

Tommy, and Joseph will no doubt share fond memories of their “Venture Grandma” for decades to come. Our community is a better place because of her efforts and my heart is with her family as they navigate the days ahead.

GIVING THANKS FOR FOOD BANKS

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today, like so many of my colleagues this week, to give thanks.

As winter approaches, coronavirus cases are skyrocketing. Hospitals are at or near capacity, and more than 250,000 Americans have died. Thanksgiving this year looks different; it's smaller or even virtual, as folks heed public health guidance to stay home and prevent the spread.

In the midst of this pandemic, families across the country and across Michigan are hurting—and to meet their needs, our local organizations are stepping up. Today, I rise to honor and express gratitude for the invaluable service these organizations provide to our community.

In Ingham County, the Holt Community Food Bank has been giving back for more than 20 years. What began as a repository of a few bags of non-perishable food “just in case” someone needed help has grown into an operation that serves more than 150 families each month.

In Livingston County, Torch 180 purchased the old Fowlerville library in order to turn it into Michigan's first restaurant and coffee shop staffed entirely by adults with disabilities. When COVID hit, they quickly shifted gears—using the space to serve meals and distribute groceries to anyone in need.

When a woman on Supplemental Security Income called my office in a panic because she hadn't received her stimulus check, Torch 180 brought her a week's worth of groceries. They made sure she was okay, and then came back to the motel where she was staying to provide meals for other residents as well.

And in Oakland County, the Rochester Area Neighborhood House offers wrap-around services for those who are struggling with housing, transportation, employment and more. Its food pantry has given out more than 125,000 meals to area residents since the pandemic started and it shows no signs of stopping.

These are just a few of the unsung heroes in our district, exhibiting extraordinary kindness and dedication to supporting their fellow Americans in a time of great need.

To the individuals who work tirelessly every day to serve others, may you know that this Thanksgiving, a grateful nation is thinking of you.

TRIBUTE TO DURHAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER ELLEN RECKHOW

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ellen Reckhow, Durham County Commissioner, who is retiring this year after over 30 years of distinguished service. Ellen was first elected to the Durham County Board of Commissioners in 1988. She served as Board Chairman from 2002 to 2008 and as Vice Chairman during two additional periods. My own term of service is largely coextensive with hers, which has made me fully appreciative of Ellen's impact on the county and our region and grateful for the many ways we have found to collaborate.

Commissioner Reckhow's tenure on the Durham County Board of Commissioners has been marked by immense transformation in Durham, challenging her and the Board to balance growth with the needs of existing residents and a diverse community. Early in her tenure, the Board led in the merger of the city and county school systems, to address financial inequities and equalize opportunities for all the county's children. Ellen takes special pride in her role as a founder of the East Durham Children's Initiative: “Helping all our children succeed in life is a passion for me,” she recently affirmed.

As a Board member, Commissioner Reckhow championed public-private partnerships, exemplified by the development of the Treyburn Corporate Park and Research Triangle Park, which have attracted business opportunities and economic growth across the region. She also worked with counterparts in neighboring counties to establish the Triangle Transit Authority, now GoTriangle, a bedrock of the region's transit operations, as well as of planning for the future. During Durham's significant economic transformation, Commissioner Reckhow has remained steadfast in her dedication to expanding opportunity and improving the wellbeing of her entire community. She has prioritized environmental protections and access to education, including funding for Pre-K expansion and scholarships to Durham Technical Community College for every high school graduate in Durham County.

Ellen has offered leadership to local governing boards ranging from the Carolina Theatre to the Lincoln Community Health Center. She has worked for years with our regional Metropolitan Planning Organization and has taken important assignments with the North Carolina and national associations of county governments. She has received numerous accolades for her dedication to public service, including the Goodmon Award for Exemplary Regional Leadership by an Elected Official, the North Carolina Planning Association's Elected Official of the Year, the Sierra Club Environmental Leadership Award, and the Partnership for Children Champion for Children Award.

While Commissioner Reckhow may be retiring from public service, I know she will remain engaged in strengthening and improving our Durham community. She has said as much, and I take her at her word. She and I have always had ideas to share and mutual support to offer, particularly in the areas of transpor-

tation and housing, and I am counting on that continuing. In the meantime, Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Commissioner Ellen Reckhow for her long service on the Durham County Board of Commissioners and her tireless dedication to children and families across Durham and North Carolina.

IN MEMORY OF RAYMOND DENNY

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD the following obituary for distinguished South Carolinian, Raymond A. Denny, Jr.:

Raymond Denny, former sales executive in the electronics industry, passed away October 26 in Greenville. Born in New York City September 18, 1930, he was the son of Raymond and Hazel Ladner Denny. He graduated from Iona College, where he was a member of the 1954 championship debating team and President of the Young Republicans of NY.

He developed his business career with Union Carbide as sales manager for consumer products. His position as the first sales manager of Kemet Electronics brought him from Ohio to Greenville, later declaring he did not plan to live anywhere else. He later founded Electronic Marketing Associates, a successful electronics sales firm covering the south.

He was a lifelong member of Toastmasters, the English Speaking Union; and a member of the Furman University Learning in Retirement program, lecturing on cathedral history and the origins of Christianity in England. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Greenville. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Peggy; sons Robert of Raleigh and Tony (Beverly) of Columbia; and grandchildren Leah Grace and Marshall Denny.

HONORING MAYOR PRO TEM THOMAS HAUGHEY

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas Haughey and his countless years of dedication to the Inland Empire on the occasion of his retirement from the Chino City Council and his position as Mayor Pro Tem.

Tom served as Mayor Pro Tem of Chino and, since 2001, as a member of the Chino City Council, where he participated on the Economic Development Committee and as Vice Chairperson of the Public Financing Authority. He also served on the Chino Planning Commission in 2001. Tom represented Chino across several critical boards to the community, including the Chino Basin Desalter Authority, Ontario International Airport Inter-Agency Collaborative, and as an alternate on the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority. A major win for the region, Tom championed the multimillion-dollar Pine Avenue Project, which will offset traffic congestion on the major freeway, Highway 71, and improve