

founder of Happy Birthday USA. Annually for 25 years, the Statler Brothers would invite country music friends to join them onstage in Staunton's Gypsy Hill Park to celebrate the Fourth of July with family and neighbors. The events drew thousands of people to celebrate America's Independence and picnic while listening to country music artists and the on-stage banter of Harold Reid.

The Statler Brothers, whose members at the time included Harold and Don Reid, Phil Balsley, and Jimmy Fortune, retired from performing in 2002. Members wanted to return home to spend time with family. In retirement, it was not unusual to see Harold along with Brenda and their family at various events around town.

Young men from small-town America who enjoyed singing, the Statler Brothers became world famous, bringing laughter and tears to their fans over the long course of their musical career. Retired, the Statler Brothers continued to encourage young performers and to celebrate America and small-town community life. Wilson Fairchild, the country duo of Wil Reid and Langston Reid, have stepped onto the musical stage and picked up the mantle of celebrating the Fourth of July in Staunton's Gypsy Hill Park by hosting Happy Birthday America.

Harold Reid created a lasting impression on all those who met him, on the fans that he entertained over four decades, on country music as a songwriter, and on the community where he remained rooted. It is with appreciation for a life well-lived that these words about Harold Reid's achievements are submitted for the RECORD. May his family and friends find solace in knowing the esteem with which we uphold the memory of Harold Reid.

RECOGNIZING THE FISCAL IMPACT
OF THE CORONAVIRUS PAN-
DEMIC ON THE TOWN OF
BERKELEY HEIGHTS, NEW JERSEY

HON. TOM MALINOWSKI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the devastating impact the coronavirus pandemic continues to have on the Town of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey and many local governments throughout my district and the country. The corona virus has decimated local revenues and increased costs and only Congress can provide a lifeline to small towns through direct and flexible funding.

With a population of just under 13,500, the Township of Berkeley Heights in Union County, New Jersey has been hard hit by the Covid-19 pandemic. We have witnessed 129 cases to date with 21 deaths and residents testing positive every day, adding to our overall caseload.

Our local budget is set to be introduced before the state's extended deadline of April 28th while our second tax collection period begins May 1st. The timeframe does not allow our governing body to make an informed decision of tax collection versus expenditures. As a result, we significantly cut our spending to provide a zero dollar increase to our residents since the outbreak of the pandemic. Layoffs of

part-time employees and cutting police radios, police cars, fire department gear and sewer department equipment and has been sacrificed this year amidst the financial crisis that our state, county and township faces as we follow Governor Murphy's Stay-at-Home order.

As we remain at home to spare the lives of our family, friends and neighbors, our local budget faces shortfalls from: the closure of our municipal court and resulting halt in fees it generates; hotel occupancy tax revenue—which generally produces \$250,000 in revenue directly to the municipality not shared with the Board of Education or County; Uniform Fire Prevention inspection decline due to social distancing rules; Little interest being earned on investment as a result of the Federal Reserve lowering interest rates to 0 percent; Anticipated lower-than-usual collection of current year taxes as a result of economic hardships experienced by our residents such as employment or loss of their small businesses; Cancellation of Spring and likely Summer recreation programs, halting fees into our Recreation Trust Fund, which pays for our recreation employees.

Further, we also anticipate an increase in tax appeals from businesses for 2020. The Township already received notice of appeal from its two biggest taxpayers—Connell Office park and Nokia/Bell Labs—and anticipates that many small businesses will follow. Additionally, as a result of our Judgment of Repose, the Township is obligated to move forward with 6 redevelopment projects that have PILOT agreements attached to pay for a \$32,000,000 municipal complex to house our police, senior, library, recreation and administration space. The facilities will be essential for our residents as we move through this pandemic into our new "normal." Delays in redevelopment construction due to supply chain disruptions related to Covid-19 will likely impact future construction fees, which means anticipated revenue to the Township from these projects will not be realized sooner, when it is so desperately needed. Finally, we anticipate the State of New Jersey and County of Union will also face great fiscal challenges and therefore, the Township expects a decrease in grant money available for infrastructure repair such as roads and our sewer infrastructure, which has not been upgraded since constructed.

Additionally, New Jersey municipalities have a legal obligation to pay the Board of Education and the county, even if our portion of taxes cannot be collected. This places a tremendous burden on small towns.

