

21st Congressional District, I would like to thank him for his dedicated and unwavering commitment to public service. As Trooper Spadaro closes this chapter of his life, I have the utmost confidence that he will continue to admirably serve the community and I wish him the very best in all future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THOMAS E.
TAYLOR, P.E.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas E. Taylor as he retires after 30 years as Executive Director for the Upper Trinity Regional Water District (UTRWD). Over the course of his career, he planned, directed, advanced and ultimately delivered UTRWD as a critical regional water supply system for the majority of the UTRWD member cities and other customers across Denton County.

Mr. Taylor graduated with honors from the University of Arkansas with a degree in civil engineering. After graduation, he joined the City of Dallas as an entry-level engineer and rose through the ranks to become the youngest department head at the city, serving as head of three different departments. As Director of Dallas Water Utilities from 1980 to 1986, he managed retail services for Dallas, plus wholesale water and wastewater services for 25 other cities. He was also responsible for adding two new water supply reservoirs to the system.

Subsequently, Mr. Taylor helmed the Steering Committee to create a Master Plan for the future regional water supply needs of communities in the Denton County area. The plan included securing legislative approval for a new county-wide wholesale utility special district. Supported by many entities, the Upper Trinity Regional Water District was approved by the Texas Legislature June 16, 1989.

Over the past 30 years as Executive Director, Taylor has effectively led the development and growth of UTRWD in meeting the needs of more than 25 participating communities. He recruited and developed a top-notch staff to accomplish UTRWD's mission to acquire raw water supplies, implement strategies for treatment, delivery, reclamation and reuse of water resources. Under his leadership, the organization navigated the necessary permitting challenges to initiate permitting and construction of Lake Ralph Hall reservoir that will provide one of the first new water supply lakes necessary to continue support for the fast-growing communities composing the North Texas region.

Taylor has been honored as one of the "Top Ten Public Works Leaders in North America" by the American Works Association. Also, for his concerted efforts and expertise to improve the profession of utilities, he was recognized by the American Water Works Association with the William T. "Doc" Ballard Award.

Much of the economic growth and quality of life enjoyed by the communities in Denton County and North Texas would have been impossible without Tom Taylor's ambition, vision and work ethic. It is my honor to recognize Mr. Thomas E. Taylor's commitment as a public

servant and the legacy he leaves in the form of UTRWD's important role in Texas' incredible economic growth and prosperity.

HONORING BARNEGAT VFW POST
10092

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Barnegat, New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10092, which recently received a National Outstanding Community Service Award for their efforts supporting the veterans' community in Ocean County.

Over the last several years, the Barnegat VFW Post 10092 has dedicated itself to being an active leader in supporting the veterans, families and students of Barnegat, and Ocean County community as a whole. Post 10092 offers two scholarships for Barnegat High School students, and coordinates two essay contests, the Patriots Pen and the Voice of Democracy, directed towards high school students from the area. In 2017, the Post began to offer a police, fire and EMS recognition awards program for Barnegat, a Junior ROTC recognition awards program for the local high school, as well as a Christmas in Camouflage program with the elementary schools. These programs have succeeded in honoring those who serve and have engaged the community with the important work the VFW does every day.

Recently, the Barnegat VFW Post found that their neighbors lacked a VFW chapter and so could not engage in the same VFW programs that Barnegat residents had. Just this past year, Post 10092 expanded their programs to include Stafford Township schools and Southern Regional High School. Through this expansion, the Barnegat Post has lived up to the VFW's legacy of service to communities across our nation.

I'd like to thank the Barnegat VFW Post 10092 for their years of service to the veterans and their families, and to our schools in Ocean County. I am proud to fight in Congress for the needs of our veterans and servicemembers, and am proud to work alongside distinguished colleagues like the men and women of the VFW Post in Barnegat.

HONORING SPECIAL AGENT TONY
ANGELI ON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT
ADMINISTRATION

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Special Agent Anthony "Tony" E. Angeli on his retirement from the Drug Enforcement Administration.

