

note of thanks to Pete for his willingness to work with myself and my staff over the years as we have worked with the Army and the Stratford community to move the transfer and redevelopment process forward.

Pete played a unique and special role in the closure of the SAEP. He was determined that the site would not become just another abandoned eyesore. It was Pete who both envisioned and executed a plan to dispose of the excess Allied Signal machinery in a way that garnered millions of dollars for the Army and it was Pete that approved the use of the SAEP as a redistribution point for the 9–11 recovery supplies. He carefully budgeted every penny of the scarce budget he managed to ensure that the property remained properly maintained. It was also Pete who showed his support for the community by opening the facilities for a variety of activities including K–9 training and the Viki Soto SK, an annual run in memory of the young Stratford teacher whose life was cut tragically short at the school shooting in Newtown.

Pete Szymanski was an extraordinary man whose commitment and dedication to his job and his community earned him the respect and admiration of friends, colleagues, and community leaders alike. Today, I am honored to rise to pay tribute to his memory and to extend my heartfelt condolences to his wife, Kathryn, and their family. Pete's passing will leave a hole in the hearts of all those who knew him and a void in the community that will never quite be filled.

HONORING LIEUTENANT THOMAS
EVERT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize today that former Congressman Petri's father, LT Thomas Evert, the pilot, and the crew of U.S. Navy Plane No. 63917 will be posthumously awarded medals for their heroic actions in the sinking of a German U-boat off the coast of the Bahamas in World War II. On August 7, 1943, U.S. Navy plane No. 63917, a U.S. Navy PB4Y Liberator Bomber of Bombing Squadron 105 (VB–105) piloted by Lt. Thomas Evert, USNR, successfully located German U-boat 84 and, after a four-and-a-half-hour engagement at close quarters in the face of hostile enemy fire, sank the submarine.

Prior to this action, German U-boat 84, a type VIII B Boat, was deployed off the coast of the Bahamas and the east coast of Florida. Hundreds of Allied naval vessels as well as, over 3,000 Allied merchant vessels were destroyed resulting in the deaths of over 70,000 aviators and seamen during the Battle of the Atlantic. As with all U-boats, the presence of U-boat 84 posed a serious threat to Allied war efforts in the western hemisphere.

Following their heroic efforts, Lt. Evert and his crew, as well as plane No. 63917 were reassigned to the United Kingdom. On October 22, 1943, Lt. Evert and his crew, along with the Bomber, went down after an aerial engagement with a German Blohm & Voss BV 222 Viking off the Atlantic coast of Europe.

Though long-delayed, the pilot and crew of U.S. Navy plane No. 63917 will receive the following posthumous awards:

LT Thomas Rudolph Evert, pilot: The Distinguished Flying Cross

LT David William Emmet, co-pilot: The Air Medal

ENS James O'Hara, second pilot: The Air Medal

ENS Edward J. Ellis, navigator, bombardier: The Air Medal

AMM1 Kendall L. Dungey, crown turret gunner: The Air Medal

AMM2 Karl J. Bertram, port waist gunner: The Air Medal

ARM2 John F. Wagner, radio operator: The Air Medal

ARM3 James T. Goble, radio operator: The Air Medal

AOM3 Raymond O. Haines, bow lookout, bow gunner: The Air Medal

AMMC3 Edwin Emery Winship, tail turret gunner: The Air Medal

In April 2018, I joined former Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Shuster, current Chairman DEFAZIO, Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER, Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI, and former Congressman Frank LoBiondo in urging the Navy to approve these awards. These awards are well deserved, and I am pleased to congratulate former Congressman Petri and the families of all the crew members of the PB4Y Liberator Bomber on receiving them.

CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF
GUPTA MEDIA GROUP AND MR.
GUPTA'S COMMITMENT TO THE
WESTERN NEW YORK COMMUNITY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge the success of Gupta Media and Mr. Gogi Gupta's commitment to the Western New York Community on Thursday, November 21, 2019.

Gupta Media is a digital marketing agency that specializes in media buying, creative design, and technology solutions. Since their founding in 2005 by Gogi Gupta they have consistently been on the forefront of maximizing advertising effectiveness for clients in multiple industries. Currently, Gupta Media represents a number of music artists signed to both large and small record labels, including artists who have performed and been nominated during the Grammy awards show in past years. This October Gupta Media was included as a case study within the Harvard Business Review, where it was recognized as having a successful business model which optimizes its clients marketing dollars with a high degree of performance.

During his youth Mr. Gupta spent some of his time in Pittsburgh before finishing high school in Hamburg, NY, a suburb of Buffalo, NY. He attended Frontier High School before being accepted to Cornell University, where he graduated in 2000 with a degree in public policy. He founded Gupta Media in 2005 after deciding to take his marketing career into his own hands. The company's first major success came when they helped the music duo Aly & AJ reach the top of MTV's "Total Request Live" charts. Since then, Gupta Media

has only grown in stature and now proudly employs more than 50 people.

Following this success Mr. Gupta did not stop, going on to create the automated and publicly available product smartURL in 2011. Built to redirect online users to specific internet destinations based on the country they are accessing the site from, smartURL has been used by professional athletes, multinational corporations, and celebrities, and is another example of the intelligent innovation Mr. Gupta has fostered.

While Mr. Gupta currently lives in Boston, MA, where he manages Gupta Media, he has remained connected to his hometown of Buffalo, NY. He has adopted fandom for the local MLB team, the Boston Red Sox, but is still loyal to his hometown Buffalo Bills and Sabers. Mr. Gogi Gupta is emblematic of the hard work and dedication that the Western New York community thrives on, and I am proud that Mr. Gupta finds his roots in Buffalo.

Madam Speaker, I am certain that Mr. Gupta will continue to be at the forefront of change and foster innovation and creativity. We extend our best wishes to him and Gupta Media as they continue to lead this industry into the future.

CONGRATULATING JENNY'S
SWEETS & MORE ON RECEIPT OF
THE ROOKIE BUSINESS OF THE
YEAR AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate Jenny's Sweets and More in Lehighon on being named the recipient of the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development Corporation's Rookie Business of the Year Award.

The Rookie Business of the Year recognizes a business in operation less than two years that has demonstrated enthusiasm, community spirit and commitment to growing in Carbon County. Jenny's Sweets and More, owned by Jennifer Solt-Cerato, has proven to be an outstanding addition to the Lehighon community. In addition to offering delicious candies, Jenny's Sweets and More always has an eye to the community and places a heavy emphasis on giving back. This business brings joy and light to its customers, both young and old, and represents the values of kindness and altruism that are characteristic of our Pennsylvania communities.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jenny's Sweets and More on this great honor and thank her for her commitment to our community.