

is a historic day as well. Today, in an effort to commemorate this momentous occasion, my Cleveland Browns will host the Cincinnati Bengals in a classic rivalry game, known as the "Battle of Ohio". The game will highlight the formation of the league and its humble roots in Canton, honor the more than 25,000 players who have played in the league, and showcase the work the NFL is doing to ensure its second century is just as successful as the first.

We, therefore, recognize the National Football League on its 100th birthday, and wish the league all the best as it embarks into its second century as the foremost steward of "America's Game." Go Browns!

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF JOHN KUSMITCH

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 17, 2020*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the life and service of John Kusmitch of Kingsford, Michigan. Through his extreme courage and selflessness, John has become an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

John enlisted in the United States Army in August of 1949 at just 18. During the Korean War, he served in the 25th Infantry Division as a motor transport operator, and was responsible for supervising and operating vehicles to transport personnel and cargo. The vital work of motor transport operators like John were the backbone of our military operations during this conflict—providing advanced mobility both on and off the battlefield. In April of 1951, John was captured by hostile forces and endured 27 months of harsh conditions as a Prisoner of War.

Observed annually on the third Friday of September, National POW/MIA Recognition Day honors those who were Prisoners of War and those who are still Missing in Action in service to their nation. We owe the men and women in uniform who were captured, missing, or unaccounted for a debt which can never be repaid. By coming together to honor those who stood up to defend and to serve, the people of Michigan's First District can ensure that the service and sacrifice of those in uniform is never forgotten.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the service of John Kusmitch. Michiganders can take immense pride in knowing that the First District is home to such a selfless individual. On behalf of my constituents, I wish John all the best in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 17, 2020*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call votes. Had I been present for them, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call 183: H.R. 4894—Congressional Budget Justification Transparency Act of

2020—On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill—YEA, and

Roll Call 184: S. 2193—Charge Act—On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill—YEA.

FLORIDA INVENTORS HALL OF  
FAME 2020 INDUCTEES

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 17, 2020*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the eight inventors who have been recognized as the 2020 Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame. To be named as an Inductee, these inventors were nominated by their peers nationwide and have undergone the scrutiny of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame Selection Committee. As a result, their innovations have been identified as significantly impacting the quality of life, economic development, and welfare of their communities, the residents of Florida, and the United States.

The Florida Inventors Hall of Fame was founded in 2013 at the University of South Florida. It was recognized by the Florida Senate with Senate Resolution 1756, adopted on April 30, 2014. Its mission is to encourage individuals of all backgrounds to strive toward the betterment of Florida and society through continuous, groundbreaking innovation by celebrating the incredible scientific work that has been or is being accomplished in Florida and by its citizens.

Nomination to the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame is open to all Florida inventors (living or dead) who are or have been residents of Florida. The nominee must be a named inventor on a patent issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The impact of the inventor and his or her invention should be significant to society, and the invention should have been commercialized, utilized, or led to important innovations.

The 2020 Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame are:

Christopher Batch: University of Florida Professor of materials science and engineering and biomedical engineering, who developed groundbreaking treatments in patient care, most notably the anti-bacterial surface treatment material, Bioguard, which is used as the standard of care for advanced wound dressing and bacterial barriers in hospitals and healthcare facilities.

Nicholas Bodor: Founder and CEO of Bodor Laboratories, University of Florida Professor Emeritus and prolific inventor whose innovations in drug discovery established the field of retrometabolic drug design and led him to develop a portfolio of novel drugs to treat numerous inflammatory disease processes.

Harvey Firestone (1868–1938): Founder of Firestone Tire and Rubber Company whose pioneering innovations revolutionized the commercial rubber industry, and who advanced scientific research in Florida and co-founded the Edison Botanic Research Corporation to develop a domestic source of natural rubber.

Leslie Kramer: Vice President of Engineering and Manufacturing at Tailor Made Prosthetics; scientist, engineer and entrepreneur whose long career in industry led to

groundbreaking innovations in composite materials, military defense applications and most notably an advanced carbon-fiber composite prosthetic foot that has improved the lives of amputees.

Israel Morejon: Founder and President of Integrated Engineering Technology whose inventions have provided innovative solutions across multiple industries, most notably state-of-the-art LED lighting technologies, Nano projectors, wireless modem technology, optical tomography for cancer detection systems, and cutting-edge HVAC Load Reduction technology.

Joshua Rokach: Florida Institute of Technology Professor who was the first to synthesize major inflammatory triggers responsible for asthma, allergies, and inflammatory bowel disease, which revolutionized medical research in allergy and inflammation and led him to develop a number of groundbreaking drug discoveries, including Singulair and Flexeril.

Jean-François Rossignol: Co-Founder and Chief Medical & Scientific Officer of Romark Laboratories and University of South Florida Affiliate Professor of Medicine whose breakthroughs in treatments for parasitic diseases led to his discovery of thiazolidines, a new class of antiparasitic agents, later discovered as a new class of broad-spectrum antiviral drugs also used in the fight against novel infectious diseases.

Christine Schmidt: University of Florida Professor and Chair of the J. Crayton Pruitt Family Department of Biomedical Engineering whose pioneering research in biomaterials science led to her development of decellularization techniques used in Avance Nerve Graft, a biochemically processed nerve graft that benefits patients with peripheral nerve damage.

Innovation and invention are the building blocks of our nation. I applaud these highly accomplished individuals and the organizations that support them in their quest to change the world in ways that truly benefit humanity. It is because of the perseverance of these inventors that future generations are encouraged to reach beyond their limits and push the boundaries of innovation.

HONORING THE BRAVE SERVICE  
OF CHARLES E. COOPER OF TENNESSEE

**HON. MARK E. GREEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 17, 2020*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Army Private First Class Charles E. Cooper for his distinguished service to this nation.

PFC Cooper served honorably in the United States Army during World War II, beginning in 1942 at the age of 25. He was sent to Company K, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division, participating in rigorous training exercises that included amphibious assaults that would later be employed for the D-Day assault. On that fateful day, June 6, 1944, the 4th Infantry Division crossed the English Channel to the front lines of the War, assaulting a German-held beach under heavy enemy fire.