This past year, Tony served on my Judiciary Committee staff as a detailee from the DEA. In total, Tony has served as a detailee for nine years in this body and in the U.S. Senate.

Both my staff and I have found Tony to be a diligent and knowledgeable asset to the

Committee. In his capacity as a detailee, Tony has played an integral role in shaping public policy concerning illegal narcotics. This includes his important role in combatting the opioid crisis currently gripping our nation.

A former prosecutor, Tony previously prosecuted child abuse cases and juvenile crimes, and argued multiple appellate cases. He shifted from his career as a prosecutor by entering the DEA, eventually serving in multiple capacities in the Miami Field Division and at DEA Headquarters. In Miami, he investigated complex international drug conspiracy cases and followed up his experience as a line agent by entering management as a supervisory special agent overseeing large-scale drug investigations. Tony then moved into intelligence work, where he worked with U.S. and foreign intelligence agencies to further DEA's mission. He also became an experienced trainer by teaching law enforcement courses to the U.S. State Department at the International Law Enforcement Academies.

Tony's experience on Capitol Hill is something that sets him apart from nearly all federal law enforcement agents. He contributed to the development of our nation's drug policy by serving on both the House and Senate Judiciary Committees, a rare professional combination for anyone. His law enforcement expertise made him a go-to expert for other staff and members of Congress. The country has been well-served by having a public servant like Tony offering his knowledge and skills for an such extended and valuable time in Congress.

I thank Tony for his service to our country, and I wish him all the best as he transitions into a new, well-deserved, and exciting phase of his life.

IN HONOR OF THE CITY OF
DARIEN, ILLINOIS' 50TH BIRTHDAY

HON. SEAN CASTEN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. CASTEN of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th birthday of the city of Darien, Illinois.

On December 13th, 1969 the communities of Marion Hills, Brookhaven, Farmingdale and Hinsbrook united to incorporate as the city Darien. Today, Darien is known as "A Nice Place to Live," which perfectly describes this city.

The area was initially inhabited by the Potawatami and Ottawa Native Americans with the surrounding waterways serving as their trade routes. The farming communities of Cass and Lace were established along a stagecoach line in the early 1800s. An inn, tavern and post office served 15 stagecoaches that transited the area. Today, Darien continues to serve as a transportation center with easy access to the commuter train line, as well as Interstates 55, 355 and 294.

The six square mile town is home to approximately 6500 families. Darien is a vibrant, growing community dedicated to its citizens. The Indian Prairie Public Library has grown from a volunteer-operated bookmobile to a state-of-the-art facility that is a center for learning and community activities. The Park District Sportsplex includes three National Hockey League sized ice rinks as well as an

indoor soccer field, enabling children and adults from surrounding areas to hone their athletic skills. Civic pride and a commitment to others is demonstrated by organizations such as the Darien Woman's Club, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Good Work Sunny Patch Project, VFW, and the Darien Lions Club, which is one of the largest in the state. These groups serve others through food pantries, holiday giving, clothing drives, art and writing events, and scholarships.

It is an honor and privilege to congratulate Darien on its 50 years of growth and accomplishments. I congratulate Mayor Joseph Marchese, the City of Darien's Birthday Committee, and each of its citizens on this wonderful milestone.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, on December 10th, I missed roll call vote 660. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE.

HONORING THE WILLINGBORO HIGH SCHOOL CHIMERAS FOR WINNING THE NJSIAA REGIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Willingboro High School Chimeras football team, who last week won the NJSIAA Group 1 South Regional Championship.

Led by head coach Steve Everette and a strong roster from starters to reserves, the Chimeras showed outstanding teamwork and perseverance all season. From a dominant offensive line to their lockdown defense, the team's balance and focus helped them bring home the Group 1 South Regional title.

In the final, Willingboro's strong defense, rushing attack and ability to stretch the field helped propel them to a 50-14 victory over Penns Grove. The Chimeras played through pressure in the final to finish the season on a 12-game winning streak, ending the year 12-1.

