

On June 6, 1944 Edward landed at Omaha Beach as part of the second wave. He then went on to fight in the Battle of the Hedgerows and participated in the capture of St. Lô and many other cities in Normandy. During the fall and winter of 1944–45, he fought in the Hürtgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge before entering Germany and later Czechoslovakia.

After the war, Mr. Morrisette obtained a civil engineering degree from Indiana Tech University and spent most of his career with the U.S. Air Force including time at Langley Air Force Base at Norfolk, Virginia and March Air Force Base in Southern California. In 1972, he moved to Nebraska and was employed by Offutt Air Force Base, where he retired in 1981 as the Deputy Director of Operations and Maintenance for Strategic Air Command.

For his actions during World War II, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, and the Distinguished Unit Badge.

The Legion of Honor is the highest distinction that France can bestow upon those who have achieved remarkable deeds for France. Founded by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, the National Order of the Legion of Honor recognizes eminent service to the French Republic. Recipients of this honor are named by a decree signed by the President of the Republic. The Consul General will present the medal on behalf President Macron of France on October 29, 2019.

I personally thank Mr. Morrisette for his many years of sacrificial service to our country, and the liberation of so many in France. Without courageous men like him, World War II might have had a completely different ending. Congratulations to Edward on receiving this prestigious honor. It is well deserved.

MOUNT VERNON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH 80TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, today I recognize one of the great religious institutions in New York's 16th Congressional District, the Mount Vernon Seventh-day Adventist Church, which this year is celebrating its 80th year of ministry in the community.

The Mount Vernon Church's journey began in the Fall of 1932 when Thaddeus Wilson, Sr., a layman and local elder of the New Rochelle S.D.A. Church, purchased two thousand Present Truth tracts in hope of starting a bible study. A weekly Bible study class began in a private home at the corner of East Third Street and South Seventh Avenue. In less than a month the interest and attendance had grown so much that two adjoining rooms had to be used to accommodate the people. From there, the gatherings grew, to tented meetings whose patrons later formed the nucleus of the Mount Vernon Mission. The Mission's first home was in a loft at 3 West Third Street, at the corner of West Third Street and South Fourth Avenue.

In 1939, the mission was organized into a church. This was a milestone in the history of

the Mount Vernon Church. In 1942, a drive was started to raise funds to purchase a lot on South Fifth Avenue and by the 1950's the church building was complete. Over the years it became apparent that the building had become too small for its growing membership, and a new place was sought. The present edifice located at 230 South Columbus Avenue was purchased and a grand reopening came in 1975.

As the church grew it continued to welcome many new individuals into the church. It also expanded its youth programming and community outreach. The Mount Vernon Church is also responsible for starting two daughter churches.

The Mount Vernon Church has a remarkable history and an equally wonderful legacy in this community and beyond. I want to congratulate the entire congregation and church leadership for 80 incredible years.

RECOGNIZING TORNADO RECOVERY VOLUNTEERS

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the efforts of countless volunteers and public servants across North Texas who help ease the burden of last week's tornadoes. When natural disaster strikes families suffer. It takes a strong community to bring hope out of the wreckage.

Communities with solid foundations do more than just rebuild homes, businesses, and schools, but also help relieve heartache that follows catastrophic loss.

Countless faith-based and non-profit organizations, including the Network of Community Ministries, American Red Cross of North Texas, and Texas Baptist Men have risen to meet the needs of our community. Alongside partners such as Atmos Energy and Oncor Electric, they have started the arduous process of helping rebuild our communities.

Likewise, city leaders including those in Richardson and Dallas have banded together to show support and provide valuable resources proving once more, we are always stronger together.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking volunteers and leaders throughout our region, not only for helping to bring relief to those who have been displaced from their homes and schools, but also for providing hope.

HONORING TINA INGRAM

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and self-driven community servant, Tina Ingram.

Tina Ingram is a Yazoo City native. Tina started her career as a young mother after graduating from Yazoo City High School in 1986. She attended Phillips College where she obtained a certification in Word Proc-

essing, which led to her first job in word processing at Deposit Guaranty Bank in Jackson in 1987.

For eight years Tina commuted to Jackson while she worked at Deposit Guaranty, and also spent another two years in Jackson working for Allstate Insurance, but she missed spending time at home with her children.

