

their world-famous sea salt caramel pecan kringle. Uncle Mike's Bake Shoppe has grown to be one of the most popular and recognizable bakeries in Wisconsin due to its exceptional customer service, friendly staff, and high-quality products. Uncle Mike's is also known for their unwavering support of the surrounding communities through offering fundraisers to local school districts and supplying fresh-baked cream puffs for the Denmark FFA booth at the Brown County Fair. Since the loss of Uncle Mike in 2020, his spirit has continued to live on through his family where they have carried on his love for baking. As third-generation bakers, Mike and Mary Vande Walle made it their mission to provide quality products through old-fashioned baking methods with high-quality ingredients. Throughout the years, Mike and Mary passed down their expertise in old-fashioned baking to their children, Brittni and Nathan, so that they could continue the exceptional baking traditions that began in 1974 with Don and Norma Vande Walle at Mehlberg's Bakery in Shawano.

I invite all members of this body to join me in celebrating the 20th Anniversary of Uncle Mike's Bake Shoppe. I extend my sincerest congratulations to the Uncle Mike's team on this remarkable milestone and wish them success for many more years to follow. Uncle Mike's Bake Shoppe is a wonderful business in Northeast Wisconsin and is deserving of the highest degree of recognition.

CONGRATULATING MIKE HOFFMAN
ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 27
YEARS AT WNDU

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike Hoffman and congratulate him on a remarkable 27-year career at WNDU and 40 years in the meteorology field. As he prepares to retire, it is my privilege to honor Mike's steadfast dedication to his work and thank him for his decades of service to Michiana communities.

A lifelong Hoosier, Mike has been a constant and trusted presence as the WNDU meteorologist. Every day, Indiana families tune in for Mike's thoughtful analysis and reporting on our region's constantly evolving weather. For more than 20 years in our truly four-season climate, our community has trusted Mike to shoot straight and let us know what to expect from snow to rain to ice and extreme temperatures.

Generations of WNDU viewers have gotten to know Mike as he delivers the local weather report each night, as well as the AgDay and US Farm Report weather segments that are crucial for our hardworking Hoosier farmers. Local families count on Mike to keep them updated on dangerous storms, and Hoosier kids always tune into Mike's reports as they eagerly anticipate snow days.

For those who know Mike, it is obvious that both his Indiana roots and his commitment to our community run deep. Mike's journalism career commenced in his hometown of Delphi, and although he will soon give his final WNDU weather report, his retirement is far from the end of this story.

On and off the air, Mike has made northern Indiana safer, better informed, and more resilient. As an active community member, he always finds ways to serve his neighbors and give back to the region he proudly calls home.

As Mike prepares to sign off and begin a new chapter, I am grateful to this outstanding Hoosier for his work as a meteorologist, as well as for the example he has modeled for aspiring journalists and every young Hoosier learning to give back and build a brighter future.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring WNDU's Mike Hoffman for his exceptional character, guidance, and kindness that has made an indelible legacy in our community and beyond.

CONGRATULATING THE ZUNI
CROSS COUNTRY GIRLS TEAM

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the Zuni Cross-Country Girls Team for winning the District Championships in 2021. Looking through all of the school's running records, it's clearly an amazing community. These runners continue to be a shining example of what we women are capable of.

It is even more remarkable that their success happened during a pandemic that has devastated our indigenous communities. They still delivered and lived up to expectations making their village proud. The team is a gift to the community.

I extend my warmest wishes for the future of the village. If it's in this team's hands, I'm sure Zuni will continue to thrive.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MS.
BETH SHERMAN

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Beth Sherman for her dedicated service to LaGrange County, Indiana. Residents of LaGrange County owe a debt of gratitude to Beth for her leadership at the LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce.

Beth joined the chamber in 2006, and soon after became its executive director, a position in which she served for 12 years. Under her leadership, the chamber's membership doubled, and business in the county blossomed. The chamber's membership stands at more than 400 businesses today, up from the 146 members in 2006 when Beth started. The county's unemployment rate is roughly half that of the national average, and future job growth over the next ten years is predicted to be 47.4 percent, considerably higher than the US average of 33.5 percent. These benchmarks, and others, can be attributed in large measure to Beth.

Her commitment to helping local businesses grow was palpable, as she advocated tirelessly for its members, brought members of

the Chamber together through events, helped to transform the Chamber's marketing and outreach efforts, and more. Aside from her work in the chamber, Beth is a beloved member of the LaGrange County community and intends to remain active in retirement.

I am proud to include in the RECORD this document as a testament to Beth's work and legacy. Because of her, more Hoosiers in LaGrange County have good jobs, can support their families, and enjoy a higher quality of life. Although she will no longer lead Chamber, her legacy will endure, and her commitment to the community and state will serve as a proud example for others in the years to come.

IN HONOR OF RITA SEMEL'S 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a visionary and inspiring leader, my longtime friend Rita Semel, as she recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Beloved in the Bay Area and beyond, Rita has torn down barriers to peace and brought communities together—here at home and around the world.

