

Doctorate of Education in Leadership and Professional Practices from Trevecca University and holds graduate and undergraduate degrees from the University of Kansas.

Dr. Friesen has made an immeasurable impact on our community and is deserving of this distinction. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish her success as she continues to serve our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Dr. Anne Friesen for her service to our community and being named the Moore County Woman of the Year.

HONORING LYNDEL "JOE"
WISHCAMPER

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Lyndel "Joe" Wishcamper on his outstanding advocacy for and production of affordable housing. I was thrilled to learn that Joe will receive this year's Affordable Housing Vision Award from the National Housing & Rehabilitation Association. I cannot think of a more deserving recipient.

In his nearly 50 years as a community developer Joe has owned, developed, or redeveloped over 15,000 affordable housing units throughout the country. These include many units throughout Maine including ones in Portland, Eastport, Camden, Freeport, Bath, Rockland, and Wiscasset. He became an early practitioner of historic rehabilitation when he converted a vacant school building in downtown Portland to senior affordable housing. He later reduced their energy costs as well as reduced global warming by investing in a solar farm.

Beyond his work in affordable housing, Joe has also been an asset to the Maine community serving on the boards of countless businesses and nonprofits, including Maine Medical Center, the Nature Conservancy, and the University of Maine System. In recognition of his contributions to the community he has been awarded both the Spurwink Humanitarian of the Year and the Colby College Philanthropy Award.

While we are very proud of Joe and his contributions to his home state, this is a national award and many states have benefitted from his work and his philanthropy. His life's work has earned him many honors. This is a particularly significant one that merits special note.

Congratulations to Joe Wishcamper for this award. I look forward to his continued efforts to create safe, decent, and affordable housing and to his many philanthropic endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF JACK VAN LOAN

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, America and South Carolina have

lost a True Hero and Patriot in the passing of Col. Jack Van Loan. Roxanne and I offer our deepest sympathies to his wife Linda and his family. The fitting tribute is from The State of Columbia, South Carolina:

Jack Van Loan, an Oregon native and fighter pilot who spent six years in the infamous Hanoi Hilton as a prisoner of war in Vietnam and then served for 20 years as executive director of the Five Points Association in Columbia, has died. He was 87.

"He was a mentor, a colleague, a co-chair and a friend to me," former Five Points Association executive director Merritt McNeely posted on Facebook. "More than that, he was a true American hero and he loved and fought for Five Points like no one else. Rest In Peace my friend, Jack."

Mayor Steve Benjamin said city flags will be flown at half-staff this week in Van Loan's honor.

"He was a gentleman, stern, loving and a leader," the mayor said. "These men served our country in some of the most challenging situations, never lost their spirit and continued to serve. Jack led the charge in Five Points. When Jack calls you come. He was unique. He was special."

Van Loan received his undergraduate degree from Oregon State in 1954. He spent 30 years in the Air Force. He was a POW for six years, held in the same prison as the late Sen. John McCain.

Van Loan was shot down over North Vietnam on May 20, 1967. He injured his knee when he parachuted, and his captors made the injury worse through torture.

The torture, which became more horrifying, continued for most of his six years of captivity.

Van Loan published a book about his experience in captivity, "Chained Eagles, The Story of Col. Jack Van Loan and the Vietnam POWs in North Vietnam."

He wrote the book because he thought what the POWs experienced needed to be remembered.

"I kept being asked questions about it and realized I needed to write it up," he told The State. "It was a very difficult thing for me to do, to write it out."

Van Loan quickly learned his captors had no intention of adhering to the Geneva Convention, a treaty adopted to protect prisoners of war from the atrocities he suffered. The North Vietnamese torturers unsuccessfully tried to beat information from him.

He wrote in his book, "I wasn't going to tell them about those targets, but I was going to have to come up with something. I tried to knock myself out by beating my head on the floor but that didn't work out. All I was doing was bloodying up my forehead and getting blood in my eyes."

"I just was a total mess. . . . I had just never, ever experienced any pain like that. I just didn't think that it was possible."

Van Loan was released on March 4, 1973, with the second large group of POWs to be freed after the Paris Peace Accords ended America's involvement in the war. He had been held for 70 months.

