

provides many historic sites, she has earned the title, "Queen of Field Trips."

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History was founded in 1994 to promote history teaching by providing resources and support to those in education and recognize the efforts of leaders in the field. Each year, the Institution selects one exemplary American history teacher who encourages a passion for history in their students as the National History Teacher of the Year, and awards them \$10,000. We are proud that Butler represents D.C. with this year's award.

Butler has also received the 2019 Daughters of the American Revolution Outstanding Teacher of United States History Award; a 2019 GrantEd award; and was selected as the 2010 Miramar High School Teacher of the Year.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Alysha Butler for being named the 2019 National History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and for her dedication and commitment to D.C. students.

IN RECOGNITION OF JERRY
VEHAUN

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. MEADOWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jerry VeHaun, who will retire after forty-seven years of dedicated service with Buncombe County Emergency Services.

Mr. VeHaun's dedication to serving those in crisis has been evident throughout his life. He served as the Director of Emergency Services where he saw the Buncombe County Emergency Medical Services grow from only employing first aid trained personnel to an advanced life support service employing paramedics and advanced EMTs.

Throughout his career he has led various emergency management and response organizations. He served as President of the North Carolina Emergency Management Association and was awarded the General Edward Foster Griffin Award twice. He also served as President and Certification Commission Chairman of the International Association of Emergency Managers, where he was a recipient of the Clayton R. Christopher Award. He served as President of the Western North Carolina Safety Council. He served as Chairman for the North Carolina Domestic Preparedness Region 9 and was a member of the North Carolina State Emergency Response Commission. Mr. VeHaun also served on the Boards of the Asheville/Mountain Area Chapter of the American Red Cross; Metropolitan Sewerage District; Aston Park Healthcare Center; MANNA Food Bank; and the Buncombe County Rescue Squad, where he served as Chairman.

Mr. VeHaun's heart of service is displayed by his dedication to the people of North Carolina, and also to the nation in times of tragedy. As a member of a federal Disaster Mortuary Operations Team, he was deployed to New York following the September 11th attacks and to Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina.

It is my great pleasure to celebrate Mr. Jerry VeHaun before the United States House of

Representatives and thank him for his diligent service to his community, the great State of North Carolina, and this country.

CONGRATULATING JAY
HILDEBRANDT

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jay Hildebrandt on an incredible broadcasting career. Award-winning anchor and reporter Jay Hildebrandt, has been a staple in the community for decades. Jay began his career in Twin Falls, Idaho at KMVT-TV where he anchored for two years. After moving away for a few years, Jay found his home in Idaho Falls where he has co-anchored with Karole Honas for nearly 30 years.

Besides his day to day anchoring and reporting, Jay has been involved in a number of special projects for the newscasts over the years. For 28 years Jay produced weekly Wednesday's Child reports. Each week, a child living in a temporary foster home, who needed an adoptive family was featured. Many viewers were touched by the children's stories, and hundreds of them were adopted due to Wednesday's Child.

Hundreds of outstanding high school seniors were also featured by Jay in his weekly Distinguished Student series of reports.

Along with his Local News 8 job, Jay keeps busy a couple mornings a week as an adjunct instructor at Brigham Young University Idaho teaching public speaking and broadcast performance classes, which he finds extremely rewarding.

During his years in Idaho Falls, Jay has been involved in a number of local community activities. He has served on the Governor's Children's Trust Fund Board, the Region VII Health and Welfare Advisory Board, and the Safe Place Advisory Board.

Madam Speaker, Jay Hildebrandt will be missed throughout Eastern Idaho, but his career has provided an incredible template as to how the news ought to be reported.

CONGRATULATING FESTUS HIGH
SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2019
CLASS III STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Festus Tigers boys cross country team for winning the 2019 Missouri Class III State title.

This is Festus High School's fifth consecutive state title. This team and Coach Bryant Wright should be commended for their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the Festus Tigers boys cross country team for a job well done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. MOULTON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained from the floor on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 and missed three votes. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 587, YEA on Roll Call No. 588, and YEA on Roll Call No. 589.