I'm proud to be able to celebrate the success of some of the talented student-athletes from my district in New Jersey. I want to congratulate Coach Everette and the Willingboro team on their tremendous season, and for bringing the title back to Burlington County.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, on December 11, 2019, I was unable to be present to cast

my vote on the Motion to Table the Motion to Reconsider H.R. 729, because I was unaware that an additional vote had been called. Had I been present for roll call No. 671, I would have voted "AYE."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GUADALUPE CENTERS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the victory of the Guadalupe Centers Charter High School Boys soccer team. This victory establishes the team as Missouri's Class 2 Champions—the first championship title in school and program history. The achievement of such a title undoubtedly required strong leadership matched with unparalleled levels of passion and dedication. I am proud to represent the exemplary work of athletes like these in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District.

Not only did they finish this season with a winning 22-2 record, the team—comprised of first or second-generation Americans—demonstrates a uniquely American story of hard work, diversity, sacrifice, and perseverance. Embracing both their differences and their similarities, this united identity gave the team a unique sense of purpose and comradery that eventually led them down the path to victory. For many, the struggles along the path to this achievement were symbolic of the sacrifices many of their parents and loved ones made for them to have this opportunity.

Under the direction of head coach, Ricky Olivares, the Guadalupe Center Aztecs made their first tournament appearance in school history. They eventually reached the state final by beating Southern Boone High School 2-0 with sophomore Luckyboy Tarley scoring both goals in the shutout. On November 23, 2019, Guadalupe Centers High School went head-to-head with St. Louis Priory School. In a tense game, senior leader David Portillo scored three of the four goals, Tarley scoring the other. With the support of freshman goalkeeper Henry Godinez and the rest of the team, the Aztecs pulled off a 4-3 win over the four-time state champions, Priory.

It is my pleasure to congratulate each of the vitally important team members that helped Guadalupe Centers Charter High School claim this title, and I encourage each player to continue challenging themselves to pursue all that they do with the same passion and tenacity displayed in this historic season.

Madam Speaker, please join with Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in celebrating the victories of the Guadalupe Centers Aztecs, and I encourage my fellow citizens and constituents to unite together under the same spirit of perseverance, collaboration, and hard work that led this remarkable team to their monumental victory.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote No. 675 on Motion to table the motion to reconsider H.R. 5038. If present, I would have voted "nay."

MR. HENRY COLE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. LEWIS. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, December 19, 2019, Mr. Henry Cole of Washington, D.C. will celebrate his centennial birthday.

Mr. Cole and his nine siblings were born and raised right here in the nation's capital, where he developed a love for his family, his hometown, and his nation. During World War II, Mr. Cole honorably served in the United States Navy and was stationed at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu, Hawaii.

After the war, he returned home to Washington, D.C., where he continued his pursuit of the American Dream. Mr. Cole worked as a machinist at the Washington Navy Yard, opened a family-owned restaurant with his sister, and eventually retired from the United States Postal Service in 1980 after a long, distinguished career in public service.

I believe one of the most moving and inspirational aspects of Mr. Cole's legacy and life is the love affair he shared with Gloria, his beloved wife of 68 years. Together, they raised seven children—Theodore, Shelia, Sylvia, Linda, Rex, Alice and Don. Those seeds planted with love continue to flourish in their 25 grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, there is an African proverb that says, "What you help a child to love can be more important than what you help him to learn." Mr. Cole adored his family, his country, and his community; however, he never restricted his devotion and wisdom to his immediate family and maintained an open door and served as a father figure and role model to countless others.

As we strive towards realizing the dream of a nation at peace with itself and her neighbors, Mr. Cole witnessed and was an agent of change. On the behalf of a grateful nation, I thank this beloved patriarch for embodying courage, character, compassion for the last century.

For these reasons, Madam Speaker, I am proud to join the family and all who know and love Mr. Henry Cole in honoring him on the occasion of his 100th birthday.