Van Loan, a colonel, settled in Columbia after retiring from duty at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter. He served for 20 years as executive director of the Five Points Association, and is credited with being the force behind the success of the urban village's annual St. Patrick's Day celebration.

He is honored with a statue in Five Points that portrays him emerging from captivity.

At the time the statue was dedicated, Van Loan was honored by the like of U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-SC.

"Jack sacrificed for his country in a way few have ever done," Graham said at the time. "As a POW he stayed true to the traditions of an American fighting man held in captivity. He's an inspiration, a role model, and a credit to South Carolina in every way."

BENJAMIN MOORE

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great American company with a steadfast commitment to American manufacturing and job creation headquartered in my District, the Fifth Congressional District of New Jersey.

Benjamin Moore currently employs approximately 1,000 individuals and is headquartered in Montvale, New Jersey. Since its founding in 1883, in Brooklyn, Benjamin Moore has maintained an unwavering commitment to selling only through authorized, independent, locally-owned and operated paint and decorating retailers.

From Benjamin's Moore's humble beginnings in 1883 with one product—Moore's Prepared Calsom Finish—to now, one of America's leading manufacturers of paints, stains and finishes, is truly a great American story.

In the Fifth District of New Jersey, Benjamin Moore has maintained a commitment to creating jobs and manufacturing their paints and stains in America.

Benjamin Moore has also made sustainable manufacturing practices a major component of their company practice, leading to receiving the "Green" Good Housekeeping Seal and the Edison "Best New Product Award for Sustainability." In 2015, the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America announced that Benjamin Moore's most environmentally friendly paint, Natura, has been certified Asthma and Allergy Friendly.

As the Representative for the Fifth Congressional District of New Jersey, I am proud to recognize Benjamin Moore for their commitment to American jobs and manufacturing, sustainability, and all that the company has accomplished.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Benjamin Moore for the company's commitment to the Fifth Congressional District of New Jersey and to the country and look forward to many great years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on October 15, 2019 for Roll Call Vote 556 and Roll Call Vote 557. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 556 and yea on Roll Call Vote 557.

REMEMBERING E.A. CARMEAN, JR.

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to note the passing of art historian E.A. Carmean, Jr., who died Saturday in our nation's capital at age 74. Mr. Carmean was the founding curator of 20th century art at the National Gallery of Art in Washington from 1974 to 1984, working to open the I.M. Pei-designed East Building for its Modernist collection in 1978. During his tenure at the National Gallery of Art, he curated important exhibitions on Georges Braque and David Smith, and on individual works, such as Picasso's *The Saltimbanques*, in 1980. He also acquired important works for the national gallery, including Jackson Pollack's *Number 1, 1950 (Lavender Mist)*, and commissioned some of the last public works by such masters as Joan Miro, Henry Moore and Alexander Calder. In 1984, he was appointed director of the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth and, from 1992 to 1997, led the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art.

In Memphis during his tenure, the Brooks hosted exhibitions on the watercolors of John James Audubon, the *Jewels of the Romanovs* and medieval icons. Mr. Carmean left the Brooks to enter Memphis Theological Seminary and later joined the staff of St. George's Episcopal Church in Germantown, Tennessee, and was named Lay Canon for Art and Architecture by the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee with a license to preach.

Born in Springfield, Illinois, Mr. Carmean received a B.A. in Art History from MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois, and worked toward but did not complete an M.A. at the University of Illinois, while teaching. He was later given an honorary doctorate from MacMurray.

After leaving the museum world, he continued to write about art and religion, often for *The Wall Street Journal*, which in September published his "A Choice at the Final Minute," a meditation on the 15th century Hieronymus Bosch alterpiece *Death and the Miser*. He also wrote the forward to *Elvis: The Personal Archives*, a selection of Elvis photographs that were part of an exhibit at the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh, in 2005.

I would like to extend my condolences to his wife, Kathryn Shelton Carmean, his daughter, Elizabeth Carmean Adams, and his two grandchildren, as well as members of the St. George's community in Germantown and his many friends and admirers. He led an inspired life.

CELEBRATING KATHERINE CAMPBELL**HON. MIKE BOST**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Katherine Campbell, who turns 100 later this year. Born on November 11, 1919, her birthday coincided with the first Armistice Day after World War I, which later became Veterans Day.

