

Medical Association, as well as this year's Crystal Globe Award recipient, Dr. William J. Pierce. For his outstanding and lifelong career in the medical field and his dedication to the community of Northwest Indiana, Dr. Pierce is worthy of the highest praise.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NORMA MALONE COOK

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Norma Malone Cook of Huron, Ohio. On Sunday, November 17, 2019, the Huron United Methodist Church will honor Norma for 50 years of service to their congregation.

Norma began playing the organ at age 15 for the Huron United Methodist Church on September 14, 1969.

Norma tells the story of the night that her parents dropped her off at the church to practice music and forgot to pick her up. She recalled the darkness and the sounds of the heat registers, and, there being no telephone near the choir loft, Norma just waited at the back door until her apologetic father showed up around midnight. Despite that event, Norma continued to serve her church with a smile.

There have been many changes at the Huron United Methodist Church during the time that Norma has served, and she has improvised and changed alongside the church. One such change that marked the end of an era was in 1995, when the Henry Organ Company increased the organ from 7 to 11 ranks, which made the organ four feet higher and moved to another location. Previously, the organist was in a sunken pit and could not see the activity of the sanctuary aisles. The organist relied on taking cues from the minister as to when music should commence or end, making it extremely difficult to play for a wedding as one could not see the bride walking down the aisle. Norma and Rev. Carothers formulated a communication strategy during his ministry by which the Reverend would crack open the parlor folding doors to bare the light. He would switch the light on and off as the cue for Norma to start the Wedding March. The wedding observers in the pew never suspected anything.

Over the decades, Norma has brought over 300 brides down the aisle for weddings and comforted more than 400 families with funeral music.

An active member of the Huron United Methodist Church congregation, Norma works with choirs of all ages and serves on multiple church committees. She always brings a sense of humor to choir rehearsals and helps make music fun for all who work with her or hear her play.

Norma has played ecumenical services at almost every church in Huron, serving as an asset to the entire Huron community.

Norma has been married to her husband Ron for over 35 years. Norma has three children and three grandchildren.

We congratulate Norma on all her accomplishments and dedication to her service to the

Huron United Methodist Church and the entire Huron community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT ERNEST SCHAEFER

**HON. RUSS FULCHER**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Robert Schaefer of Nampa, Idaho. An astute thinker, Robert used his passion for liberty to advocate for the fundamental principles of our divinely inspired constitution and form of government we enjoy as Americans. For 28 years, Bob, as most called him, attentively represented his constituents in the Idaho Legislature as a man of honor, integrity, and resounding character. Colleagues described him as a deliberate lawmaker, a diligent friend, and an honest critic of bad policy. In his spare time, Bob was passionate about modifying and rebuilding several Ford Thunderbirds—an icon that will always remind us of him. This year, Bob and his wife, Betty, celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary. As a follower of Christ, his faith was ever-more present when he was diagnosed with a terminal illness that ultimately claimed his life. Despite being away from the Idaho Legislature in his later years, he would still write letters to the editor, engage with other local officials, and work to protect the Constitution. Bob kept every piece of correspondence he ever received in the Idaho Legislature, and fondly enjoyed the time he was given to make a difference as a defender of liberty. I honor the passion of this great Idahoan, a humble, caring individual, dear to so many in Idaho. Bob will be missed by many, and remembered by all as a friend of freedom.

HONORING HY-VEE AS A 2019 COMMUNITY OUTREACH AWARD WINNER

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate, honor, and thank Hy-Vee and Hy-Vee employees in my district. For those not from the Midwest, you might not know the name of the grocery store with a helpful smile in every aisle. That's why I'm here today to let this Chamber know about the important and valuable work that Hy-Vee has done to support Iowans.

In March this year, Iowa was hit with severe flooding. Entire communities were underwater, homes destroyed, farm land ruined, and Iowans wondering how they were going to recover. For some Iowa residents, the flooding was so catastrophic that they had to flee their houses with only the clothes on their back. The situation was dire and tragic for all those impacted.

Hy-Vee stepped in during this difficult time to address the immediate food and water needs of these communities. They filled 8 semi-trucks with bottled water to make sure that those who were impacted had fresh,

clean water. And they didn't stop with just donations. They helped raise money for these communities. They held a monthlong campaign and let their customers chip in to donate. They raised nearly \$158,000 dollars—and then Hy-Vee pitched in an additional \$50,000. This money is helping Iowan families recover and rebuild.

So it's not a surprise that Hy-Vee was picked as a 2019 Winner for the Community Outreach Award for their work to address food insecurity issues and help Iowans get back on their feet. I'm proud to have such a great company in my district, working to help their community.

Congratulations again to Hy-Vee and all their employees for their tremendous work on behalf of Iowa.

HONORING SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS PARISH ON ITS 135TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 135th anniversary of Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish in Lemont, Illinois. On Sunday, November 3rd, the church held a celebration to commemorate their long history of faith and service to the community, and I am pleased to join them.

Founded in 1884, Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish has remained an unwavering example to our local community. Father Leopold Bonaventura Maria Moczygemba established this parish at the direction of the Archbishop of Chicago, the Most Reverend Patrick Augustine Feehanas. Saints Cyril and Methodius became a place of worship to serve the spiritual and cultural needs of Lemont's growing Polish-American community.

Father Witusik, who was assigned as an associate pastor in 1979, founded the Polish Club of Lemont and helped introduce a Polish Mass at Saints Cyril and Methodius to better serve the Polish-speaking parishioners. To this day, the parish continues to support the Polish community and its heritage.

In the 135 years since Father Moczygemba presided over the first mass, Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish has undergone many renovations and improvements to accommodate its ever-growing congregation. In 1898 and 1928, tragic fires struck Saints Cyril and Methodius. Each time the parishioners banded together to ensure that the church was rebuilt. This endeavor required hard work, commitment, and sincerity, all unifying characteristics of the church's parishioners.

What has remained constant through all the changes is the commitment of Saints Cyril and Methodius's parishioners to come together and work towards the fulfillment of their faith and the betterment of their community. This hard work has not gone unnoticed by the local community who benefit from the services that the church provides. The parish has a Ministry of Care which provides prayer, comfort, and healing to those who are unable to physically attend Mass. Father Stawarski and his congregation also organize the Helping Hands program to distribute food items and other products to those in need.