

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