

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to commemorate the career of Mayor Mike Walsh and thank him for his selfless leadership. His service and commitment to the development of De Pere serves as an example for every public servant. I wish him the best in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAJOR
GENERAL CLINTON CROSIER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Major General Clinton E. Crosier, United States Space Force.

On Friday, December 20, 2019, President Donald Trump signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020, creating the sixth branch of the United States Armed Forces, the United States Space Force. This was a historic moment; a watershed step to increasing our ability to protect and defend the American way of life. I can say, without a doubt, this would not have happened as swiftly and smoothly as it did without Clint's leadership as Director of the DOD Space Force Planning Task Force.

So how did a boy from Iowa grow up to help create the Space Force? Well, while he was traveling the world with his military family, he always had his eyes on the sky. When he began his collegiate education at Iowa State, he undertook a really easy major, aerospace engineering, and then sought out a commission in the United States Air Force in 1988 where he ultimately wound up flying satellites and launching rockets.

He quickly earned top honors in multiple space training schools and developed satellite-commanding processes that became the new Air Force standard. He then served in the United States Senate where he authored key Congressional language that improved the national space enterprise, and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense he was main interface to the National Security Council, charged with rebalancing America's space intelligence architecture. As the signature authority for dozens of international agreements with Allies, he improved United States space capabilities, and represented the United States at key meetings with North Atlantic Treaty Organization and United Nations.

With this breadth of experience, it's no wonder he was selected as the lead planner for the Presidentially-directed United States Space Force, coordinating efforts to shape the Congressional authorization of the first new military service in 72 years. Together with his team, he led the development of; the macro-organizational design, the stand-up of the initial force elements, the funding and manpower requirements, and the implementation of the policies and processes that governed the establishment of the United States Space Force.

His military awards include the Bronze Star combat medal for a yearlong deployment to the Middle East, the National Reconnaissance Office Director's Gold Medal, the Iowa State University Aerospace Engineering Department Distinguished Alumni Award, and the Lance P. Sijan Leadership award. This career of accolades is only possibly through the incredible

support of his family: his wife, Mrs. Shelle Crosier, and their three children: Clint, Stephanie and Kellie, along with six grandchildren.

Major General Crosier distinguished himself over 33 years of military service, representing the United States of America with the highest honor and distinction. Major General Crosier, as the "architect of the Space Force," is an inspiration for all of us who stand ready to serve our great country. We are grateful for his unique vision and commitment. I thank Major General Crosier. America will continue to defend the highest ground, and the Space Force will thrive, because of your noble efforts.

CONGRATULATING RICK KLEVEN
ON A WELL-EARNED RETIREMENT

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise together with my colleague from Minnesota Representative CRAIG to congratulate Richard "Rick" Kleven on his retirement at the end of June after more than 39 years with Thrivent. Throughout his nearly four decades of service with Thrivent, Rick has become a pillar of the Twin Cities community, leading Thrivent's government affairs efforts to educate federal and state policymakers about the important role that fraternal benefit societies play in society, helping people achieve financial security and live generous lives through important charitable and volunteer efforts that include disaster relief, partnering with organizations that address housing insecurity, and tens of thousands of individual service projects. These efforts have had a great impact not just in my district, but for the entire region and nation. Rick's dedication, commitment, and enthusiasm for Thrivent's unique mission—connecting insurance protection with community service—has been inspiring to watch and work with him on; for me, both during my time serving in the U.S. Congress and the Minnesota state House of Representatives.

A lifelong Minnesotan and proud "Iron-Ranger" who grew up in Grand Rapids, MN, Rick is a true Minnesota sports team fan, particularly a diehard for our Vikings. He received his J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School and his B.A. from the University of Minnesota—Duluth. Rick has led Thrivent's Government Affairs activities for more than 17 years, and served previously in a number of roles as legal counsel and manager of corporate legal functions within the organization through his long arc of service which began in 1981 when Thrivent was Lutheran Brotherhood.

Rick has been a great advocate on policy matters on Thrivent's behalf, but also walks the walk of Thrivent's mission of service—something he learned from both of his parents, including his Dad who was awarded Itasca County's Outstanding Senior Volunteer of the Year in 2018. Rick has volunteered as a Big Brother, served as a board member for multiple nonprofit organizations, and epitomizes the ubiquitous Thrivent T-shirt that says "Live Generously." Recently, he served as Chairman of the Board of Gilda's Club Twin Cities, and played a crucial role in helping to raise money to build the organization's club-

house that provides support for people with cancer as well as their families and friends. Rick also served for 8 years on the board of Person to Person, a charitable organization that operates Meals on Wheels and various other programs to help the needy in the Twin Cities area. He also was part of the original start-up board of FINNEGANS, the first beer company in the world to donate 100 percent of profits back to local food shelves. Rick currently sits on the board of the American Fraternal Alliance, the nationwide coalition of not-for-profit fraternal benefit societies.