Personally, it has been a great privilege to have had a front row seat to Rita's greatness for many decades. Deeply committed to her faith and driven by her values, every day she lives out the spirit of *tikkun olam*, 'to heal the world'—which she teaches us is not just a gentle phrase, but a clarion call to action.

Born a New Yorker, but forged into a true San Franciscan by more than eight decades in the Bay Area, Rita has long seen the world not as it is but as it could be—and has labored tirelessly to make real her inspiring vision. At a time when few women could be found in the workplace, she helped break barriers by serving as a reporter at the San Francisco Chronicle during World War II and freelancing for nonprofits as a working mother.

San Franciscans are especially grateful for her decades of leadership of the San Francisco Interfaith Council, which she helped establish in the wake of the devastating Loma Prieta earthquake to bring our community together. Under her leadership, the Council has been a force for justice and opportunity and has improved countless lives: from offering emergency shelter in the winter for people experiencing homelessness to fostering interreligious understanding to creating a chaplaincy program at the Youth Guidance Center, and so much more.

That this revered Bay Area institution, three decades later, continues to unite San Franciscans across races, religions and economic backgrounds is a testament to her unyielding belief that we are always more powerful together than we could ever be alone.

As she advanced justice at home, Rita has also brought boundless energy and a fierce spirit to her work building a world without poverty, violence or discrimination. All Americans can be proud of her service representing our nation to the world as a delegate to two United Nations World Conferences on Women. And as a longtime Jewish activist, she was an early and vocal supporter of the state in Israel—and has been an essential

force in advancing a safer, fairer future for Jewish people around the world.

All who have had the high honor of working alongside Rita know that she never takes no for an answer—and it is best to save time and just agree with her right from the start. For her relentless work, she has been recognized with many accolades, including Woman of the Year by the California State Assembly, the San Francisco Foundation's Community Leadership Award and the Rosa Parks Award from Women in Community Service. Most importantly, however, her impact is measured by the indelible mark she leaves on the lives of her loved ones, her many friends and all fortunate enough to know her.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I extend the warm greetings of the Congress to the extraordinary Rita Semel as she and her loved ones celebrate her century on this earth—and offer best wishes for happy and healthy years to come.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD WILSON'S
SERVICE AS A FEDERAL EM-
PLOYEE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Richard Wilson on his many years of service in the Federal Government and then as a board member for the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE).

Richard was an experienced and accomplished public servant. With 38 years at the U.S. Postal Service and 26 years of service with the Naval Reserve, he exemplified his dedication to serving his community and his country.

Richard Wilson was dedicated to his work with NARFE. After spending time representing his State as president of the Washington Federation, he became a member of the association's National Executive Board.

My office and I were pleased to have worked with Richard in his capacity at NARFE and are saddened to hear of his passing. He and his contributions to our community will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege and honor to remember Richard Wilson for the achievements he made during his lifetime.

RECOGNIZING MR. KEVIN BELL ON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the Lincoln Park Zoo colleagues in honoring Mr. Kevin J. Bell. Kevin recently retired as the zoo's President and CEO after 26 years of dedicated service. Kevin's retirement marks the end of a long career as a leader in the wildlife Conservation and Zoo world. Since he was a young boy, Kevin growing up on the grounds of the Bronx Zoo, where his father worked, had a passion for animals.

Kevin has been with Lincoln Park Zoo for 45 years, starting as a volunteer at the age of 10, he became a part-time animal caretaker at 17, and a keeper at 20. After earning his degrees, he was hired in 1976 as the curator of birds at Lincoln Park Zoo, promoted in 1992 to assistant director, and appointed in 1993 to director. After the zoo privatized in 1995, Kevin was named president and CEO of the Lincoln Park Zoological Society, which manages and operates Lincoln Park Zoo.

Kevin joined the American Zoo and Aquarium Association in 1976, and 20 years later would become the chair of the Privatization Task Force. A well-respected expert, he has published numerous articles in zoo-related publications. In 2011, he was selected as one of the three U.S. delegates to serve on the board of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA). Madam Speaker, please join me and all our colleagues in the House of Representatives in recognizing Mr. Bell's years of service and congratulating him on his retirement.

IN HONOR OF HEALTHCARE
WORKERS

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my sincere gratitude and admiration for the healthcare workers in Alabama's 4th Congressional District, Northern Alabama, and our entire state. We have all heard stories about individuals in the healthcare field who have gone beyond the call of duty during the Coronavirus pandemic. From all across my district, and throughout our state, constituents have nominated some amazing medical workers, and it is my privilege to honor 519 of these individuals today in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen heroic work done to fight the virus on the front lines. Doctors, nurses, first responders, and everyone who has worked tirelessly in the medical field during this past year deserve all the thanks we can give them. They have kept us safe and healthy in a time when we needed it most.

Over the past 15 months I have visited hospitals, talked with those on the front lines of the fight, and visited vaccine clinics throughout my district. I have been overwhelmed by the outstanding work being done each and every day. It has been a constant battle for these healthcare heroes, but they have risen to the task every step of the way. I have no doubt in my mind that these amazing men and women have made a big difference in Alabama's bout with COVID-19.

