

on May 5, 1941. After basic training, he was sent to Pearl Harbor, where he was on the morning of Sunday, December 7, 1941. Mr. Paredes was heading to mass when the attack began and ran to the first anti-aircraft gun he could find and manned it until the attack was over, managing to shoot down at least one plane.

Mr. Paredes was then sent to Australia where he volunteered to be the nose gunner on a B25 that was shot down at sea near Port Moresby. Once rescued, he was sent to Cairns, Australia and later to Owens Stanley Range, New Guinea, where he participated in the Kokoda Track Campaign and Battle of Buna-Gona with the 7th Division, 32 Infantry. Later, Mr. Paredes joined the 2nd Engineer Special Brigade from September to October 1943, where he was wounded transporting troops to and from Scarlett Beach.

After being attached to the Navy and stationed near Vella Lavella Island in 1943, Mr. Paredes participated in the Battle of Tarawa, and given a cyanide pill to be taken if captured. He was later sent to his final combat station in the Philippines and discharged in September 1945.

In 1959, Mr. Paredes married his wife Artemisa and had four kids, eventually settling down in Atwater in the 1970s, working for many years as a bricklayer. Though his wife passed away in 2007, Mr. Paredes remains proud of the family he started with her and now has many grandchildren, great, and great-great grandchildren.

Since retiring from the bricklayers' union in the 1980s, Mr. Paredes has remained civically engaged. He is a member of Merced Elks Lodge No. 1240 and a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, where he still serves as the bugler in the honor guard.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the exceptional life of Frank Paredes on his 100th birthday. I wish him and his family the best as they celebrate 100 years of a gentleman that has made a difference and truly exemplifies the values of duty, honor, and country.

HONORING THE PASSAGE OF THE
19TH AMENDMENT AND THE LEG-
ACY OF SUSAN B. ANTHONY ON
HER 200TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Ms. STEFANK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the passage of the 19th Amendment and the legacy of Susan B. Anthony on her 200th birthday.

Susan B. Anthony was born on February 15, 1820 in Adams, Massachusetts. At the age of six, she moved with her family to Battenville, New York in Washington County. Her family were devout Quakers committed to social equality and the anti-slavery movement. She educated herself on reform issues, reading the early work of her future partner, Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

Their partnership began shortly after they first met in person in 1851. In 1852 they founded the New York Women's State Temperance Society. Throughout the rest of her life, Susan B. Anthony worked tirelessly for the

equality of woman and African Americans. During her lifetime, women achieved suffrage in Wyoming, Utah, Colorado and Idaho. Legal rights and employment opportunities had been greatly expanded in most states. In addition, colleges and universities began allowing women to enroll and by the time of her death, more than 36,000 women were attending schools throughout the U.S.

Susan B. Anthony passed away in 1906 in her home in Rochester, saying of national suffrage that "Failure is impossible." The 19th Amendment was ratified just 14 years later, in 1920. I was proud to honor her work by leading the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commemorative Coin Act through its passage in the House of Representatives. This bill was signed into law by President Trump on November 25, 2019.

The work of Susan B. Anthony was crucial to the eventual passage of the 19th Amendment and her legacy is as strong as ever. As commemorations go on across the country, I am proud to honor her 200th birthday on behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District.

LAKELAND HIGH SCHOOL
CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROSS SPANO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lakeland High School cheerleading team on their championship performance at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

These students won the Extra Large Non-Tumbling Division title at the FHSAA 2A state meet despite losing one of their key members to injury just prior to the finals.

Just as spectacular, the Dreadnaughts repeated as state champions having won in the Large Non-Tumbling Division last year.

Lakeland High School was led to victory by head coach Crystal Abdon who praised her team's grit and perseverance.

Competitive cheerleading has grown as a sport and Lakeland High continues to prove themselves as not only one of the best in our state, but also one of the top programs in the nation and world.

Again, congratulations to the Lakeland High School cheerleading team and staff for this victory. Their commitment to one another and joy for their sport is admirable, and I, along with all of Lake County, are so proud of them all.

RECOGNIZING DOROTHY STEIN

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a dear friend and mentor, Dorothy Stein, who will celebrate her 102nd birthday this year.

Dorothy was born in 1918 in Owosso, Michigan to Justena (Byrnes) and Matthew Shea. While she was still young, the family moved to Flint, Michigan, and Dorothy stayed there until

she was married. She was eventually hired by the Flint Journal covering 'society news' and cherished the time she spent reporting there.

She met her husband, Donald (Don) J. Stein, through friends. They married during the war but before he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. The war ended just as he completed his training.

The couple moved to Detroit and had four children, then eleven grandchildren, then twenty great grandchildren. She was involved with several charities, including Christ Child Society. She and Don were also very involved in the Academy of the Sacred Heart where their three daughters attended school. They joined Otsego Ski Club and enjoyed spending time there for many years.

Dorothy played bridge several days a week and became extremely skilled. She has been a member of the Village Club for decades which was the site of much of her bridge playing. She still plays occasionally to this day. She drove until she was 98 years old, and she continues to bless all with her warm heart and beautiful wardrobe. Our community is a better place because of Dorothy Stein.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JOHN
T. MURPHY

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John "Jack" T. Murphy of Youngstown, Ohio, who passed away peacefully on February 20, 2020.

John was born on December 17, 1931 in Youngstown as the son of Irish immigrants, Bridget Durkin Murphy and Michael Murphy. He married Joanne Mondora on September 13, 1958, who passed away on May 18, 2012. Together, John and Joanne raised seven children and taught them all, by their own example, how to cherish their family, their heritage, their faith and their hometown.

John graduated from South High School in Youngstown in 1950. Upon his graduation from high school, he joined the U.S. Air Force and proudly served his country in the Korean War. After his military service, John performed in plays at the Youngstown Playhouse and then headed "out west" to pursue an acting career. He was cast in numerous roles in many performances in North Dakota, but he ultimately chose to return to his family and his beloved Youngstown.

Upon his return, John earned his bachelor's degree from Youngstown State University, and subsequently earned his master's degree from the University of Akron. John spent his professional career working for the Youngstown City Schools as an Art teacher, Principal and as a Truant Officer, retiring in 1993. Also, during his professional life, he was a Mill Creek Park policeman and proudly served as the 7th Ward Councilman in the City of Youngstown from 1976 to 1981. He also served as a board member on the Mahoning County Children Services Board.

As a proud veteran, John was a member of the American Legion for over fifty years. John had immense pride in both his Irish and Catholic heritage. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Dominic's Catholic Church and regularly attended mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church.