I, along with many of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, including Representative CRAIG who represents Rick's hometown of Eagan, will miss seeing him here in Washington. I'm sure his friendly face and open heart will remain a pivotal part of the Twin Cities community for a long time to come. We wish him all the best and hope in retirement he can continue to indulge in his favorite hobbies: making the world better for his wife, two Aussies, and fellow Minnesotans as well as finding even more ways to support Rock n' Roll! Congratulations, Rick—Here Comes the Sun.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT "BOB" ALAN
STOCKTON

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an outstanding individual, Bob Stockton, who passed away at the age of 66 on May 13, 2020. Bob was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and one of Riverside County's most dedicated public servants. He will be deeply missed.

Bob was a southern California native, born in San Diego on December 20, 1953, the son of Robert and Beverly Stockton. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Engineering from California Polytechnic University, Pomona in 1978. Bob married the love of his life, Kelli Tyson, 16 years ago and between the two of them they have five wonderful children and four grandchildren. Kelli and Bob loved to travel, and Hawaii was at the top of their list. Some of their greatest adventures while traveling include riding a portion of the Tour de France route in 2004 and being baptized in the Jordan River in Israel by friend and pastor, Matt Brown in 2015.

To merely say Bob was a tireless advocate for Riverside County would not do him justice. He served on more organizations that I can name here, but they include: the Monday Morning Group; the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce; Leadership Riverside; California Baptist University; Path of Life Ministries; the American Heart Association; the East Hills Chamber; and Western Municipal Water District. He also was a leader of his son's Boy Scout troop and "The Prop Guy" for his daughter's dance studio. He managed to do all of this while serving as the Vice President and Principal-in-Charge at Rick Engineering Company. He was, as Rusty Bailey, Bob's friend and the current Mayor of Riverside would say, a "true saint of Riverside."

Bob's service to the organizations in our community is matched only by his dedication

to the individuals within them. He lived his life motto of "Work Hard, Play Hard, Pray Hard" each and every day. Bob was passionate about training and coaching athletes and helping his friends and family achieve any of their goals. He coached the Woodcrest Christian Mountain Bike Team and helped train anyone who asked in preparation for Ironman challenges, triathlons, half-marathons, and Catalina SOK runs, to name only a few competitions he loved. When Bob wasn't racing himself, he could be found cheering on the sidelines for anyone striving to reach their goals.

I had the pleasure of knowing Bob through his service to Riverside County and can personally attest to the countless lives he touched. He was a great American, an esteemed leader, a respected mentor and a dedicated husband, father, and friend. I extend my heartfelt condolences to Kelli, to their children, Nathan, Heather, Adam, Travis, and Emily, their grandchildren Rages, Winter, Harley, and Easton, and the rest of Bob's family and friends. Although he may no longer be with us, he will continue to have a lasting impact on the lives of his family and community.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY
OF MR. THOMAS H. RHODES

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Mr. Thomas H. Rhodes as he celebrates his 100th birthday on June 18th. Throughout his life, Mr. Rhodes has demonstrated exemplary patriotism through his service in World War II, and longstanding devotion to his family and community.

During World War II, Mr. Rhodes proudly served his country as a U.S. Marine and participated in several major conflicts including the battles of Pearl Harbor, Midway, Peleliu, New Britain, and New Guinea. After the war, he returned to Central New York to continue his service at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, New York. Following completion of his military service, Mr. Rhodes was honorably discharged as a Sergeant. Today, he remains an active member of the Marine Corps League, an organization that aims to serve communities nationwide, preserve the traditions of the U.S. Marine Corps, and strengthen bonds between former servicemembers and their families.

Outside of public service, Mr. Rhodes is known for his commitment to his family. He was devoted to his late wife, Bridget "Peggy" Rhodes, and remains a dedicated father to their four children, and proud grandfather to 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Active in his community, Mr. Rhodes regularly appears in Fayetteville and Manlius parades and is a life-long member of the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing Mr. Thomas H. Rhodes's 100th birthday. Mr. Rhodes's life has been one marked by admirable devotion to his family and country. I wish him health and happiness in the future.