HONORING CHARLES MOIR

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Charles Moir, who died on November 15, 2019 at the age of 88. Mr. Moir was a highly successful basketball coach and mentor at both Virginia Tech and Roanoke College.

Charles Moir started his career in basketball by playing in college for three years before becoming a high school coach. In his eleven years coaching high school basketball, he finished with a career record of 224 wins and 43 losses. His time coaching high school basketball prepared him to become the assistant coach for Virginia Tech in 1963. Four years later, Mr. Moir assumed the head coach position at Roanoke College.

During Mr. Moir's time at Roanoke College, his strong leadership led the team to five conference championships, four NCAA tournament appearances, and even a national championship in 1972 during his six-year tenure. In his time at Roanoke College, he amassed an impressive record of 133 wins and 44 losses.

After Mr. Moir's time at Roanoke College, he became the head coach for Virginia Tech in 1967. His time at Virginia Tech was ripe with success, evident through his record-breaking career of 213 wins throughout his 11-year tenure. Additionally, Mr. Moir led the Hokies to four NCAA Tournament appearances and four National Invitational Tournaments.

Charles Moir was inducted into the Roanoke College Hall of Fame, the Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame, and the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

Mr. Moir was known as a coach who invested in his players on and off the court. Dell Curry, a former Virginia Tech and NBA star told the Roanoke Times, "He helped me grow into a man . . . A great father figure, a great coach."

Charles Moir was the type of basketball coach that brings out the best in student athletes, and his passion for his players and the game will always be remembered.

He resided in my hometown of Salem during his time at Roanoke College and moved back after leaving Virginia Tech. He was held in high regard by the Salem community. His son Page, who played for his father at Virginia Tech and followed him into coaching, remembered, "He was a good dad, just like he was as a coach." I offer my condolences to the Moir family on their loss.

RECOGNIZING GWEN SANDERS AS
CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Gwen Sanders, a North County San Diego resident, as my Constituent of the Month. Gwen has dedicated her life to giving back to our community and volunteering for a wide range of organizations throughout the region, including the North County Chapter of the NAACP, the City of Oceanside, the Communications Workers of America (CWA), and more.

As a longtime civil rights activist, Gwen received the NAACP Woman of the Year Award, the Oceanside Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award, as well as several recognitions for her community service. She has volunteered for the Oceanside Police and Fire Commission, the Community Relation Commission, and led a program to help local students pursue higher education. Gwen's long track record of public service goes on, and there is no question that her dedication to serving our community has made Oceanside and all of North County a better place to live. Gwen personifies John F. Kennedy's famous quote: "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country."

Gwen's public service is commendable, and it's important to note that she did all of this work while also raising two children, two grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. She is also a two-time breast cancer survivor, liver transplant recipient, and awaiting a kidney donor. I'm in awe of all that Gwen has accomplished in the face of these extraordinary challenges, and I am deeply grateful for her service. I am proud to recognize her as my Constituent of the Month.

CONGRATULATING MOHAWK
TRAILS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ON BEING NAMED A 2019 NA-
TIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an outstanding school in my district that is being honored as a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School. It is a pleasure to congratulate Mohawk Trails Elementary School of Carmel, Indiana, in celebration of this special occasion.

The National Blue Ribbon designation, given by the United States Department of Education, is awarded to both public and private schools across our great nation. Started by President Reagan and given annually since 1982, the award celebrates great American schools that achieve very high learning standards or are making significant improvements in the academic achievements of their students. In my district and across the country, the award recognizes the great educators, students, and parents who have worked so hard to ensure our children reach their full potential and achieve academic success.