It is for those reasons, and so many more, that I want to honor the healthcare heroes of Northern Alabama. They deserve nothing less. Thanks to the submissions from my constituents in Alabama's 4th Congressional District, I include in the RECORD 519 healthcare heroes from Dekalb Regional Medical Center. When history looks upon this trying time in our country, they will find the names of the men and women of Alabama who courageously took on the fight to keep the rest of us safe.

With my utmost gratitude, may the legacy of these 519 healthcare heroes live on well into the future.

From Dekalb Regional Medical: Keri Abernathy, Cathey Adams, Suzanne Adams, Angela Akins, Sara Alexander, Wael Al-Halaseh, Stephanie Allsup, Shirley Allsup, Heather Andrews, Scott Argo, Amanda Arnold, Jennifer Arriaga Camarillo, Justin Arther, Amy Bagwell, Kerry Bailey, Amanda Bailey, Melissa Bailey, Zena Bailey, Melonie Bailey, William Bailey, Jeannie Bain, Whitney Baker, Amy Banks, Donald Barber, Donna Barkley, Teresa Barksdale, Karen Barnett, Belinda Barrentine, Elizabeth Barrontine, Kevin Bass, Latricia Battise, Jammie Baugh, Melissa Baugh, Beatriz Bautista, Mariana Bautista, Walter Beard, Melissa Bearden, Tanyeka Bell, Jennifer Bell.

Meghan Benefield, Ashley Bengel, Angela Bennett, Jessica Bennett, Brenda Berghammer, Laurel Berry, Kathy Bethune, Tara Bethune, Danielle Bickerstaff, Kristi Birgans, Jordan Black, Tracy Blackwell, Doyle Blackwell, Tait Blankenship, Ellee Blevins, Karen Blizzard, Abby Boggs, Taylor Bowen, Tiffany Bowen, Misti Bowen, Nakeshia Bowman, Jessica Bradford, Montana Bray, Gayle Brewer, Tammy Brewster, Magan Brown, Courtney Brown, Ben Brown, Miranda Brown, Lyza Brown, Hanna Brown, Ashley Brown Mathews, Willa Browning, Melanie Bruce, Alicia Brumbelee, Taylor Bryant, Kayla Burbol, Jason Burgess, Shirley Burgess, Lauren Burt, Valerie Burt, Carolyn Burt, Wanda Burt, Chandelyn Butler, Joyce Butler, Bailie Butts, Jason Cagle.

Shannon Cain, Joshua Camp, Gracie Caneer, Kayla Carroll, Sharon Carter, Candace Cartwright, Deborah Chaclan, Angela Chambers, Teresa Chandler, Sarah Chandler, Tonikee Chandler, Linda Chappell, Matt Chisenhall, Brittany Clements, Mary Clemons, Courtney Cleveland, Joshua Clifton, Linda Cole, Madison Coley, Wanzetta Combs, Dana Cook, Maxine Cook, Kaitlin Cooper, Krimson Coots, Terra Copeland, Taylor Cornelison Wynn, Destry Cornelison, Libby Cowart, Amanda Cowart, William Craft, Patsy Craig, Kimberly Crow, Matthew Crowe, Kimberly Crye, Taylor Culpepper, Robin Culver, Haley Dalton, Cindy Dalton, Sheri Dauria, Emily Davenport, Jessica Davis, Tamala Dean, Jenny Deerman, Ricky Deerman, Jennifer Devaney, Lori Dickerson, Mary Dillon.

Virginia Dobson, Barbara Dollar, Loretta Dombourian, Tammy Doran, Briana Dudley, Ronald Duncan, Mary Dunne, Misty Dupree, Barbara Dupree, Pamela Eckles, Magan Edwards, Cindy Elliott, Destiny Ellison, Jacob Everett, Kylie Everett, Mary Farmer, Laura Flynn-Hale, Herb Ford, Janet Formby, Briana Fortenberry, John Fowler, Adrienne Fox, Macie Frasier, Ashley Frazier, Jennifer Freeman, Anna Freeman, Penny Fuller, Angela Fuller, Kea Gaddis, Josie Gagnon, Kim Gallo-way, Gentry Gann, James Gann, Darren Gannuch, Kerry Gant, Miranda Gant, Phyllis Gant, Judy Gass, Makenna Gayski, Katherine Gibson, Rita Gilbert, Allison Gilbert, Micah Gilbert, Miranda Gilbert, Rickey Gilbreath, Trina Giles, Crystal Gilmore, Paul Gilreath, Bonita Gipson, Christy Glass.

Rodney Glassco, Dallas Glassco, Jeremy Glassco, April Glenn, Cody Godwin, Jadrianne Godwin, Paula Goza, Ray Greathouse, Jessica Green, Erika Green, Gloria Gayal Haag, Rylee Hadley, Angela Hadley, Katelin Hairrel, Meagan Hale, Kathy Hall, Ashley Hall, Jason Ham, Felix Hamilton, Dacia Hancock, Cathy Handy, Summer Haney, Mackenzi Haney,