

have served our country around the world in the name of freedom and democracy.

The debt that we owe to them is immeasurable.

Their sacrifices, and those of their families, are freedom's foundation.

Without the brave efforts of all the soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and Coast Guardsmen and women and their families, our country would not live so freely.

I offer my deepest gratitude to our nation's troops and reservists, their families, and the 21.6 million veterans, including 29,126 here in the 18th Congressional District.

21.6 million brave men and women are veterans of our nation's military service.

This includes more than 2 million women, 2.7 million African American men and women, 1.5 million Hispanic men and women, 342,000 Asian American Pacific Islanders, and 178,000 American Indians.

Nine in ten military families believe the public does not understand or appreciate their sacrifices.

We use Veterans Day to show our veterans and military families how important they are to us and how grateful we are for them each and everyday.

November is National Caregivers Month to show our caregivers how grateful we are for them.

It is only fitting that we thank those caregivers who serve our military today.

5.5 million spouses, parents, children, and other loved ones care for our wounded warriors and 15 percent of caregivers spend 40+ hours a week providing care for our military families.

As a senior member of the House Committees on Judiciary and Homeland Security, I care deeply about our veterans.

I Congress, I have sponsored many legislative proposals and co-sponsored more than 50 pieces of legislation that will positively benefit our veterans and their families."

On the battlefield, the military pledges to leave no soldier behind.

As a nation, let it be our pledge that when they return home, we leave no veteran behind.

This day and every day let us honor their service with actions that fulfill our commitment to our troops, their families, and our veterans—and that are worthy of our grateful nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NAMING OF THE DON H. BARDEN SEC- ONDARY STREET

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Don H. Barden and celebrate his legacy through the naming of the Don H. Barden Secondary Street. Don Barden was an influential leader in Detroit and his contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Don Barden was a trailblazer in politics, business, and philanthropy. In the 1960s, Mr. Barden served as the first black city councilman in Lorain, Ohio, where he learned about the intersection of business and politics. Admired by many in Congress, Mr. Barden also

developed life-long friendship with countless mayors, state representatives, and city council members, among a variety of other political leaders nationwide.

Don Barden was also an astute businessman who successfully developed, owned, and operated several businesses in multiple industries. Mr. Barden was renowned for his work in real estate, broadcasting, international trade, and casinos, and received widespread acclaim for his efforts. In the 1980s, Mr. Barden became a leader in Michigan's cable industry, establishing and operating cable systems throughout Metro Detroit. Under Mr. Barden's guidance and expertise, Barden Cablevision was designated as one of the nation's largest urban cable systems. Later, Mr. Barden became the first black owner of a Las Vegas casino after his purchase of Fitzgeralds in 2001. In addition to a host of other positions, Mr. Barden also served as President and CEO of Barden Companies, Inc.

Throughout his professional endeavors, Mr. Barden was devoted to community involvement and volunteerism. He embedded a mission within his businesses to make a difference in the communities where they operated and conducted business and encouraged others to follow in stride. Mr. Barden was also committed to personal philanthropy, supporting countless organizations, people, and entities throughout the Metro Detroit region. Mr. Barden will always be remembered for his generous and thoughtful heart.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the legacy of Don H. Barden. Mr. Barden was a pillar of Detroit, and the naming of the secondary street in honor of Mr. Barden is a touching tribute to his life's work. Mr. Barden was cherished by so many within our community, and I am glad the street will bear his name for generations to come.

HONORING THE USS "INDIANAPOLIS," THE UNITED STATES NAVY'S NEWEST LITTORAL COM- BAT SHIP

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 8, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the U.S. Navy's newest addition to its fleet, the Freedom-class Littoral Combat Ship, USS *Indianapolis*.

On October 26, before a crowd of thousands, the USS *Indianapolis* (LCS-17) was commissioned in Burns Harbor, Indiana, on the shore of Lake Michigan. I thank the Navy, particularly former Secretary Ray Mabus, for having the foresight to name a ship being constructed on the Great Lakes after Indiana's capital city and the decision by the current Secretary of the Navy, Richard Spencer, to host the commissioning ceremony in Burns Harbor.