It is crucial that smaller municipalities receive CARES 2 funds to help stabilize our local government and economies. I implore the United States House and Senate to pass legislation that will help small-town America.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER
JAMES, ELLIE RODITIS, AND THE
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL AR-
KANSAS EXERCISE SCIENCE
PROGRAM

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize Christopher James, Ellie

Roditis, and the University of Central Arkansas Exercise Science Program for their efforts in creating personal protective equipment for the healthcare workers of Arkansas.

Arkansas Air Force Reservist and full-time student Christopher James alongside his classmates from UCA have constructed and donated 114 medical face masks to healthcare workers at Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Christopher and his classmates are expected to complete at least 200 more masks which will be donated to patients and their families within the community.

This initiative reflects the ongoing support for our healthcare workers, and the ability our community has to come together during these times of crisis.

I congratulate Christopher James, Ellie Roditis, and the University of Central Arkansas Exercise Science Program for dedicating their time to ensuring our health care workers and the community are protected.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
CHRISTOPHER SCOTT SANDEFER

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Christopher Scott Sandefer, who passed away on April 25th at the age of 57. Scott grew up in Lee County, Mississippi, and was a standout athlete at Shannon High School where he graduated in 1980. He then attended the University of Mississippi where he was a member of the ROTC and graduated with a degree in Public Administration.

Scott answered the call to serve our great nation with the Mississippi National Guard and was a Brigade Leader and Company Commander for the 155th Brigade in Tupelo for many years. Scott's life of service also included over 30 years in law enforcement at many agencies and positions. Scott served as a former Captain of the North Mississippi Narcotics Unit, he served with the Tupelo Police Department, the Pontotoc Police Department, and later retired from the Pontotoc County Sheriffs Department where his talents were appreciated and respected by all.

Scott enjoyed spending time in the outdoors where he was an avid hunter and motorcyclist. He was also an avid college sports fan and especially enjoyed cheering on his alma mater the Ole Miss Rebels.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Cristi Lane Jordan Sandefer, his daughter, Shelby Leigh Sandefer, as well as many other close family members and friends. Scott Sandefer's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

RECOGNIZING THE ASSISTANCE
LEAGUE OF SOUTHERN UTAH

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Assistance League of Southern Utah for its outstanding work in assisting

students in my district. You may ask, why is a Congressman from Arizona recognizing a group from Utah? Well, it just speaks to its generosity and the great impact this organization is having in my district.

This great organization is providing art supplies for 85 sixth-grade students in the communities of Beaver Dam and Colorado City, Arizona. These communities are located in the geographically isolated Arizona Strip, which is north of the Grand Canyon, near the Utah border. For context, to travel to almost any other part of Arizona takes hours because you cannot drive over the Grand Canyon, Madam Speaker.

The intent of this program is to stimulate creativity in these young people and give them activities to keep their minds active once the school day is over. Each student is provided with items such as coloring books, markers, and colored pencils and are given creative license to create whatever they like.

In addition to the art program, the Assistance League also organizes an annual campaign called Operation School Bell. This program provides clothing to disadvantaged students and this year will include a literacy program to greater enrich the minds of these students.

I would sincerely like to thank the Assistance League's President Gail Neumann and Vice President Kay Minor for being willing to serve their neighboring state and their immeasurable impact on the Beaver Dam and Colorado City communities.

RABBI ZOBERMAN'S REFLECTIONS ON PASSOVER

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD, at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman, of Temple Lev Tikvah and is a reflection of his views:

"At the heart of the Passover Seder is the haunting probing of 'Ma Nishtana . . . How different is this night from all other nights?' This historical Rabbinic quest is designed to grasp Passover's meaning throughout the generational chain in the context of changing and always challenging times. It is traditionally sung by the youngest attending child, to mitigate the seriousness of the inquiry surrounding the complex poles of enslavement and freedom in the Jewish consciousness as well as human experience. Surely at this beclouded Passover Festival, the plague of the Coronavirus is casting ominous darkness not only on one people as with the punitive Ten Plagues upon Pharaoh's Egypt for freedom's sake and slavery's denouncement. Pharaoh was forewarned time and again to let Moses' people go. Now we face a global attack by a stealthy adversary exposing the entire interdependent human family to the Angel of Death's whims. All that in the midst of a complacent post-modern high technology society. We are tempted by the hubris of false invincibility, plunging us to a debilitating sense of primeval vulnerability, threatening our accustomed and enviable American way of life and its underlying essential democracy.

