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Kellie serves on the Orlando Mayor's Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and volunteers with the Central Florida Freethought Community, a non-profit dedicated to the separation of state and church. In the wake of the Pulse Tragedy, she served on the taskforce to formally establish the One Orlando Alliance, a coalition of non-profits unifying Central Florida's LGBTQ+ community.

She believes every moment counts, and that together we can create positive change if we show up, speak out, and act with love, which she strives to do daily for the community at large, and for her family, where she is a proud and fierce mama bear.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF LOUISE ENDEL

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to Louise Endel, a pillar of the New Haven community and a dear friend. Though she lived a long and fulfilling life, it still feels as though she was taken from us much too soon. Hers is a legacy of compassion, philanthropy and generosity that will surely continue to serve as an inspiration to all those who know her—and likely many that did not.

Louise and her husband, Charlie, moved to North Haven with their three daughters in 1952 and soon became actively involved in the community and with a myriad of community organizations, including the League of Women Voters, the Girl Scouts, and Ridge Road School's Parent Teacher Association. Louise and Charlie were also founding members of the Ridge Top Club, the first swimming club in the area to "eschew racial and religious discrimination." Over the course of her life, Louise served on fifty-two local, state and national boards and was passionately devoted to supporting many New Haven non-profits including the International Festival of Arts and Ideas, the Long Wharf Theatre, the Elm Shakespeare Theater, St. Raphael's Hospital Foundation, and L.E.A.P.

Louise was the epitome of a "people-person." She intrinsically understood the soul of a person—where their passions lay and how best they could make a difference. Louise herself was one of the most giving people I have ever had the good fortune to know. She was affectionately known as the "matchmaker"—not because she matched people for love, but because she could match people to the best ways in which they could contribute to the community. Louise connected people with complimenting talents, ensuring the success of countless organizations and events. In a word, she was remarkable.

I myself benefitted from her unique talents. Louise was one of the first people to approach and encourage me to run for Congress. I remember her coming to me and asking if I would ever consider running, and when I replied that I was, she said, "let me introduce you to . . ." and the rest, as they say, is history. I, like so many others, consider myself fortunate to have called her my friend.

Louise was an extraordinary woman whose kind heart and generosity touched the lives of many. A devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Louise is survived by her three daughters, Susan, Barbara, and Patricia; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. To them, I extend my deepest sympathies and hope that they know what an enormous impact Louise had on all those who knew her. Hers is a legacy that will continue to inspire generations to come.

HONORING ASHLEY FIGUEROA AS
A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR PRIDE
MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Ashley Figueroa is an award winning leader in social services and a proud Trans Latina American Woman. Among her chosen advocacy roles, Ashley is the Founder and Executive Director of the Gender Advancement Project (GAP) which focuses on the progression and inclusion of Transgender and Gender Non Binary individuals in Central Florida.

Ashley also works with several local and national community based organizations to make a positive impact in today's society. Some of the boards she currently serves on are: Trans-Action Florida Advisory Council, The Contigo Fund Community Board, the National Network Latin Plus, and the Orlando Trans Collective. In 2019, Ashley was appointed by Mayor Buddy Dyer as the Secretary for the City of Orlando Census Complete Count Committee. That same year, Ashley was honored with the Voice of Equality award by Equality Florida and she was also named one of Watermark's Most Remarkable People of 2019 for her advocacy and leadership with the transgender community of Orlando.

Ashley's work has also earned her national recognition. Earlier this year, she was chosen as an honoree of the 41 List for being a Latinx LGBTQ+ role model.

HONORING THE FAMILY LEGACY
OF McCLARD'S BAR-B-Q

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the near-century-old legacy of McClard's Bar-B-Q in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Founded by Gladys and Alex McClard in 1928, the fourth generation of the McClard family, represented by owners Scott and Shannon McClard, keeps its doors open today.

In the last century, McClard's has been a cultural icon of the Hot Springs area, gathering long lines of customers outside its doors on Albert Pike Road. Known for barbecue pork, ribs, tamales, and infamous barbecue sauce, the barbecue joint is a local favorite, even noted to be a favorite of President Bill Clinton's during his upbringing in Hot Springs.

