

more culturally and linguistically appropriate care, and eliminate Medicaid funding limitations for the U.S. territories, among other priorities for the communities we represent.

For the past 17 years, the Congressional Tri-Caucus—comprised of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC)—has led to the introduction of the Health Equity and Accountability Act (HEAA).

Since its initial introduction, HEAA has resulted in key legislative proposals that have been passed into law—such as the Affordable Health Care Act (ACA), the creation of the Office of Minority Health, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act.

I urge this body to swiftly pass this legislation.

HONORING NEAL SMITH AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Neal Edward Smith of Des Moines, Iowa—in recognition of his 100th birthday—as our Iowan of the Week.

Neal served our state as 'the gentleman from Iowa' in the United States House of Representatives from 1959 to 1995—the longest that any Iowan has ever served in the House. As the current representative of Iowa's 3rd Congressional District, which spans much of the same area Mr. Smith represented here in Washington, I was glad to have the example he set to look to when taking office last year.

As a fifth-generation Iowan, I've grown up with Mr. Smith's legacy across our state. Whether it's families using the Neal Smith Trail, employees working in the Neal Smith Federal Building, folks visiting the Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge, or even students studying to be a part of next generation of leaders at the Neal Smith Law Center at Drake University—all of us feel the presence of this Iowa legend and newly minted centenarian.

Mr. Smith honored our country by serving in the United States Army Air Forces during World War II as a bomber pilot. After his plane was shot down, Mr. Smith received a Purple Heart, Air Medal, four oak leaf clusters and nine battle stars for his bravery and heroism.

After exiting military service, Neal graduated both college and law school before entering public service, serving as the assistant county attorney for Polk County. In 1958, he was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, and he was reelected 17 more times after that.

It is an honor to commemorate Neal's commitment to public service for his 100th birthday, and applaud this 'gentleman from Iowa' for his hundred years of hard work and dedication to making Iowa better for everyone. Happy birthday, Neal.

REMEMBERING CHARLES "CHUCK" ALAN STRANGE

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Charles "Chuck" Alan Strange from Surprise, Arizona.

He was loved by many including his wife, Rosie, his three children, Alan, Chris and Laura, his two sisters, Barbara and Carolyn, and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Chuck served honorably in the Army for 21 years, including as an Army Ranger for 3½ years in combat in Vietnam.

During his service, he was awarded: 7 O/S Bars—(7) six month deployments overseas; Bronze Star Medal with 12t-3rd Oak Leaf Cluster; Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Honor Medal; Republic of Vietnam Service Medal with one Silver Star and three Bronze Stars—5 Campaigns; Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; Air Medal 1st and 2nd Awards; Meritorious Service Medal; Good Conduct Medal 1st–7th Award; National Defense Service Medal; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon with Device 1960; Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm and Bronze Star; Combat Infantry Badge; Vietnam Ranger Badge; and Expert Rifle Badge with M–14 Bar.

He was a member of the Peoria Chamber for more than 15 years and served on the Board of Directors as well and many other positions.

Chuck also served on the Peoria & Surprise Regional Chambers and was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award in Surprise.

He was active in many charities and volunteer positions including Luke Air Force Base, Military Affairs and the Rio Vista Veterans Memorial Wall.

On this day, we as a community honor him and ask those who knew him to pray for his family during this time of mourning.

HONORING STEVEN M. DUBINETT, M.D. 2019 WILLIAM S. MIDDLETON AWARD WINNER

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Mr. LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Steven M. Dubinett—a pulmonologist, professor, and researcher at the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System—in recognition of his life-saving contributions to the field of oncology and lung cancer research.

The William S. Middleton award is the VA Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development Service's (BLR&D) highest honor. Named for the VA's chief medical director between 1955 and 1963, it is reserved for individuals who have made exceptional contributions to biomedical and bio-behavioral research that is relevant to the lives of veterans.

As many people know, the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (VAGLAHS) is a

beacon in the community and indeed the country for high caliber researchers who dedicate their careers to improving the quality of life of those who have served. Dr. Dubinett is an exemplary representative for both VAGLAHS and his profession.

In addition to his admirable dedication to service, his work proves the valuable connection between basic research and real-world treatment applications. His research has directly led to a new treatment regimen and immunotherapy trials for lung cancer patients.

As a veteran, I have worked hard to ensure that our nation's service members are given the chance they deserve to succeed. I am always deeply moved by the work our partners do at the VA, in the non-profit sector, and at the state and local level to improve outcomes for our nation's veterans. That work—and all the headway we have made—is threatened by every new case of cancer, our progress undermined each time we fail to beat what has claimed the lives of too many veterans at home. Simply put, Dr. Dubinett is one of our most valuable allies in that fight.

From his work on in situ vaccination strategies and his research for the National Lung Screening Trial, to his membership on philanthropic boards and his mentorship of the next generation of scientists, the American people owe Dr. Dubinett a debt of gratitude. I am honored to count him among my constituents.

HONORING IOWA'S HEALTH CARE WORKERS AS IOWANS OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, each week, I honor an Iowan who has done something outstanding that deserves to be recognized. I started my 'Iowan Of The Week' because I want to honor our unsung heroes, our everyday Iowans who leave a positive impact on their community not for reward, but because that is who they are. I've found parents, teachers, and farmers to celebrate each week.

This week, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Iowans a little differently. I ask you to join me in honoring all our health care workers. Our doctors, our nurses, our PAs, our RNs, our medical residents, our hospital administration staff and so many more have gone into work each day, working tirelessly as this outbreak of COVID-19 has spread across this country. They are working extra shifts and additional hours, leaving their families at home. They know they must work to contain this outbreak while taking extra precautions to keep themselves and their families safe.

As schools, small businesses, restaurants, and more close down to minimize the spread, our health care workers know that they will never be shut down. They are our first and last lines of defense against this outbreak, and I know they will see us through it. I've spoken with many in the health care field this week, and I've heard how they are being asked to cover longer shifts, to conserve medical supplies, and to care for and comfort patients. At a time when many Americans are working from home and engaging in social distancing,

our health care workers are doing even more with less.

We must remember that no one is born a superhero. Our health care workers are ordinary people called upon to do extraordinary things. The work they are doing reminds me of President Roosevelt's quote, which goes "Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the assessment that something else is more important than fear." Our health care workforce is putting the health and wellbeing of their communities first.

Madam Speaker, lowans are humble and we rarely brag or boast, so please allow me

to boast on their behalf. Our health care workers across Iowa are among the best in the nation, and they are at work protecting the health of our communities. When I speak with our health care workers, they tell me they are "just doing their job," but that is exactly what makes them special.

I ask the House to join me in honoring Iowa's health care workers as my lowans of the Week. I couldn't be more proud of these men and women for their selfless service during this time.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances related to COVID-19, I was unable to cast my votes on Thursday, April 23. I would like to reflect my intended NAY vote for H. Res. 938, and my intentions of voting YEA in support of H.R. 266.