It was in January of 1999 that Tina was given an opportunity to start working with Bank of Yazoo as a part-time teller. By April of the same year, she was working full-time and has been with the Bank ever since.

During her tenure at Bank of Yazoo she has worked in the loan department before becoming a Vault Teller and a Customer Service Representative at the Jerry Clower location. Most recently Tina has been promoted to Teller Manager of the Yazoo City and Flora Branches.

While continuing her work at Bank of Yazoo, Tina graduated from the Mississippi School of Banking and earned her bachelor's degree in Business management from Belhaven University in 2016.

Tina has been married to Louis Ingram for 28 years. She is the mother of three. With Proverbs 3:5–6 as her guiding light, Tina gives all honor and glory to God for each success that has blessed her life thus far.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Tina Ingram for her hard work, dedication and tenacity to serving others.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID SCHOEM FOR A DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH THE MICHIGAN COMMUNITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. David Schoem on his retirement and recognize his twenty years of distinguished service with the Michigan Community Scholars Program at the University of Michigan. Dr. Schoem's contributions to the Michigan community are worthy of commendation.

Dr. Schoem has dedicated his life to improving the lives of others. While attending high school in a racially-divided Philadelphia, Dr. Schoem developed an interest in intergroup relations, aspiring to bring people together to resolve conflicts and build a more just society. Dr. Schoem brought his passion for conflict resolution and unification to the University of Michigan, where he received his undergraduate degree. Upon completing his master's degree in education at Harvard University and Ph.D. at University of California, Berkeley, Dr. Schoem returned to the University of Michigan, beginning his professional career with the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts in 1979.

Since joining the U-M faculty, Dr. Schoem has become a pillar of the university. Throughout his tenure, Dr. Schoem has impacted the lives of thousands of students, serving as a beloved professor in the Sociology Department, LSA Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Education, and U–M Assistance Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. In addition, Dr. Schoem's leadership as Director of

the Michigan Community Scholars Program (MCSP)—a role he has held since 1999—has been paramount to the learning community's continued success. For twenty years, Dr. Schoem has worked tirelessly to unite students and faculty who have a commitment to community service, diversity, and academic excellence. Dr. Schoem's guidance and expertise have inspired MCSP students not only to strive for excellence in their studies, but in all their future life pursuits. He truly has made a difference in their lives.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Schoem for his twenty years of service to the Michigan Community Scholars Program. We thank him for his outstanding work and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING FAMILY CHRISTIAN
CENTER 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a religious institution in my district that has helped the community now for 25 years, the Family Christian Center in New Rochelle.

FCC traces its roots to another part of my district, Mount Vernon. Twenty-five years ago, Bishop Mott and his wife Sherrie-Ann made a decision to answer the call of God on their lives. They had recently left the church where they met and started their family. On a warm Sunday in October 1994, they held their first meeting in the basement of their Mt. Vernon home with less than twenty people in attendance. This was the birth of Spirit and Truth International Ministries.

In April 1995, they moved their services from their home to 38 East First St. in Mt. Vernon, NY and seven months later, Reford O. Mott was ordained as Pastor. The church achieved growth after the move, however, it seemed to reach its maximum number of 70, as families rotated in and out of membership. In December 1998, exactly three years after the start of his ministry, Pastor Mott made his first momentous decision to transition from a part-time pastor to full-time pastor, giving up his career as an MTA bus driver. This change resulted in the church growing significantly, from 70 members to 150 members in one year. As a family man, Pastor Mott attracted family-oriented people to the church. Spirit and Truth International Ministries became a place for families to be restored. The culture shift inspired Pastor Mott and his team to change the name of the ministry to Family Christian Center. The church continued to grow in the years following. In 2016, Family Christian Center moved into their very own property at 592 Main Street in New Rochelle. Today, Family Christian Center is committed to partnering with organizations in New Rochelle making it a better place to live, work and conduct business for all. Its congregation has grown to over 550 members and represents a cross section of the Greater New York area attracting members from all over the tristate area.

Madam Speaker, on this special 25th Anniversary occasion, I want to congratulate Bishop Reford, Pastor Sherrie-Ann Mott, and the entire FCC congregation and family on a

wonderful 25 years of service to our community.

