wife of 45 years, Darcy, his son, Trevis, his daughter, Karlie, and his eight grandchildren, Kristyn, Eryn, Zachary, Kayla, Payshens, Braylon, Brittney and Casey. Mark is also survived by his mother, Sally Burns, his sister, Patty Moser, his brother, John Burns, and his three nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Burns.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me and Mark's family in honoring the life, service, and sacrifice of Battalion Chief Mark Burns. May his dedication to Oregonians, our community, and his leadership among the fire & rescue community be long remembered and honored.

RECOGNIZING HELEN KEATING
DILLON FOR HER RETIREMENT
AS CAPTAIN OF THE IRONTON
FERRY

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Helen Keating Dillon for

her retirement as Captain of the Ironton Ferry. Through her thirty years of experience and commitment to excellence and public safety, Captain Helen has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

First starting operations in 1876, the Ironton Ferry has made the 600-foot trip across the Ironton Narrows on Lake Charlevoix for more than 140 years—providing vehicles, cyclists, and walkers a shortcut from the 20-mile route around the lake's south arm. What started as a simple rowboat eventually turned into a horse-powered cable ferry, before being replaced with its current incarnation in 1926. The ferry has received national fame as a subject in the Ripley's Believe it or Not! series, and was even referenced in writings by Ernest Hemingway. Since 1989, Helen has captained the ferry and has helped continue its history of success. Notably in October 2015, Helen successfully docked the ferry after an onboard car caught fire. Her skill and calm demeanor in ensuring the safety of those on the ferry was recognized with multiple accolades, including a plaque of meritorious commendation from then-Sheriff Don Schneider. Her 30 years serving as Captain of the Ironton Ferry is commendable, and her impact on the people of her community cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Captain Helen Keating Dillon for her decades of service to the people of Northern Michigan. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a dedicated individual. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Helen all the best in her future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF DETROIT RESCUE MISSION MINISTRIES

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 110th anniversary of Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries (DRMM). The Mission's years of service to Detroit are worthy of commendation.

On February 14, 1909, the Detroit Rescue Mission was founded by David C. Stucky. The Mission began as a soup kitchen in an old poultry store, offering food, clothing, shelter, and church services to Detroit's homeless. As the years passed, the Mission evolved to meet the changing needs of the inner city and provide support to even more groups of disadvantaged people. As it grew, it began to offer new services like substance abuse treatments, educational courses, and job preparation training to help rebuild lives destroyed by poverty, homelessness, and addiction.

Since its inception, the Mission has remained fully committed to supporting people across Detroit. Even during the trying years of the Great Depression, DRMM volunteers sacrificed food from their own personal shelves to ensure families would not be left to starve. Decades later, DRMM still continues its selfless mission and truly has become an invaluable resource to many in our community. From offering medical treatments to low-in-

come mothers and their children to providing permanent housing solutions to our nation's veterans, DRMM has proven an overwhelming and lasting commitment to Detroit. I am grateful for its dedicated efforts to provide hope to hopeless, abused, and disadvantaged members of our community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 110th anniversary of Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries. We deeply appreciate DRMM's 110 years of remarkable service and wish the organization continued success in the decades ahead.

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF SARAGALE WEINSTOCK

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of my mother-in-law, Saragale Weinstock, on the occasion of her 80th birthday. Saragale lives with her husband Frank in Boca Raton and is an incredibly loving wife, mother of three, and grandmother of nine.

Saragale was born October 12, 1939 in Chicago, IL to Cele and Dr. Samuel Reinglass. She was raised in Canton, OH and later went on to study at the University of Michigan for two years and graduated from Indiana University. After graduating college, she met Frank Weinstock at University Hospitals, in Cleveland, and the two married in 1962.

Since then, they have enjoyed a beautiful 57 years together and raised their children Michael, Jill, and Jeffrey. The family has had the opportunity to travel the world and spend over thirty Summer vacations in Chautauqua, NY with four generations of family. Saragale loves spending time with her family and her friends at Boca Pointe.

We join in wishing "Happy Birthday" to my wonderful mother-in-law Saragale. We also wish her and her family the best in health and happiness on this special day and moving forward.

CONGRATULATING SAMARITAN MINISTRIES ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Samaritan Ministries on their 25th Anniversary. Samaritan Ministries recognizes health care needs as multi-dimensional—requiring emotional and spiritual support, as much as physical and financial. They address these needs by coordinating and connecting members through prayer, encouragement, and financial support.

Samaritan Ministries was formed by founder Ted Pittenger, who was inspired to provide an affordable non-insurance health care option for the Christian community after joining a health care sharing ministry in the 1980's. Intrigued by the method of sharing health care costs, he

began considering how to improve the process to reach a wider population and share medical needs more efficiently while maintaining Biblical foundations. This idea came Samaritan Ministries International in 1994. Since then, this organization has helped countless of people all through our community. I thank Samaritan Ministries for seeing a need in the community and rising exceptionally to meet that need.

It is because of community pillars such as Samaritan Ministries that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Samaritan Ministries on its 25th Anniversary.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SANDRA WITTE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 11, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sandra Witte, the Dean of Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, on her retirement from Fresno State University after 38 years.

Ms. Witte first ventured into the dietary and nutrition industry in the 1970's, when she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Food and Nutrition at California State Polytechnic University. She continued her studies, earning a Master of Science in Home Economics, Nutrition and Dietetics at California State University, Fresno. Then in 1992, she earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Food Systems Management at the Oregon State University.

Sandra has been a registered dietician since 1975, held a certificate in Adult Weight Management, and a certificate in Child and Adolescent Weight Management. Her 15 years in the nutritional industry allowed her to serve as a well-versed program representative on the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education Board.

Sandra began her career at Fresno State as a professor of nutrition. She later became a chairwoman of the Department of Food Science and Nutrition. In 2007, she rose to assume the title of Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, and in 2014, she held the role of Interim Dean. In 2016, Sandra was named the Dean of Jordan College.

Ms. Witte has had a transformative effect on the students, staff, and community at Fresno State. Under her administration, Jordan College strengthened and expanded partnerships that will have a lasting impression, including overseeing renovations for the college's food science and nutrition laboratory.

As Sandra steps into the next chapter of her life, I look forward to seeing what she will accomplish. She leaves a legacy of leadership, hard-work, and determination, which will remain instilled in the Fresno State community.

Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to congratulate Ms. Sandra Witte on a successful career as a valued educator and leader. It is my honor to join her family and many friends in celebrating her retirement.