

HONORING THE LIFE OF JON MYERS

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jon Myers for his dedicated service to Whitley County, Indiana. Hoosiers in my hometown of Columbia City and throughout Whitley County owe a great debt of gratitude to Jon for ushering our region into a more prosperous future, and we wish him the very best as he retires from his post as president of Whitley County Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

Under Jon's leadership, the Whitley County EDC has flourished. As of 2019, Whitley County has higher homeownership, a higher workforce participation rate, more people with health insurance, and fewer residents in poverty than compared to the national average. The opportunity and prosperity Whitley County enjoy today is due in no small part to Jon's leadership.

Jon's career is distinguished, defined by his active role in the broader northeast Indiana community. Prior to serving on Mitch Daniels' campaign for governor in 2004, Myers helped establish the law firm of Myers and Hockemeyer and held a senior role with Lincoln Life. In 2005, Jon became manager of the Indiana EDC office in Fort Wayne, where, in the years thereafter, determined to address problems facing Whitley County.

He has worked tirelessly to ensure those living in the region have good jobs, can support their families and have the best quality of life. Although he will no longer lead the Whitley County EDC, his legacy will endure, and his commitment to the community and state will serve as a proud example for others in the years to come.

ARAYA HANSELIN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Araya Hanselin for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Araya Hanselin is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Araya Hanselin is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Araya Hanselin for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MULLIN. Madam Speaker, I was not present March 5, 2020 on account of family reasons.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 87; YEA on Roll Call No. 88; YEA on Roll Call No. 89; and NAY on Roll Call No. 90.

HONORING COBYS FAMILY SERVICES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank COBYS Family Services for their 40th Anniversary in service to our community.

Originally founded as Church of the Brethren Youth Services (COBYS) by the Atlantic Northeast District of the Church of the Brethren in 1980 as a teen foster care program, their organization has grown to offer a number of services including: foster care, adoption, counseling and family life education services to children, adults and families throughout the region.

Last year alone, COBYS assisted 300 families with adoption services, provided 6,000 hours of therapy to clients, and educated over 1,500 children, youth and adults in their Family Life workshops and programs. These programs fulfill their mission, which is: Motivated by Christian faith, COBYS Family Services educates, supports, and empowers children and adults to reach their full potential.

The staff of COBYS Family Services have made and continue to make an incredible positive impact on the communities which I represent. I thank and congratulate them on their 40th Anniversary and look forward to seeing their great work continue in the next 40 years and beyond.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF ROBERT JOSEPH RENIE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 90th birthday of Robert Joseph Renie.

Mr. Renie was born on April 9, 1930 in Centration, Missouri to Joseph Patrick and Norene Renie. He had one sister, Lura Ann.

Mr. Renie attended the University of Missouri and served in the United States Air Force in the early 1950s.

On June 9, 1956, he married Joan Hall and was blessed with two children: Tamara and Robin. He also has two grandchildren.

Mr. Renie worked in the insurance business from the late 1950s to 1980 in the Detroit area.

In 2012, Joan passed away. On November 23, 2013, He married Barbara Armstrong Golden and inherited two children: Tonya and Kimberly and five grandchildren.

Mr. Renie is an avid golfer. In 1999, he moved to Opelika, Alabama and is active in Trinity United Methodist Church. He also became active with the Kiwanis Club of Auburn, Alabama joining in 2002. He served as President 2005 to 2006 and Lt. Gov from 2008 to 2009. Mr. Renie was awarded a Hixon from Kiwanis Club in 2013.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Renie, his contributions and dedication to the Kiwanis Club and wishing him a very happy 90th birthday.

ANEISHA MORRIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 9, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Aneisha Morris for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Aneisha Morris is a student at Standley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Aneisha Morris is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Aneisha Morris for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING DIRECTOR CELIA GOULD

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend and now an Eastern Idaho Agriculture Hall of Fame inductee, Director Celia Gould.

Director Celia Gould was born into farming and ranching and has dedicated her life to this important industry. As a the third-generation owner/operator of G+ Ranches, she raises Black Angus, Angus-Wagyu, wheat, corn, and hay. In addition to her farming and ranching operations, she has volunteered herself as an advocate and friend to the famer.

For nearly three decades Gould has been in public service, serving her community in several influential roles.

Gould served 16 years in the Idaho House of Representatives before being appointed in 2007 to her current position as the first female to fill the role of Idaho State Department of Agriculture Director. Gould's contribution the Idaho's Agriculture Industry are immeasurable and appreciated by all of us who are fortunate to associate with her.