

Chair of the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), on receiving the Italian honor of "Cavaliere" of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, the highest-ranking honor of the Italian Republic. On October 7, Ambassador Armando Varricchio of Italy presented this high honor to Ms. Harrison, a testament to her lifetime of extraordinary accomplishment in service of the humanities, culture, philanthropy, and diplomacy.

The granddaughter of an Italian immigrant, Ms. Harrison is a native of Brooklyn, New York and a graduate of the American University School of International Service in Washington, D.C. Thereafter, she began an enormously successful career, starting a public relations firm focused on serving the public interest in the fields of environmental, labor, and agricultural policy. In 1990, President George H.W. Bush appointed Ms. Harrison to the President's Export Council in the United States Department of Commerce.

In recognition of her prowess and expertise in the humanities and the arts, in 2001 she was appointed Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs by then-Secretary of State Colin Powell. While serving in this critical role, Ms. Harrison also assumed the position of Acting Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs. Ms. Harrison then continued her public service, being appointed the Chief Executive Officer of CBP in 2005, where she continues to serve today.

Under Ms. Harrison's leadership, the CPB launched "American Graduate: Let's Make It Happen", a nationwide public media initiative to help combat the nationwide high school dropout crisis. To date, over 100 stations in 48 states are working with over 1,700 local partners and schools to help students graduate. For her work and commitment to helping young people stay on the path to a high school diploma, Ms. Harrison was honored in 2016 with a Promise of America Award from the America's Promise Alliance. Ms. Harrison's deep commitment to public media producing nonpartisan, commercial-free, educational content for the public good has ensured CPB's continued success and critical place in our society.

Ms. Harrison has drawn from her life of experience to help foster a new generation of woman leaders, authoring two books, "A Seat At The Table: An Insider's Guide for America's New Women Leaders and America's New Women Entrepreneurs." In 2019, Ms. Harrison was appointed to the voting council for the inaugural, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg Woman of Leadership Award, which recognizes the achievements of exceptional American women. Ms. Harrison is the recipient of many additional awards and honors, including the Ellis Island Medal of Honor Award and the U.S. Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award.

Ms. Harrison is a role model for Italian Americans, for women, and for anyone aspiring to make a positive difference in the world. I am proud to rise today in recognition of her receiving the more than well-deserved honor of "Cavaliere" of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic.

THANKING LIP MAR FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize Lip Mar for his courageous service to our country during World War II.

Lip Mar is a Chinese-American veteran who bravely accepted the call to protect and serve his nation. Soon after his eighteenth birthday, Mar joined the military and served as a hospital corpsman in the U.S. Navy at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, where he treated American soldiers fighting in the Pacific theater.

For far too long, our veterans of color, including Chinese-American veterans, did not receive the proper recognition they deserved for their service. Although we will never be able to thank him enough for his service to our nation, we remain grateful to Lip and the many veterans who have so selflessly answered the call to service.

Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I honor Lip Mar and all Chinese-American veterans for their distinguished service to our country during World War II.

CONGRATULATING MR. ERIC HALE FOR BEING THE 2021 TEXAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Eric Hale for becoming the first African American man bestowed with the honor of Texas Teacher of the Year in the 51 years of this award's existence.

Last month, the Texas Association of School Administrators announced that Mr. Hale had been named the 2021 Texas Teacher of the Year for his outstanding leadership and excellence in teaching kindergarten and first-grade students at David G. Burnet Elementary School.

Mr. Hale understands the challenges some of his students' face daily, from hunger, poverty, or domestic violence. He has experienced some of this in his own life growing up. He has successfully countered this negative energy thanks to his unique teaching style that is like no other. He uses music in an innovative way to engage with his students while flooding them with positivity and encouragement so that the students are able to step away from their worries for a moment and learn in a fun environment. This positivity and energy in the classroom is exactly what is needed for our students as they, just like the rest of us, navigate through this challenging time.

Mr. Hale has been recognized for his work previously as the winner of the 2019 Urban Teacher of the Year award among others. He has also had the opportunity to appear on multiple television shows including the Kelly Clarkson show and TODAY.

Madam Speaker, I am so thankful that the Dallas Independent School District is home to

one of the very best teachers in the country. I wish Mr. Hale the best of luck as he competes with other teachers around the country to receive the prestigious National Teacher of the Year award.

HONORING CITY OF LOUISVILLE
MAYOR LARRY MORGAN

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mayor Larry Morgan, a man who faithfully serves the City of Louisville located in the Tenth Congressional District of Georgia, which I have the honor of representing.

In 2007, he was duly elected as a member of the Louisville City Council, and two years later, the residents of this small, unique town chose him to serve as their mayor. Throughout the years, Mayor Morgan has demonstrated his commitment to the community by serving in various roles with his church, the county board of health, the downtown development association, the Georgia Municipal Association, the Georgia Airport Association, and the local Rotary club.

In his own words, he values the "gentle way of life that still allows time to visit and listen to each other's stories, to enjoy a leisurely meal together," and "to help out neighbors who are struggling. It's a small-town life, but not just any small town." And he's a small-town mayor, but not just any mayor.

Madam Speaker, he is a diehard Georgia Tech fan, a loving husband, father, and grandfather, a devoted Christian who is an advocate for his community, and a dear friend to our office. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mayor Larry Morgan for his devoted public service and to extend to him wishes for good health, encouragement for the future, and gratitude for his continual leadership.

RECOGNIZING THE NORTHWEST INDIANA BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2020

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 16, 2020

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I commend several remarkable leaders who have been honored as the Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame Class of 2020. This year's inductees include Edward Garza, Nick Popovich, Dr. Edward Williams, and Janice Wilson. Additionally, Cimcor was presented with the Enterprise of the Year Award.

Edward Garza is the president and owner of El Popular, Inc., which holds the distinction of being the oldest Mexican-owned business in the state of Indiana. Edward is the third generation of the Garza family to carry on the Mexican food corporation, which was started by his grandfather, Vincente Garza, in 1925, in East Chicago, Indiana. In 2001, Edward purchased the company and downsized the product line to four items: chorizo, mole paste,