RECOGNIZING ATLANTIC TECHNICAL
HIGH SCHOOL AS A 2019
EXEMPLARY HIGH PERFORMING
SCHOOL

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Atlantic Technical High School of Coconut Creek, Florida as a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School. Atlantic Technical was recognized as an exemplary high performing school by the Department of Education.

At Atlantic Technical, the use of technology is incorporated into every aspect of education. Small class sizes and encouraging teachers embrace personalization among students. As upperclassmen, students can also select from a wide array of technical programs and even receive college credits.

Atlantic Technical has been rated an "A" school for the past eight years. It also had the honor of being recognized by The Washington Post as one of "America's Most Challenging High Schools." The school's credentials surpass Florida's state academic requirements and its unique design enables students to immerse themselves in a rigorous learning environment that encourages them to pursue their interests.

I ask that my colleagues today join me in thanking Director Robert Crawford and the staff at Atlantic Technical High School for the amazing work they have done over the years to educate, as well as the student body for striving to be next generation of movers and shakers in the community.

HONORING JUSTICE EUGENE
PREMO

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Justice Eugene Premo and commend him on his 50th anniversary on the bench.

Gene started his judicial career in 1969 in San Jose, beginning 50 years of service, when he was appointed to the Municipal Court in Santa Clara Judicial District. He served in that court for five years.

In December of 1974 he was elevated to the Superior Court of Santa Clara County where he served until October 1988. Elevated to the 6th appellate district in September of 1988, he has served his community through his dedicated service on the Court of Appeal.

I have known Gene for many years as a fellow alum from the University of Santa Clara School of Law and from my years on the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County. Gene is someone who cares deeply about his community, his family and the law. Unfailingly fair, he is a person of the highest integrity. I have fond memories of our many professional and personal interactions while he served in

the Superior Court. His exemplary life makes his family, his community and Santa Clara Law School very proud.

Madam Speaker, the Congress joins Gene in celebrating 50 years of service to justice, the rule of law and the people of California. The Santa Clara Bar Association will be having their annual judges' night on November 21st and plan to honor Gene for his achievements.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEFFREY
KNAUS' CAREER WITH THE
PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS
UNITED ASSOCIATION LOCAL 400

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeffrey Knaus of De Pere, Wisconsin on celebrating his retirement from the Plumbers and Steamfitters United Association Local 400. His leadership in Wisconsin's trade industry is an excellent example of dedication to a craft and service to one's community.

Jeff began his career with Tweet-Garot Mechanical as a steamfitter in 1984 and joined the Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 298 in Green Bay. After completing his apprenticeship, Jeff served on the Steamfitter JAC and as a night school instructor for UA Heritage and Steward Training.

Jeff's commitment to bettering his skills and the industry led him to advance in leadership. In 2001, he became full-time Business Representative for the NorthEast WI Building and Construction Trades Council and served until January 2005 when he was elected Business Agent for UA Local 400. When Locals 206, 298, 458 and 786 merged in 1998 to become UA Local 400, Jeff was elected local union president from 2002 to 2004. Jeff was then appointed Assistant Business Manager in 2008 and elected Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer in 2012.

As Business Manager for UA Local 400, Jeff served as chairman of the Education and Health Funds, President of the Fox River Valley Pipe Trades Education Foundation and as a trustee on UA Local 400's DB pension plan and profit sharing/401(k) plan. He has also been assigned by the UA to serve on the Pipe Fabrication Institute and to represent the UA at the last five Metal Trades Department Conferences.

Throughout his career, Jeff has committed his time and energy to serving his community. He has championed opportunities for veterans within Local 400, and has been a strong proponent of the UA's Veterans In Piping Program. This program provides veterans with 18 weeks of accelerated training in the pipe trades, including 6 weeks of classroom instruction combined with 12 weeks of on-the-job training. Local 400, under Jeff's leadership, has also demonstrated a strong commitment to youth education in our community, most recently being recognized with the Heart of the Valley Chamber of Commerce's 2019 Business Partner in Education Award.

Jeff has been a tireless advocate on behalf of UA Local 400. He believed that the development and success of Local 400 went hand