Ultimately the Passover celebration is a poignant reminder that enslavement in its

destructive variety—physically, spiritually and psychologically—is bound to be overcome by the light of deliverance, replacing virus with virtue, pain with promise and violence with vision.

At this season's Seder table, those who are fortunate to safely conduct it, should diminish from the cup of joyful salvation in addition to the ten drops for the ten plagues upon ancient Egypt for the sin of Hebrew enslavement, one drop for the current heavy human losses and intense suffering. The inspiring Exodus journey from servitude to an oppressor to service of The Most High, became a model of liberation for the human family, culminating in the Messianic vision of a world transformed.

We have chosen to convert the bitter herbs of our exile into the sweet charoset of homecoming for all. It is the symbolic hovering presence at the Seder table of the prophet Elijah for whom we open the door and set aside a special cup of wine, which provides for the eternal flame of universal shalom's healing, hope and harmony. It is the peace we have kept alive as a flickering light in history's darkness.

Passover's promise by a compassionate heritage is ultimately rooted in its revolutionary view of the infinite worth of each of the Creator's children, recalling that God silenced the heavenly angels when jubilant at the drowning of Pharaoh's troops. Passover's soaring spirit of renewal of a people as well as an individual, also applies to the natural order of springtime's reassuring return with the beauty of the Earth's budding and recovery that we are pledged to forever secure."

CONGRATULATING BRYAN CAVES FOR HIS WIN AT CLASS 1A STATE FINALS FOR WRESTLING AT THE IHSA STATE TOURNAMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bryan Caves, a junior from Riverdale High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Wrestling Tournament in the 220 pound weight class.

Bryan was the aggressor and rode on top for most of the six-minute match. After coming in underweight, he had to rely on his conditioning and training to win the match. In the end, Bryan won the state title by a 4-2 decision. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Bryan displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his efforts and attitude. Bryan is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic, and I am proud to see him represent Port Byron so well throughout the state with his talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Bryan Caves that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Bryan Caves on his Class 1A State Finals title in Wrestling.

IN HONOR OF DR. JOE ALLEN
MANN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bid farewell to my dear friend, Dr. Joe Allen Mann who passed away on February 21st. Joe demonstrated what it meant to be an American, through his actions and his words. He galvanized many Republican fellows in the Commonwealth and reminded them that they had a voice too. He valued both his family and community, and for that I rise to honor his life and achievements.

Joe was born in the tiny, bustling city of Ronceverte, West Virginia in 1941. He later graduated from West Virginia University, and later obtained his doctorate in chemistry from Georgia Tech. As a scientist, Dr. Mann began his career at Dow Badische, working his way from an entry-level employee to a manager in just a few years. Joe then advanced to Corporate Director for Research and Development for Burlington Industries, where he met his wife, Carol Mann. Joe's ambition, however, compelled him to start a business, beginning with The Mann Group, then earned enough capital to start Mann Industries in Williamsburg, VA.

Joe had a knack for resilience and persevered through the ebbs and flows of his life. After years in his industry, Joe decided to get involved in politics where he knew he could do the greatest amount of good. He was a member of the Colonial Republican Men's Association where he championed conservative thought and revitalized the conservative community. Also, he served as a trustee at the Leadership Historic Triangle, where he could directly impact his community. Joe is survived by his wife, Carol, and two daughters, Mary and Susan. I offer my prayers and condolences that his family overcomes their grief and celebrates the great life that Joe lived.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of Joe Mann and applauding his contributions to the Commonwealth and our Nation. His sacrifices, hardships, and devotion to others are worthy of reverence. On behalf of America's First District, we say thank you.

RECOGNIZING TERESA WEST

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 1, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (Central Arkansas VA) nurse Teresa West for recently being awarded the VA Secretary's Award for Excellence in Nursing.

The VA Secretary's Award for Excellence in Nursing program was established in 1984 and is given only once to an individual.

Teresa is the nurse manager for the VISN 16 Clinical Resource Hub, which combines in-person care and telehealth to support underserved medical facilities.

Her work is crucial in allowing rural veterans to get the care they need, when they need it, regardless of location.