The restaurant's leadership recently made the decision to sell the family-owned spot following a brief closing during the COVID-19 pandemic. While it has reopened this week under new ownership, the McClard family is still actively involved in the restaurant's progress in the community.

Not only does McClard's Bar-B-Q boast of some of the best cooking in the Southwest Arkansas area, but the restaurant holds 92 years of Arkansas culture, history, and memories. Theirs is a story of the American dream, and I look forward to seeing this place continue to be a place of joy for Fourth District residents, just as it has for nearly a century. I take this time to thank all generations of the McClard family for their years of hard work and their diligence in creating the most loved of Hot Springs traditions.

HONORING SUPERINTENDENT
MARTHA MARTINEZ

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Salinas City Elementary School District Superintendent, Martha Martinez, on her retirement after serving the state of California as a public educator since 1975. An outstanding citizen and educator, Superintendent Martinez has made an unparalleled impact in the educational community of the central coast of California and our entire state through 45 years of service.

Superintendent Martinez's began her career as a paraprofessional in California's Bay Area before later becoming an elementary teacher. After 20 years as an educator, she put her expertise towards work as a school administrator with the Santa Clara County Office of Education and Gilroy Unified School District.

In 2015, she became Superintendent of the Salinas City Elementary School District. In this role, she has distinguished herself as a passionate advocate for providing all students, regardless of background, with a quality education that provides equitable opportunities for all learners. As a visionary leader, Superintendent Martinez not only holds students and educators to high expectations, but also provides her own endless support so that all goals can be attainable.

Superintendent Martinez has also built strong support for her district in the local community. She has launched a citywide literacy campaign in Salinas to provide over 160,000 residents with a free Early Literacy App and mobilized leaders across Monterey County to work to end bullying. With her robust background in building local and regional partnerships, Superintendent Martinez was selected to organize Salinas Founder's Day, to celebrate the city's 150th birthday, and the Salinas City Elementary School District's Sesquicentennial Commemoration. With these two events, Superintendent Martinez brought individuals from all backgrounds in our community together to celebrate the City of Salinas and its outstanding students. Recognizing the support of the community around her, Superintendent Martinez is well-known to distinguish the stellar efforts of those she works with at every possible opportunity.

In addition to her work in her role with the Salinas City Elementary School District, Superintendent Martinez has been an exemplary citizen and community member. She has won countless awards, serves as a member and leader in many local and regional organizations, and produced a three series Leadership Institute so that others can learn from her own success.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the dedication and work of Superintendent Martinez. I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Superintendent Martinez and to congratulate her on her well-earned retirement. I extend my most earnest appreciation to Superintendent Martinez for her service to our community.

HONORING ANGUS L. BRADSHAW
AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR PRIDE
MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Angus L. Bradshaw is a thriving nonprofit leader serving Central Florida. A native of Central Florida, Mr. Bradshaw graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration at Florida Agriculture & Mechanical University (FAMU) with the help of several scholarships. He began his love for community-oriented care after surviving childhood cancer himself. This experience led Mr. Bradshaw to involve himself in his community through routine volunteerism and philanthropy at the young age of 14.

Mr. Bradshaw has been supporting the mission of Miracle of Love, Inc. an HIV service organization in Orlando, FL. since 2002. He became its Executive Director in 2016 and is known for his constant smile and fun-loving, compassionate demeanor. A revered leader in the organization and in the community, Mr. Bradshaw is equally known for his fierce focus on making the mission. He believes it is integral to do so with each employee and each client's self-respect, dignity, and morale intact. Mr. Bradshaw is aware that passion is not always enough, and he continually places himself in the position of a student; learning and applying those lessons to improve services and outcomes for those under his leadership. For this, he is valued by each of his team members and is seen as a community champion with upstanding repute. This has also given him expertise in many other areas; including social services, housing, and fundraising.

Angus serves on multiple municipal committees in the Orlando Metropolitan area. These include Vice-Chair of the Membership Committee for Ryan White Part A—Orlando EMA Health Services Planning Council; Executive Committee Member for the Housing Opportunity for People with AIDS Advisory Committee; Equality Florida Board Member; an Executive Planning Committee Member of SMART Ride, the second largest AIDS charity bicycle rides in the U.S.

