

included countless adventures and friends, but they will tell you that their faith and their family has been their greatest blessing. Back on November 24, 2019, their children hosted a 50th Wedding Anniversary reception from 2:00 to 4:00 at Columbus Church of Christ in Columbus, Mississippi.

As the Cole's representative to Congress, I send them my best wishes and my prayers that they will have many more happy years together.

IN RECOGNITION OF CATHY
COOMER

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. MEADOWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Cathy Coomer, who will retire on December 31, 2019 after thirty years of dedicated service with the Buncombe County Government.

Ms. Coomer's dedication to serving North Carolina began on January 12, 1990. As Safety Officer, Ms. Coomer is responsible for the safety and well-being of a workforce of 1,500 employees. She has been an integral part of the Buncombe County Emergency Services Operation and earned her certificate as a North Carolina Executive Level Emergency Manager.

Throughout her career, Ms. Coomer has held leadership positions on numerous state and local committees. She served as President for the Western North Carolina Safety and Health School and the Western North Carolina Safety Council. She served as President for the North Carolina Association of Local Government Employee Safety Officials. She was also on the Conference Program Committee with the North Carolina Emergency Management Association.

Ms. Coomer's leadership and dedication to the people in North Carolina was on clear display during her efforts in response to numerous emergency and disaster situations, including the Blizzard of 1993, Hurricane Frances, Hurricane Ivan, Hurricane Irene, and several other various non-declared events.

It is my great pleasure to celebrate Ms. Cathy Coomer before the United States House of Representatives and thank her for diligent

service to her community, the great State of North Carolina, and this country.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL
OF THE SEBASTIAN INLET DISTRICT

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, this year marks the centennial anniversary of the Sebastian Inlet District, which not only serves as a premier recreational destination for families to enjoy but plays an important role in our local economy.

Created in May of 1919 by a special act of the Florida State Legislature, the Sebastian Inlet District was originally chartered to maintain the navigational channel between the Atlantic Ocean and our Indian River Lagoon. In the mid 1800's, the first settlers in the town which would become Sebastian, saw the opportunity to create an opening on the barrier island.

By 1905 there had been six attempts to make the official "cut" but it wasn't until Roy O. Couch, now a very prominent name in the district, formed the Sebastian Inlet Association and persevered to get the necessary permits. His efforts came to fruition in 1919 when the official charter was granted and in 1924, when the Sebastian Inlet was officially opened for business.

Today, the Sebastian Inlet continues to attract visitors and locals alike, having become a popular spot for fishing, boating and surfing, all within the scenic backdrop of Florida's scenic East Coast. Water sports enthusiasts and naturalists have enjoyed Sebastian State Inlet Park, now one of the most visited parks in Florida, for its wildlife and natural beauty.

Since its establishment, the Sebastian Inlet has played an important role in promoting economic prosperity for the area, having an annual economic impact of 200 million dollars for the region. The inlet is also responsible for protecting our natural treasures such as our Indian River Lagoon, home to some of the most biodiverse marine life in the country. Some of the vital work the inlet does in partnership with Florida's Department of Environmental Protection includes bypassing sand to

downdrift beaches, erosion control and ensuring public safety.

In celebration of the inlet's centennial, the Sebastian Inlet District has begun to hold a series of educational lectures by marine biologists and environmental scientists. This will give local residents the chance to learn about what their community is doing to preserve our waterways, particularly the inlet and the Indian River Lagoon.

The role that the Sebastian Inlet District employees and volunteers play in preserving this park is vital to our community, and I salute them for their hard work and contributions.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the centennial of the Sebastian Inlet District.

HONORING THE SHAWNEE HIGH
SCHOOL RENEGADES FOR WIN-
NING THE SOUTH-CENTRAL JER-
SEY GROUP 4 REGIONAL CHAM-
PIONSHIP

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 Shawnee High School Renegades football team, who last week won the South-Central Jersey Group 4 Regional Championship.

Led by head coach Tim Gushue and a strong roster from starters to reserves, the Renegades showed outstanding teamwork and perseverance all season. From a stellar offensive line to their lockdown defense, the team's balance and focus helped them bring home the South Central Group 4 Regional title.

In the final, Shawnee's strong passing game and dominant defense helped stand up the opposing rushing attack and propel them to a shutout 34-0 victory over Hammonton. The Renegades played through pressure in the final to finish the season as South Jersey champs, ending the year at 10-3.

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 Gushue and the Shawnee team on their tremendous season, and for bringing the title back to Burlington County.