

rigorous and engaging curriculum which includes technology, art, Spanish, physical education, and music classes.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Saints Cyril and Methodius School for being honored with this National Blue Ribbon School Award. This impressive achievement is a well-deserved recognition of all the work done by Principal Shirley Tkachuk, Reverend Waldemar "Valdi" Stawiariski, teachers, school staff, students, parents, and parishioners.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDWARD  
WALTER HOSTETTLER

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2019*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of Edward Walter Hostetler, who passed away on October 22, 2019. Edward served our nation with honor and selflessness and will be missed by many in the community.

Edward Walter Hostetler was born on December 17, 1920 in Sugarcreek, Ohio. He attended Ohio State University on a 4-year academic scholarship and was a member of the ROTC program. In 1943, he graduated with an agriculture degree and joined the United States Army, serving during World War II. He served in Germany, Belgium, France, and Luxemburg. He was assigned to the Artillery, Tank Destroyer, Infantry and Calvary Branches as a Lieutenant. In 1945 Edward was assigned to the 7th Army War Crimes Court and was then transferred to a Constabulary Unit. Edward returned home in June of 1946 and was honorably discharged in September of 1946.

Upon his return to civilian life he began teaching in Orville, Ohio, before meeting the love of his life, Merry Belle Groff. The two married in Clearfield, Pennsylvania on December 10, 1947. After honeymooning in California, Edward and Merry made it their permanent home. Together they were the proud parents of Greg, Rory and Suzanne.

Edward and Merry initially lived in Los Angeles where Edward worked as a dairy inspector. Eventually they moved to California's Central Valley. Edward worked for the Chowchilla Water District and Cal Farm Insurance. The family moved to Dos Palos in Merced County in 1964 and eventually opened their own real estate brokerage, Hostetler Real Estate. Edward also supported his wife's entrepreneurship, as she was the proud owner of House of Hostetler Antiques.

Edward always enjoyed being surrounded by family and making new memories with his children and grandchildren. The family frequently vacationed together, creating lifelong memories. He was a man of strong faith and believed in helping others in need. Edward could always be found watching his Ohio State Buckeyes on Saturday afternoons.

Edward is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 70 years Merry Belle, his brother Richard Hostetler, and his daughter-in-law Cathie Hostetler.

He is survived by his sons Greg and Rory Hostetler of Los Banos, California, daughter Suzanna Hostetler Rider of Fresno, California,

four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Edward Walter Hostetler. His presence in the community will be greatly missed. I join his family and friends in honoring his great life.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF W. GEORGE ALLEN

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2019*

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend, W. George Allen, a selfless member of our community who spent his life serving others. I had the great privilege of working alongside George as his law partner for many years. Throughout his more than four-decade career practicing law, he established himself as one of our state's most influential civil rights advocates. I will never forget the years we spent working together to fight and end segregation in Broward County.

George was born in Sanford, Florida in 1936. He attended Florida A&M University and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science with a minor in Economics, before continuing his education at the University of Florida Law School, where he became the first African American to receive a Juris Doctor degree.

Between 1958 and 1960, George served in the United States Army as a special agent in the Counter Intelligence Corps, before being honorably discharged at the rank of First Lieutenant. Following his military service, George was accepted into law school, where he became involved in social activism by organizing lunch counter sit-ins around Gainesville, Florida. After graduating and being admitted to the Florida Bar Association, he decided to open his own firm in Fort Lauderdale. Here he practiced for forty-two years, specializing in trial work, probate, personal injury, insurance defense and wrongful death.

Throughout his career, George was recognized time and again for his hard work and dedication to those around him. He was a member of the Urban League of Broward County, the NAACP, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc, the University of Florida Foundation, and the Florida Bar Association. He also served as the Broward County Bar Association's president. Additionally, he received numerous awards for his achievements, including the University of Florida Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2000, and the National Conference for Community and Justice Silver Medallion Award in 2001. In 2003, George was inducted into the National Bar Association's Hall of Fame, and in February of 2005, Governor Jeb Bush appointed him to the Florida A&M University's Board of Trustees.

Madam Speaker, W. George Allen was a champion for our community and positively impacted the lives of all those he met. He was a South Florida icon, whose life and legacy has left an indelible mark on our state and nation. I want to extend my deepest condolences to his children, Jonathan, Timothy, Frederick, and Amy Carole and the entire Allen family during this heartbreaking time. W. George

Allen was a blessing to our community. I am so truly honored to have called him my friend. He will be dearly missed.

HONORING LINDY LEE GOLD ON  
THE CELEBRATION OF HER 75TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2019*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is my great privilege to rise today to join the family, friends and colleagues who have gathered in celebration of Lindy Lee Gold as she marks her 75th Birthday—a remarkable milestone for this very special member of the New Haven community.

As a Senior Specialist with the Connecticut State Department of Economic and Community Development, a position she had held since 1998, Lindy has dedicated her professional career to expanding opportunities for Connecticut's businesses and its workforce. However, there are few members of the New Haven community who have been more involved with the City's many facets than Lindy. She is perhaps most well known for her dedication and tireless advocacy efforts—from the arts to education, local government to community development, Lindy has played a critical role in New Haven's success.

Lindy's foray into public service began with her appointment to New Haven's Board of Education where she was vice chair of the Intergroup Relations Taskforce. She went on to win election for two terms on New Haven's Board of Alders representing the 26th Ward where she served as chair of the Legislation Committee and as a member of the Finance Committee.

Lindy currently serves as board chair of the Gateway Community College Foundation, a position she has held for the last decade, as a Fellow at Yale's Pierson College, and as a member of the Executive Board of the Shubert Performing Arts Center. She is also a board member of the United Way of Greater New Haven, the Community Action Agency, New Haven Arts Council, Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, and the New Haven Manufacturers Association. She also was founder and the first female president of Fellowship Inc, and Cornerstone Inc., and is past president of the Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven.

Lindy's civic contributions are hardly limited to New Haven. In addition to her many contributions to our fair City, she serves on a multitude of organizations across the state. Lindy is Vice-President of the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut as well as a member of the state board of the Anti-Defamation League. She also holds board memberships with the Housatonic Community College Foundation, Southern Connecticut State University Foundation, JobLinks Fairfield County, Connecticut Technical High Schools, and the Women's Business Development Center.

Lindy's commitment is extraordinary and she has built a legacy of service which serves as an inspiration to many. Advocate, mentor, and friend, wherever Lindy goes she makes an impact. Her endless energy and dedication make all the difference. I, like so many others,