

for inmates close to re-entering society. A model that has been replicated throughout the country. Similarly, Sheriff Ashe was responsible for the nation's first Incarceration Support Systems, offering assistance to those newly freed from incarceration. And if that wasn't enough, Sheriff Ashe helped construct the Western Massachusetts Correctional Addictions Center, one of the nation's original correctional facilities dedicated to substance abuse treatment.

Throughout his career, Sheriff Ashe's tireless work has made our community a safer, more just, caring place. During his tenure, Sheriff Ashe witnessed over 4,600 inmates graduate his educational programs, earning a GED or a high school equivalent diploma. While Mike Ashe oversaw his inmates contribute over 1 million hours of community service to Hampden County communities. While heading the Massachusetts Sheriffs Association, Ashe was able to present his successful philosophy for community corrections to the rest of the Commonwealth, further promoting an emphasis on rehabilitation rather than punishment. A recipient of the White House "Champions of Change" Award, Sheriff Ashe has made the Commonwealth proud while illustrating through his work, that the United States is indeed a nation of second chances.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 21, 2020*

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 244.

### DALE SCHMITZ

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 21, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Dale Schmitz, WWII Veteran who served with the 115th Cavalry. Mr. Schmitz not only served his country honorably; he is a grandfather and a man of integrity that has committed to serve his community. On December 22nd, Mr. Schmitz will turn 100 years old. On this day, Adams County will proclaim, "Dale Schmitz Day", honoring his six years of service to our country and commitment to his family and community.

After his service with the 115th Cavalry in World War II, Mr. Schmitz took a job with Eaton Metals in Denver, CO, staying with the company until the 1980's. During this time, Mr. Schmitz continued his service to the community by helping the Guardian Angels Catholic School in the Berkley neighborhood with maintenance work. Mr. Schmitz was an active volunteer for Habitat for Humanity until the age of 95 and continues to give back to Veterans through organizations like the Wounded Warrior Project. At the age of 97, Mr. Schmitz flew to Washington, D.C. by himself with the, "Rocky Mountain Honor Flight Program", visiting the memorials and landmarks that were dedicated to the service of WWII Veterans.

Mr. Schmitz has been recognized by his community and has helped every neighbor through acts of service by shoveling their snow, mowing their grass, outdoor repairs, and becoming a favorite with the neighborhood dogs by providing them with hot dogs. Mr. Schmitz was called to service when his country needed him, and then continued his service to his fellow neighbors and community. I want to extend my deepest appreciation and thanks to Mr. Schmitz for his contribution and service.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF BENNY NAPOLEON

### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 21, 2020*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the work of public servant Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon as we honor his memory.

Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Benny Napoleon began his law enforcement career working in Detroit's police department in the 1975. He worked his way up the ranks to serve as chief of police in 1998 before retiring in 2001. Napoleon became assistant Wayne County executive in 2004. In 2009, he was appointed Sheriff of Wayne County, the role he continued to serve in until his recent death.

Benny Napoleon's tenure as Wayne County Sheriff was marked by his work to reduce inmate populations, by utilizing alternatives to incarceration and employing electronic tethering. Napoleon was well-known for his affable personality and big-heartedness. He is a true son of Detroit. His absence will be felt by the communities of Wayne County.

Please join me as we recognize Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon for his many contributions to Wayne County and the 13th Congressional District and honor his memory.

#### HONORING THERESA SCHUTA

### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 21, 2020*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the significant contributions of Theresa "Terri" Schuta, one of my closest friends as well as a true leader within the Buffalo Public Schools and the South Buffalo community she has so diligently served, on the occasion of her retirement as Principal of South Park High School.

A proud product of the Buffalo Public Schools, Terri returned to the halls of the schools we walked together as classmates throughout the 1970's as the Principal of Southside Elementary School for seven years until her appointment as South Park High School Principal in 2009. Rising through the administrative ranks, she also gained experience as the assistant principal at Lorraine Elementary.

In the profile of Mrs. Schuta following her appointment, The Buffalo News headline got it just right when it said "Community roots anchor new principal to South Park," Calling her-

self a neighborhood kid, Terri said, "Someone needs to lead South Park who loves South Park. I think that is going to resonate with the kids."

As Principal, Mrs. Schuta has more than resonated—she initiated, innovated and when necessary, intimidated, to deliver quality educational opportunities for her students, their families, her faculty and staff. She introduced new programs into her school, fought for more resources, stood up for her students and demanded more from them as well as herself to better prepare her students to achieve and succeed.

Terri brought the same energy, enthusiasm, tenacity and work ethic I saw in her as our 1978 class president with her every day as South Park High School Principal. She led the way in building partnerships with local businesses and non-profits and now as a designated Community School, South Park students and their families benefit from enhanced learning opportunities, parent engagement and healthy living experiences. She has been a source of positive change in the city's education system as a whole and has impacted the lives of both her students and colleagues.

Terri's enormous contribution to South Park High School has not gone unnoticed. In fact, she has been recognized for fostering accountability in the high school, which resulted in a 10 percent increase in its graduation rate over the past several years. She also pioneered the Bright Lights of South Park program. This project highlights successful South Park graduates as a source of inspiration for current students. Students can then use that inspiration as motivation for their academic work and to live up to their full potential. She oversaw the well-received and extensive building renovation project, the successful 100th Anniversary Celebration including the 2016 release of "Our Fallen Warriors, Remembered," a timeline of more than 150 of our bravest during their experiences as South Park students through their loss of life in service to our country.

Amazingly, Terri has always found time for others as she is an active and passionate community volunteer. Terri was awarded the organization's Campaign Volunteer of the Year award in 2019 in recognition of outstanding commitment to the United Way. Her professional achievements and personal contributions earned her well-deserved recognition as one of 42 extraordinary women featured in the book, "Women in The City of Good Neighbors."

Her work with United Way, local charities and families in need has positively impacted and inspired so many individuals as she personifies the values of faith, friendship and service others instilled in her as a member of the Drilling Family of Lilac Street. She and her husband, Michael Schuta, a retired Buffalo Police Officer, continue that tradition of service with their daughter, Katie, who has followed in Terri's footsteps as the principal of the Buffalo Public Schools' school of culinary arts and management. Katie and husband, Jonathon Whiteside, have recently had a son, Joseph Michael Whiteside, adding proud grandmother to Terri's many titles. Their son, Michael, holds an MBA and works as a senior accountant at PCB Piezotronics in Cheektowaga, New York.

Madam Speaker, I am so proud of all Terri Schuta has accomplished, the indelible mark she has made in uplifting the lives of her