Katherine, known to her friends and loved ones as "Aunt Kitty," was born in St. Louis be-

fore moving to Carbondale as a young girl. It was there where she met and then later married her first husband, Neal. After having two sons, Katherine worked at the town's Dodge dealership for many years. When Neal passed away, Katherine moved to Louisville and married her second husband, Bob, before moving back to Carbondale where she still lives today. Known to be sweet and caring to anyone she meets, Katherine is a true friend and loving mother and grandmother.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Katherine Campbell on her milestone 100th birthday. On behalf of Southern Illinois, happy birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF DANIEL L. PENETAR, JR., RECIPIENT OF THE ITALIAN AMERICAN MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Attorney Daniel L. Penetar, Jr., who received the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County's Italian American Man of the Year Award along with his brother, Dr. Martin C. Penetar. The brothers continue the legacy of their father, the late Judge Daniel L. Penetar, Sr., who was president of the association in 1959 and Man of the Year in 1976. Daniel and Martin were honored Sunday, October 13, 2019 during the organization's annual dinner honoring the voyage of Christopher Columbus.

Daniel is a 1972 graduate of Scranton Preparatory School, and he earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Scranton in 1976. In 1979, Daniel completed his juris doctorate at Duquesne University School of Law.

Daniel has found continual success in his legal career since it began in 1979. He is admitted to practice before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the Lackawanna Court of Common Pleas, and the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and he is a member of the American Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, and the Lackawanna Bar Association. He is the owner of the Gazda and Penetar Law Firm, and he is the solicitor for the Taylor and Scranton Zoning Boards, as well as the Lackawanna County Sheriffs Office, Real Estate Division. He has served as the Special Solicitor for Lackawanna Tax Claim Bureau for Judicial Sales since 2008. Daniel is the chairman for the Board of Viewers of Lackawanna County and a Title Agent for Old Republic National Title Insurance Company. In recognition of his impressive legal career, the Lackawanna Bar Association awarded him the President's Award in 2015 and the Exemplary Service Award in 2019.

In addition to his impressive legal career, Daniel has been very active in his community. He served as the president for the Columbus Day Association in 1988, Family Services of Lackawanna County in 1989, and the Monroe Softball League from 1980 to 2001. From 1984 to 1994, Daniel served as the treasurer for the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association of Wrestling Officials. He is also a

member of the UNICO Scranton Chapter and Victor Alfieri Club.

Daniel has been married to Michele Germain for 38 years. He is the proud father of two children, Cristina and Daniel III.

It is an honor to recognize Daniel as he is named the Italian American Man of the Year by the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County. May he continue to honorably represent and support the Italian American community for many years to come.

HONORING HUGH BINGHAM AS MOORE COUNTY MAN OF THE YEAR

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hugh Bingham as the recipient of the Moore County Man of the Year Award.

The Man of the Year Award is a prestigious honor presented annually by the Moore County Community Foundation to individuals that have impacted Moore County through charitable works and community service. As Executive Vice President of First Bank, Mr. Bingham oversees 21 branches that cover 9 counties and has been a staple in many civic organizations over the years. He has served on the boards of The O'Neal School, Penick Village Foundation, Sandhills Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership at Sandhills Community College, and St. Joseph of the Pines.

In addition to this important work, Mr. Bingham served as the United Way Campaign Chair from 2018 to 2019 and is a former President of the Moore County Community Foundation. A proud father and grandfather, he attends Southern Pines United Methodist Church with his wife, Jill Ward Bingham.

Mr. Bingham has made an immeasurable impact on our community and is deserving of this distinction. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him success as he continues to serve our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Hugh Bingham for his service to our community and being named the Moore County Man of the Year.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 WEEK OF POSITIVE CHANGE, NON-VIOLENCE, AND OPPORTUNITIES

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2019 Week of Positive Change, Nonviolence and Opportunities which runs from October 12 to October 19, 2019. This week was created to remind us of the toll that violence is taking in our communities but also to remind and reaffirm that we can all help to end the violence.

During this week, events will take place in communities throughout the nation to discuss solutions and partnerships that will help to protect our communities from violence. I urge my colleagues to learn more about the events in their communities.