

member of the Missouri Synod, and the parish founded Emmanuel Lutheran School in 1945, with Mr. Al Wied as the first teacher. In 1960, Emmanuel Lutheran Church dedicated her new sanctuary across from the original sanctuary, where the parish continues to flourish today.

Today, Emmanuel Lutheran Church is led by administrative pastor Reverend Joel Basely and assistant pastor Reverend Paul Wolff who encourage all to life of faith, love, understanding, and trust, and Paul Berwolf serves as principal and teacher of Emmanuel Lutheran School. Emmanuel Lutheran Church has made a meaningful difference in the community by providing a breadth of programs and services for the benefit of all. Notably, the parish has developed a partnership with the St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf, which has been integrated with the parish school to provide a bilingual education to students and faculty.

Over the course of 125 years, Emmanuel Lutheran Church has become a pillar of the Dearborn community. The parish has demonstrated a true commitment to serving Dearborn and encouraging all to be passionate, devoted, and kind community members who strive to follow the Word of God. Emmanuel Lutheran Church continues to be a welcoming place for all to gather, worship, and develop the gifts God has bestowed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 125th anniversary of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We are all grateful for its service to the Dearborn community and wish it continued success and prosperity in the years to come.

#### REMARKS ON THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

#### HON. A. DREW FERGUSON IV

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 30, 2020*

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I recently had the opportunity to meet with India's Consulate General Dr. Swati V. Kulkarni to discuss the bilateral relationship between India and the United States, and I rise today to recognize the critical importance of this relationship with our ally, India.

In any part of the world, Madam Speaker, individuals and families need to feel safe when they leave their homes and go to work. Terrorist groups need to be strongly opposed in all forms. Without question, India is a strong partner in the fight against international terrorism. As a part of this pursuit, the Indian Government recently repealed Article 370—a temporary Article of the Indian Constitution that forced citizens of Jammu-Kashmir to live under different laws than all other Indians. It was meant to be a stopgap measure since this region's government had yet to be formed.

Madam Speaker, this measure hindered the application of progressive federal laws of the Indian Government. As a result, Pakistani-based terrorist organizations conducted terrorist activities that accounted for thousands of innocent lives being lost and detrimentally impacted economic opportunities in the region. In August of 2019, both Houses of the Indian

parliament voted to end the temporary status of Article 370 in order to bring peace, stability, and the opportunity to chart out better futures to the people of the region.

I applaud the current steps taken by Prime Minister Modi to boost economic development, fight terrorism, and fight corruption. These steps forward are good for the long-term stability of Jammu-Kashmir and we should support the Indian Government in this endeavor.

#### RECOGNIZING LARRY VIGNOLA AND HIS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS

#### HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 30, 2020*

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor Larry Vignola for his 10 years of service to the City of Coral Springs, Florida. Larry moved to Coral Springs when he was 5 years old, where he received a public-school education, attending Coral Springs Elementary and Middle Schools, and Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

After graduating from the University of Miami, Larry decided to give back to the community where he grew up and was first elected to serve as City Commissioner in 2010. Larry also acted as Coral Springs Vice Mayor for two years, and is Chair of several key committees, including the Youth and Family Committee, the Principal Education Committee and the Teen Political Forum, where I have been a regular guest speaker, and have seen Larry's commitment to our future leaders firsthand.

As an alumni and City Commissioner Larry has always been there for the students, teachers and administrators of MSD before and after the tragedy in 2018. Through this dedication to public service, there is no doubt that Larry has made a significant positive impact on the Coral Springs community.

As an avid sports fan, Larry has also devoted much of his life to coaching and mentoring young athletes, serving on the Coral Springs American Little League Board of Directors and chairing the Coral Springs Sports Coalition. He is a proud family man and enjoys spending his free time with his wife Aimee and their three children, Madison, Ava and Aimee.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Larry Vignola and his service to Coral Springs and Florida's 22nd Congressional District.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DRILLING CONTRACTORS 80TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 30, 2020*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the International Association of Drilling Contractors on its 80th anniversary as a trade association.

In 1940, the International Association of Drilling Contractors, commonly known as

IADC, was formed to address the need for a collective voice advocating for the interests of the oil and natural gas contract drilling industry. Since then, IADC has been the world's leader in developing drilling safety protocol and standard operating procedures.

Today, IADC continues to exemplify the ideal model of leadership and remains committed to teaching the core values of safety, environmental stewardship, and continuous improvement of technology to generation after generation of America's energy workforce. Over the years, IADC has maintained 1,000 plus members worldwide, seventeen regional chapters, seven student chapters, and has accredited the training of nearly 2 million persons employed in the oil and gas industry, many of which have been hardworking Wyomingites. With six member companies operating in-state, IADC plays a critical role in the exploration and production of Wyoming's vast natural gas and oil reserves.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my gratitude to the International Association of Drilling Contractors for eighty years of unwavering competence, professionalism, and commitment in support of the transformational drilling industry that sustains the energy intensive demands of our modern society.

#### HONORING KRISTOPHER THIGPEN

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 30, 2020*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mr. Kristopher Thigpen, a native of Taylorsville, Mississippi. Football and athletics have always been a very important part of his life growing up. After having a stellar career in high school, he signed with Jackson State University and was a member of the football team. He then transferred and played at Jones College. He graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with a Bachelor's degree.

He has served as a middle and high school coach with stops in North Forest High School, Collins High School and Carver Middle School, Coffeetown High School and Ridgeland High School before going to Terry High School last year as offensive coordinator. Over the course of ten years as an educator and a coach, he has helped 33 football players receive college scholarships, was Head Coach of the Year at Ridgeland High School in 2019, and won a total of four state championships as a player and a coach.

He resides in Byram, Mississippi, with his wife, Mrs. Michele Thigpen, and has three children: Jekhylla, Krishon, and Kasen.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Kristopher Thigpen.

#### CITY OF JESUP 150TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 30, 2020*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Jesup's