HONORING DR. ROY WEAVER

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Dr. Roy Weaver, dean of Ball State University's Teachers College and a pillar of Indiana's education community. Dr. Weaver has been a fixture at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana for nearly 40 years as a faculty member, associate dean, and dean of Teachers College, and is retiring on June 30.

Dr. Weaver is a Hoosier in the best sense of the word, spending most of his career in the Muncie area. He is a two-time graduate from Ball State University, earning his bachelor's degree in English in 1968 and his master's degree in curriculum and instruction in 1971. He was a classroom teacher at Muncie Central High School where he taught Language Arts and coached the tennis, speech, and debate teams. Dr. Weaver earned his Ed.D. from Indiana University in 1975 and worked at the University of Southern California for five years. In 1980, he returned to his alma mater, and served with distinction as associate professor of curriculum, professor of curriculum, associate dean, and spent 19 years over two tours of duty as dean of Teachers College.

During his career, Dr. Weaver has been a staunch supporter of education innovation and educational choice. At Ball State University, he managed the operation of the award-winning laboratory school, Muncie Burriss. He assisted in the creation of one of the nation's finest high schools, the Indiana Academy for Science, Mathematics, and Humanities, which serves gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors. He oversaw the creation of Ball State University's Office of Charter Schools, becoming Indiana's only public university to authorize charter schools.

As a testament to his outstanding career, Dr. Weaver was awarded Ball State University's Outstanding Administrative Service Award and recognized by the National Association for Gifted Children with its Educator of the Year award. He is also a respected scholar and the author of six books on a variety of education topics.

Dr. Weaver has been a tremendous positive force for education in Indiana, and in the nation. He will be missed by his friends and colleagues at Ball State University, but his retirement is well-earned. On behalf of Hoosiers in Indiana's 6th District, I congratulate Dr. Weaver and thank him for his many contributions to our great state.

HONORING GAIL ORCUTT AS THE
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me

in honoring the late Gail Orcutt of Pleasant Hill, Iowa as Iowan of the Week.

A lifelong Iowan, Gail worked as a teacher for more than three decades before retiring in 2008. Two years later, after experiencing what she thought was a case of spring allergies, Gail was diagnosed with lung cancer: a big surprise for someone who had never smoked. Upon discovering her illness was caused by radon, she embarked on a years-long effort to educate herself and others on the dangers of radon exposure and importance of mitigation, all while battling lung cancer as a chronic illness and using her experiences to inspire hope in others fighting cancer.

During my first year in Congress, my team and I had the pleasure of working with Gail on multiple occasions to raise awareness of important issues in health care. She lent her voice to roundtable discussions on affordability of prescription drugs and accessibility to quality care, and her powerful, personal story always made an impact on everyone present. She was a frequent contributor to community discussions held by organizations like AARP Iowa and American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, all with an aim of educating others. She spent time passionately advocating to state legislators and lawmakers in Washington for policies that would better inform the public about radon and mandate radon testing in schools. She still found time to volunteer for organizations like Free to Breathe and participate in the American Lung Association's Fight for Air Climb—Des Moines, climbing the stairs of multiple downtown buildings post-treatment with one lung. Suffice it to say, she was a unique force for positive change.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to follow in Gail's footsteps and educate Iowans about radon testing and mitigation. Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas; you cannot see, smell, or taste it, but it may be present in your home or school building. While harmless in small amounts, breathing in elevated levels of radon can lead to serious illness. Radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer, and we lose hundreds of Iowans every year to this illness. Five out of every seven homes in Iowa have an unacceptable level of radon, and it is recommended homeowners test their homes for radon every two years. The Iowa Radon Hotline at 1-800-383-5992 is a valuable resource to not only get answers to your questions, but also to order a testing kit to keep you and your family safe.

I admire Gail's courage, grace, and grit in the face of unimaginable challenge. Her legacy of teaching, advocating, and giving hope to those battling cancer is a beautiful example of Iowan values: persevering through difficult times, bettering the lives of those around you through hard work and dedication, and leaving something meaningful behind for future generations. Her work made a difference. I extend my sincere condolences to her loved ones during this difficult time and am keeping them in my prayers. Iowa is a better place because of neighbors like Gail Orcutt, and I am proud to honor her as Iowan of the Week.