INTRODUCTION OF THE
RESTAURANTS ACT OF 2020

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, there is perhaps nothing more central to communities large and small than their local restaurants. Restaurants play host to everything from first dates to marriage proposals and many of life's important memories. The focal restaurant industry supports Top Chef Masters, first jobs, and parents working double-shifts to give their children a brighter future. The COVID-19 pandemic has put all of this in jeopardy.

Since mid-March, the vast majority of independent restaurants have closed their doors, laid off most of their employees, and are unsure what their business model will be after the pandemic. While independent restaurants employ more than 11 million people, the food supply chain touches every corner of the country and every congressional district. From farm workers and fishermen to truck drivers and distributors, the restaurant industry provides a \$1 trillion annual boost to the United States; economy, to say nothing of supporting tens of millions of livelihoods.

The restaurant industry has been uniquely devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. This is particularly true of independent establishments that account for more than three-quarters of all restaurants and bars in the United States. The restaurant sector is the top contributor to unemployment rolls across America. In April alone, 5.5 million restaurant workers lost their jobs, accounting for 27 percent of total job losses in the month. Some of these jobs are coming back but many will not return without assistance. The National Bureau of Economic Research predicts that only 15 percent of restaurants will be able to stay open if the COVID-19 pandemic lasts six months.

The RESTAURANTS Act would establish a \$120 billion restaurant revitalization fund at the Department of Treasury. Funding would be available to food service or drinking establishments that are not publicly traded or part of a chain with 20 or more locations doing business under the same name. The grant values would cover the difference between revenues from 2019 and projected revenues through 2020. The first 14 days of the grant's availability is only available to restaurants with annual revenues of \$1.5 million or fewer, ensuring that the smallest restaurants are prioritized. Additionally, the legislation includes administrative funding toward outreach and engagement to restaurants owned and operated by women, Veterans, and people of color. A study on this proposal found that the fund would generate at least \$183 billion in primary benefits and \$65 billion in secondary benefits—more than double the amount of the fund.

In the past three months, Congress has demonstrated the political will to pass more than \$3 trillion of relief to most sectors of the economy—the House of Representatives just passed an additional \$3 trillion of relief. There were broad-based programs and there was targeted relief for specific industries. Yet restaurants have not been a recipient of any targeted relief. We can't afford not to act. Millions

of livelihoods, hundreds of thousands of businesses, and the fabric of our communities is at stake.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEVE
DEBAKER AND TROUT SPRINGS
WINERY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steve DeBaker and Trout Springs Winery for their work in creating the Wisconsin Ledge American Viticultural Area (AVA) in Northeast Wisconsin.

Steve DeBaker opened Trout Springs Winery in 2005, establishing it as Brown County's first winery. Trout Springs Winery is Wisconsin's only licensed fish hatchery, plant nursery, and winery all under one roof. After 9 successful years in the wine industry, Trout Springs Winery was honored by the Wisconsin Grape Growers Association as their Winery of the Year in 2014.

An AVA is a special region designated as having certain geographic and climatic features required for growing wine grapes, and the designation is often included on wine labels. Soon after opening Trout Springs Winery, Steve decided to establish the Wisconsin Ledge as an AVA. After 4,000 hours of dedicated research, numerous submissions to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, and some assistance from the Niagara Escarpment Resource Network with the GIS mapping process, Steve and Trout Springs achieved their goal of establishing the Wisconsin Ledge as an AVA.

The Wisconsin Ledge AVA sits on the Niagara Escarpment, a land feature in Wisconsin that stretches for more than 650 miles, created millions of years ago. It touches 11 different counties in Northeast Wisconsin and contains soil and a climate ideal for growing grapes. With 22 bonded wineries within its scope and 3,800 square miles of land, the Wisconsin Ledge has become the 12th largest AVA in the world. It has grown into a tourist destination for visitors from around the world, leading to an annual agritourism increase of nearly two million tourists and over \$50 million in revenue. Steve's commitment and work to developing the Wisconsin Ledge as an AVA has legitimized the Northeast Wisconsin as a grape growing region.

Madam Speaker, I am privileged to honor Steve DeBaker and Trout Springs Winery as the birthplace of the Wisconsin Ledge American Viticultural Area. His dedication and positive contributions to the Wisconsin agricultural industry make Northeast Wisconsin proud.

HONORING KAMERON
MIDDLEBROOKS AS THE IOWAN
OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today as tens of thousands of peaceful protesters are