For all of these reasons and many more, I am very proud that Mohawk Trails Elementary School is receiving this prestigious designation. It is a wonderful acknowledgement of the school's commitment to providing young Hoosiers an exceptional education. While hundreds of schools nationwide were nominated, only 362 schools were designated as 2019 National Blue Ribbon Schools. Of the 362 schools, Mohawk Trails Elementary School was one of only 12 Indiana schools to receive recognition, making this recognition all the more impressive. Under the guidance of a dedicated staff and dynamic Principal Jennifer Greene, the Mohawk Trails Turtles have become a beacon for success in youth education.

Mohawk Trails Elementary School is committed to providing a nurturing environment for the intellectual, physical, and social development of each child. This commitment to the well-being and development of the student body is led by a dynamic staff of teachers, working to shape the future through the lives they are positively influencing in their classrooms daily. The dedicated staff at Mohawk Trails engages students in meaningful educational tasks that promote thinking and reasoning and it is because of their hard work that Mohawk Trails Elementary School has been deservedly honored with this Blue Ribbon Award.

As an advocate for education and youth, I want to acknowledge how important it is to our nation's future to encourage and raise a new generation of Americans who have the skills and knowledge to succeed both in and out of the classroom. Students like those at Mohawk Trails give me hope that we will accomplish this vital mission. Their outstanding work is an inspiration to students, educators, and parents across the nation. Once again, congratulations to Mohawk Trails Elementary School. I am very proud of them.

RECOGNIZING MR. BRIAN GREER

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I wish to recognize Mr. Brian Greer, upon his departure as Professional Staff Member, Readiness Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee to the U.S. House of Representatives.

In this role, Mr. Greer was responsible for a portfolio consisting of Army readiness, training, logistics, and maintenance policies and programs; organic industrial base policy; the Defense Logistics Agency; civilian personnel and service contracts. Brian has served as a Professional Staff Member in the House Armed Services Committee since October of 2016. Prior to his time in the House of Representatives, Brian served as the Military Legislative Assistant to Senate Minority Leader Senator CHARLES SCHUMER, where he advised the Senator on defense, foreign policy and energy issues. Brian has also served as a Legislative Assistant for Representatives John Bocchieri, Parker Griffith, and DAVID SCOTT. Finally, Brian spent time working as a Special Assistant in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs focusing on installations

and environment as well as operational energy plans and programming. His vast experience in defense policy, both on the Hill and in the Pentagon, has helped senior leaders make informed decisions for over a decade.

Brian is a native of Marietta, Georgia, holds a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs where he focused on international security policy and a Bachelor of Arts in international relations from the University of Virginia. Brian is also an avid supporter of the Atlanta Falcons.

Brian is married to Natalie, who continues to support him in his service to our nation.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. Congress and a grateful Nation, I extend our deepest appreciation to Brian Greer for his dedicated service to the U.S. House of Representatives and to our Nation. We wish him the best as he moves on to his next role.

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT GAZETTE
200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette on its 200th anniversary of the first issue of the Arkansas Gazette.

As the state's leading news source, the Gazette has delivered reliable local, national, and international news for Arkansans for two centuries. Its first issue appeared on November 20, 1819.

The Gazette has also recently unveiled a convenient digital format of the latest news.

A new digital subscription to the newspaper provides access to a large package of news related to business developments, feature stories, and sports, which can be viewed using a phone, tablet, or computer.

This is a generation of advanced technology and it is important to produce easy-to-access journalism for newspaper readers.

I would like to extend my congratulations to President and General Manager Lynn Hamilton, and the entire Arkansas Democrat-Gazette team, and wish the company much continued success for generations of Arkansans to come.

JOHN J. MCGRAW, SR.

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, today I recognize East Tennessee Orthopedic Surgeon and U.S. Army Colonel John Jay McGraw, Sr. as he announces his upcoming retirement from OrthoTennessee.

Not only is Dr. McGraw known for his remarkable contributions to the medical profession and 34-year military career, but he has long been a community leader in East Tennessee where he has held public office and served on numerous boards.

In 2018, Dr. McGraw was appointed to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Pain Management Best Practices Inter-