

served four years as both a member and section chairman on the Connecticut Bar Association. Among the many accolades he has earned, Dick was honored with both the Connecticut Bar Association's Special President's Award as well as the New Haven Legal Assistance Association's Award for Support and Equal Access to Justice. Dick is endowed with an unwavering duty to pursue what is right and it is that indefectible spirit that has won him the respect and admiration of those fortunate enough to know him both in and out of the courtroom.

A lifelong resident of New Haven, Dick has always shown a deep commitment to the community. It is where he and his wife, Cary, raised their own family and where they continue their good work to make a difference. A proud graduate of Yale University and Yale Law School, Dick is an Eli through and through—never missing a home football game, often simply walking right to Yale Bowl to see the games.

Like so many others, I consider myself fortunate to know Dick Jacobs and I am honored to have this opportunity to celebrate this very special occasion. Today, as he marks his 90th birthday, we pay tribute to the lifetime of dedication Richard L. Jacobs has made to the City of New Haven and our legal system. I wish Dick all the best for many more years of health and happiness. Happy Birthday.

CONGRATULATING RANDY THOMPSON ON SELECTION AS A FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Randy Thompson on being selected as one of only fifteen journalism and communications students in the 2020 Berlin Capital Program. Funded through the Fulbright Commission, this elite educational program highlights the best and brightest of America's students.

Thompson is a senior mass communications major at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, set to graduate in May 2020. He is also a member of the Collegiate 4-H Club, the Peace Corps Prep Program, and the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. Throughout his education at UAPB, Thompson travelled all over South America and Asia, studying Spanish and Chinese.

The 2020 Berlin Capital Program will focus on introducing Thompson and other participants to German politics, society, and cultural affairs in remembrance of the 20th anniversary of German reunification. Thompson will also have the opportunity to explore the role of media in nurturing democracy.

Randy Thompson's accomplishment is to be commended not just in our district, but across our state and nation. Not only does his work serve as an example of academic excellence and perseverance, but it also serves as a source of pride for the citizens of South Arkansas.

HONORING SACRAMENTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY MARK STASYUK

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. BERA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Police Week and to honor a fallen law enforcement officer who served my community, Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Stasyuk.

On September 17, 2018, Deputy Stasyuk and Officer Julie Robertson responded to a call at a local auto parts store. A gun battle ensued at the store and Deputy Stasyuk was killed in the line of duty. Sheriff's Deputy Mark Stasyuk was a four-and-a-half year veteran of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Stasyuk was a beloved son, brother, and newlywed husband to his wife, Amy. He was a member of Sacramento County's vibrant Russian-American community, had a strong faith and a love of the outdoors.

Deputy Stasyuk had planned on creating his wife's dream backyard at their new house. Tragically, he was killed before he could fulfill her dream. To honor his life and service, his fellow deputies at the Sacramento County Deputy Sheriff's Association stepped in—working with local contractors to make sure that the backyard was finished and could be a healing place for Amy and the Stasyuk family.

This week in May marks the annual observance of National Police Week. Deputy Stasyuk's bravery and sacrifice for the Sacramento community and his fellow deputies' support of his family is a testament to the commitment to service that law enforcement officers bring to our communities every day. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring all those have taken the oath to protect and serve, and who have fallen in the line of duty. We are forever grateful for Deputy Stasyuk's sacrifice, and he will not be forgotten.

CAROLINA COVERTECH MAKES A DIFFERENCE

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in the midst of the battle against the Wuhan Virus it is refreshing to read of innovations by small businesses to protect our courageous health professionals.

The Augusta Chronicle first page featured Lisa Stuart of Carolina CoverTech on May 4th with a thoughtful article by Staff Writer Damon Cline, which I include in the RECORD:

Carolina CoverTech makes 12,000 products that—as the company slogan says—“cover, protect, contain and enclose.”

But it wasn't until this month that the third-generation manufacturer made a product to cover and protect health care workers.

The North Augusta-based custom fabricator—best known for producing commercial awnings, golf car fabrics and spill-control guards for the oil industry—is making disposable isolation gowns for University Hospital.

With the COVID-19 pandemic draining the nation's supply of personal protection gear, the hospital called on CoverTech to produce a special run to help get it through the shortage.

“Three weeks ago we had never made one, ever,” CoverTech President Rian True said. “Now we're making 2,000 a day.”

Although the company and the hospital are less than 15 minutes apart, the idea of a supplier-customer relationship was something neither knew was possible.

But when gown stockpiles started running low, University began searching for options while volunteers and staff cranked out up to 1,200 smocks a day using inexpensive sealing machines and plastic sheeting from home improvement stores.

In a facility that disposes of 2,000 gowns a day, hospital officials predicted all inventory would be exhausted by the time the pandemic's predicted “curve” began its upward ascent. Mike Brown, University's director of materials management, offhandedly mentioned the dilemma to Greg Shuford, the pharmacy manager at University's Summer-ville campus.

Shuford happened to know True, and he quickly put the two together.

CoverTech operations manager Lisa Stuart said the plant started producing prototypes using existing material within a day of the first meeting.

“We like people who come to us and need us to solve a problem,” she said. “We can be agile and do things quickly.”

After a few modifications and switching the material to a textured plastic sheeting, the plant had created a gown that fit the hospital's needs. True said it took a little over a week to get the gown line up to full production.

Brown said some of the hospital's nursing staff have mentioned they prefer CoverTech's smock to the ones sourced from the hospital's medical-equipment supplier.

“They say its a little more durable,” Brown said. “So they have managed to make a gown that is of equivalent quality and is a little more durable.”

The gowns, generally light blue in color, keep bodily fluids from contaminating health care workers' clothing and scrubs. The gowns are worn by all workers treating suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients.

Reed said he enjoys designing products for all designing products for all types of applications, but that the gown project was especially satisfying.

“We feel like we're helping make a little bit of a difference,” he said.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN HAMERNIK ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 15, 2020

Mr. LATTI. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that John Hamernik of Maumee, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

John's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2024. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only