

training in law enforcement management. In 2016, thanks in part he noted to great mentoring in both San Mateo and Foster City, he was elevated to become Chief of Police.

Chief Pierucci is a member of the Foster City Lions Club and volunteered with the city's Little League and Youth Softball Association. His son Mike continued his father's career of service as a Blackhawk Helicopter Crew-Chief. His daughter, Tori, is finishing her criminal justice degree and hopes to be the 3rd generation of Pierucci's serving in local law enforcement. The Chief is a newlywed and his wife, Angela, will now have much more time with Joe. It's unlikely that such an energetic guy will find a home on a couch, and we wish this couple many years of great travels and new adventures.

As the Chief notes, he began his life in Foster City as a resident when the area previously known as Brewer Island was largely sand and sea shells. Today, the city is home to such powerhouse companies as Gilead Sciences, Visa International and others that, although less well known, are building tomorrow's economy every day that they open their doors. Tens of thousands of residents, public servants and thoughtful visitors have made Foster City the amazing community that it is.

We wish Joe Pierucci well in the years ahead and know that his wise counsel will be missed but never forgotten by those he served and called friends throughout his many years on the streets of Foster City. Today is his birthday, and rarely before has it held so much meaning. He is not aging out, but he is moving on. We know him as the Chief of Police, the chief maker of smiles when he walks into a room, and the chief cheerleader for his community and its remarkable spirit by the bay. I thank Joe. We advised him not to emulate the children of Foster City by taking up skateboarding in the years ahead. However, if we spot him windsurfing we will all point and say, "There goes Joe Pierucci and he's in the right place because the wind is at his back. Godspeed, Joe."

RECOGNIZING DR. LAWRENCE S.
FELDMAN

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Dr. Lawrence Feldman. A Miami-Dade County School Board Member, Dr. Feldman has been awarded the Green Garner Award, the highest urban education honor in the United States, by the Council of the Great City Schools.

Dr. Feldman has served Miami-Dade County Public Schools for 46 years, as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and region director. He has served on the School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools for over ten years, and he recently finished his tenure as the Board's Chair. His experience working with culturally and economically diverse communities throughout Miami-Dade County is unrivaled.

Throughout his career with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Dr. Feldman has consistently prioritized the wellbeing of students. He has been involved in numerous school

safety initiatives, including the implementation of Sandy Hook Promise's "See Something, Say Something" and "Start with Hello" gun violence prevention programs. He has promoted awareness of brain and head injuries amongst student athletes, and led the creation of stronger programs to identify and help victims of human trafficking and slavery at schools.

Dr. Feldman is the recipient of numerous awards for his educational work and public service, including the Minority Chamber of Commerce Public Official of the Year Award. He has been selected as Keynote Speaker for multiple education organizations and conferences, and has led trainings and presentations across the country.

I'm proud to know Larry as a great friend and extraordinary educational leader. He has been an exemplary public servant throughout his career, and I'm thrilled that he has been recognized for the Green Garner Award.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL BARTON
WILSON

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Michael Barton Wilson of Glasgow, Kentucky.

Mr. Wilson served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and was part of the initial crew on the aircraft carrier USS *Nimitz*. During his tour of duty in the Navy, Mr. Wilson was also stationed at Midway Island, and he later spearheaded a reunion of Midway Island residents from across the country in his retirement. He also served as the Commander of DAV Chapter 20 in Barren County, Kentucky, and he often helped his fellow veterans get the care they deserved.

I join with Mr. Wilson's family and the Barren County community in remembering his selfless dedication to serving his country, his fellow veterans, and anyone else in need.

IN RECOGNITION OF THOMAS WILSON, DEARBORN'S 2019 VETERAN OF THE YEAR

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Thomas Wilson on being named Dearborn's 2019 Veteran of the Year. His contributions to his community and the nation are worthy of commendation.

Mr. Wilson enlisted in the U.S. Army in December 1970. After completing basic training in Fort Knox, Kentucky and Advanced Individual Training at the Signal Corps School in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, Mr. Wilson was sent to Fort Huachuca in Arizona for his first active duty assignment in strategic army communications. In 1972, Mr. Wilson was selected for a Military Assistance Advisory Group assignment in Brunssum, Holland, where he was assigned to Armed Forces Central NATO during the Cold War. After leaving the army in 1974, Mr. Wilson returned home and received

his technical school education from RETS Electronic Schools in 1976. Upon graduation, Mr. Wilson began his career as a product engineer and started a family with his wife, Judy.

The Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council Veteran of the Year award is given to an exemplary veteran who dutifully serves the Dearborn community with honor, leadership, compassion, and commitment—all of which describe Mr. Wilson. For the past forty years, Mr. Wilson has become a pillar of the Dearborn community, striving to improve the lives of all its members. Since joining American Legion Post #364 in Dearborn, Mr. Wilson has devoted countless hours to serving the community's veterans and advocating for their causes. His leadership has been recognized amongst his peers, as Mr. Wilson has previously served as senior vice commander and commander at American Veterans Post 4 and commander for Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council. Mr. Wilson's commitment to American Legion has been paramount to the veterans of our community, and his dedicated work has made meaningful contributions to Dearborn as a whole.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Thomas Wilson, Dearborn's 2019 Veteran of the Year. His decades of commitment to Dearborn—especially its veterans—has made a real difference in our community. We thank him for his service in the U.S. Army and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Asbury Park, New Jersey. Since its founding, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church has provided outstanding spiritual guidance and outreach to the community.

Organized in 1869, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church was one of the first churches established in Asbury Park, initially gathering in a tent for services and later at a site deeded to the church by James A. Bradley, founder of Asbury Park. In 1949, the church found its permanent home on Cookman Avenue.

Throughout its long history, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church has been graced with pastoral leadership committed to cultivating a welcoming place for the community to learn, pray and connect with others. Its pastors have also endeavored to ensure a viable future for the church, maintaining and updating the church building with renovations, including adaptations for people with special needs, classrooms and air conditioning. Currently led by Rev. Dr. Danielle L. Hunter, the church's first female pastor, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church has expanded its spiritual outreach, offering prayer meetings, an intercessory prayer line and added worship services.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church also dedicates itself to social action and community service. Through its food pantry and