LCS-17 was constructed in Marinette, Wisconsin, utilizing steel produced by hard-working steelworkers in Northwest Indiana. She will soon transit to her new homeport, Naval Station Mayport in Jacksonville, Florida, where she will begin her service to our country. As the fourth USS *Indianapolis* in U.S. naval history, this ship will carry on the proud legacy of representing Indiana's capital city around the globe.

Today, it is also fitting to honor the prior ships that bore the name USS *Indianapolis*. The first (ID 3865) was a cargo ship that served at the end of World War I. The second (CA 35) was the heavy cruiser that was lost while completing a mission that would directly contribute to the end of World War II. Of the 1,195 crewmen aboard, only 316 survived. It was an honor to have four of those survivors—Fire Controlman Third Class Robert Witzig, Aviation Machinist Mate Third Class James Jarvis, Seaman Richard Thelen, and Sergeant Edgar Harrell—present at the commissioning ceremony. The third (SSN 697) was a *Los Angeles*-class fast attack submarine that was a valuable Cold War asset from 1980 through 1998.

I am grateful for the Commanding Officer, CDR Colin Kane, as well as the entire crew of the USS *Indianapolis*. I am also thankful for the unsung heroes—the families and loved ones—whose sacrifices and support ashore allow the crew to stand the watch that the U.S. Navy has stood for 244 years.

Additionally, I'd like to recognize the efforts of so many in Northwest Indiana who have been supportive of the work of the USS *Indianapolis* Commissioning Committee. Thanks in part to these efforts, I know the USS *Indianapolis* will serve our community and country with pride. The crew will have many days of deployment ahead of them. I know that they have the unwavering support of the nearly 6.7 million residents of Indiana.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing the following women and men of the USS *Indianapolis* fair winds and following seas:

Blue Crew: CDR Colin Kane, CDR Joseph Mitzen, CMDCS Iris Velez, LCDR Erik Gardner, LCDR Kyle Gleghorn, LT Julian Turner, LT Andrew McLean, LT Christopher Huizinga, LTJG Eric Wilkerson, LTJG Monique Jefferson, LTJG Kevin Holdren, FCCS Marlon Glass, MNCS Ryan Cook, QMC David Dantone, LSC Karim Bullock, ENC Mark Nicholas, OSC David Simmons, ITC Kamesha McCarthy, DCC Matthew Moreno, BMC Melvin Austin, MNC Stephen Bates, EM1 Antawan Daniel, GSM1 Brandon Portell, CS1 Cesar Torres, EN1 Christian Alston, FC1 Christian Argonza, ET1 Dale Robinson, GM1 Daniel Thomas, MN1 Ebony Channey, GM1 Eric Stabenow, CS1 George White, EN1 Jerome Jacob, ET1 John Lake, ET1 Joshua Drum, AG1 Joshua Gaskill, EN1 Justin Cheman, MN1 Justin Crabtree, MN1 Katherine Floding, IT1 Kiaya Tootle, OS1 Marcos Lucero, EM1 Michael Jeffus, EN1 Michael Roka, GSE1 Victor Doroy, MN2 Adrian Villanueva, MN2 Alejandro Garciaquiles, ET2 Ashley Newman, IT2 Bea Vang, BM2 Carlos Medina, FC2 Christopher Wong, IT2 Nathan Rodriguez, HT2 Erman Jefferson, EN2 Gregory Jones, GM2 Jordan Simmons, MN2 Joshua Pryor, OS2 Justin Vasquez, FC2 Stephen Truszcienski, MN2 Zakkary Fulton, MN3 Brady Thorpe, MN3 Dominique Fraser-Jones, MN3 Jeremy Woods, SN Jacquard McDuffey, MNSN John Cortes, SN Michael Antolak, LSSN Rebecca Elie, MNSN Ryan Marcotte, CSSN Tyrann Bowlin, DCFR Bianca Silva.

Gold Crew: CDR Jamie Diaz, CMDCS James Halleran, MNCS Daniel Gwilt, MNC Raymond Barrett, BMC Michael Duran, ITC Delila Edwards, FCC Dennis Fairbanks, MNC Daniel O'Connell, QMC Eric Williams, IT1 Tyler Averett, EN1 Gregory Besiryan, GM1