

helped found the Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic program in 1991, a core unit still in place today. His honorable stewardship to his community earned him a promotion to lieutenant in 2000. As he continued to set an example of excellence among his peers, he was elevated to Captain in 2006, then Battalion Chief in 2008. His innovative approach to protecting and serving his neighbors was unrelenting in every respect. Two years later, he was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief, where his experience was an asset to boosting public safety. On April 4, 2016, he ascended to Fire Chief, a role he carried out with rare courage, dedication and spirit. Always committed to bettering his city, he took on the additional role of Assistant City Manager in July 2021. Chief Yerkey's contributions to the City of Rock Island are deeply admirable. His impact on our region will be remembered for generations to come.

It is because of heroic and determined leaders such as Chief Yerkey that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally recognize Rock Island Fire Department Chief Jeff Yerkey on his retirement and thank him for his 33 years of service to our community.

RECOGNIZING DR. VINCENT L. ROSS, MD, ITALIAN AMERICAN MAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 30, 2022*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor Dr. Vincent L. Ross, MD, who will be named the Italian American Man of the Year by the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County at their annual gathering on Sunday, October 9, 2022.

Dr. Ross was born and raised in West Scranton, Pennsylvania to Luciano and Dora Ross. He completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Scranton as a cadet in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. He then attended Loyola University-Chicago's Stritch School of Medicine. After completing his medical degree in Chicago, Dr. Ross relocated to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania where he did a residency in pediatrics at the Harrisburg Hospital. In fulfillment of his commitment to the Air Force, Dr. Ross was assigned to two years of duty at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado where he served as the physician for the football team. While in Colorado, he also worked in Denver-area hospitals. As the use of air transport increased for moving critically ill children between hospitals, Dr. Ross had the opportunity, as a senior officer, to fly over the Rocky Mountains.

In 1971, he returned to his native Scranton where he opened his own pediatrics practice. As the pediatrics department at the Community Medical Center grew, he was named the Director of Pediatrics there. During his long tenure with the hospital, he was also named to the President's staff and the hospital Board of Directors. For his dedication to medicine and Northeastern Pennsylvania, Dr. Ross was recognized by Mercy Hospital and Moses Taylor Hospital for 50 years of service. He also received the American Medical Association Rec-

ognition Award, the 50 Year Award from the Lackawanna Medical Society, and the Society's Presidential Award.

He currently lives in Scranton with his wife of 59 years, Donata, and they have three children and two grandchildren.

I am proud to join with the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County in recognizing Dr. Ross for his commitment to caring for Northeastern Pennsylvania's youngest residents for more than five decades. As a compassionate and highly respected physician and dedicated community member, he has been a driving force for good and is well deserving of this honor. May he continue to find fulfillment in his service to medicine and the community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF RICK SEDGWICK

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 30, 2022*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to honor the life and service of Rick Sedgwick, who passed away at the age of 67 after a lifetime of service to the people of Michigan's First District and beyond.

Born in San Diego, California on November 23, 1954, Rick moved to Michigan when he was a child. After graduating from Saginaw Arthur Hill High School in 1973, he enrolled at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, where he studied the Ojibwe language and culture and earned a degree in education. Rick would go on to work in community mental health, school transportation, the U.S. Postal Service, and various trades in the construction field before serving twenty-five years as a special education teacher for Alcona Community Schools. In addition to his long and distinguished career, Rick and his family spent two years working as missionaries counseling Native Americans at Okontoe Christian Fellowship Retreat Center in Northern Minnesota. This was just one of the many opportunities Rick pursued to spread the gospel and serve others. His church family could certainly confirm the same. Rick and his wife Robin were members of New Life Christian Fellowship in Alpena, Michigan for close to twenty years.

Rick passed away on the morning of September 5, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. His kindness, selflessness, and devotion to others will surely leave a lasting mark on those who had the opportunity to know him.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of Rick Sedgwick. His legacy will forever live on in his family, friends, communities, and in the many lives he bettered through his service.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FARM BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF IDAHO

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 30, 2022*

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to an Idaho icon and institu-

tion, Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Idaho, for exceptional service to its customers and the community. Farm Bureau Insurance is celebrating 75 years of providing insurance to the residents and farmers of Idaho.

Farm Bureau started offering insurance to Idahoans in 1947. They are now the second largest insurance writer in the state and the number one farms and ranch insurer in Idaho. They are working to provide peace of mind to Idaho families, farms, and businesses of Idaho by protecting what matters most.

Over the last 75 years, Farm Bureau has been actively contributing to the health and prosperity of Idaho's communities. As an active corporate citizen, Farm Bureau has been a positive force in Idaho by sponsoring Christmas in the Night Skies, Relay for Life, Salute to Idaho Veterans, Elevate Leadership Summit, and the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument among other causes and events over the last 75 years.

Farm Bureau has been awarded an AM Best financial strength rating of excellent or higher since 1959. In 1996, they earned the Better Business Bureau's Torch award for ethics. In 2021, they were awarded the best insurance company in Idaho by Forbes. In both 2020 and 2021, Farm Bureau earned Demotech's Star Award for superior business practices and customer satisfaction.

Madam Speaker, I would like to join their customers, clients, and our community, in honoring Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Idaho for 75 years of exceptional service to our great state.

RECOGNIZING FEMALE LEADERS WHO SHE LEADS AMERICA'S HONORING AS CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 30, 2022*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and highlight the work of some extraordinary female leaders in our country who are being honored by She Leads America as "Christian Women of Distinction."

For my constituents back in Michigan, I try and lead by example through my faith and commitment to public service. But many times, people don't look to Washington for their role models. Fortunately, it does not take long to find others guided by their strong moral compass, faith, and commitment to selfless public service. Today, I honor some of these women, who through their tireless dedication, have shattered glass ceilings and touched the lives of countless individuals around the world. For my part, I remain committed to defending religious freedom here in Congress to ensure each of these women, and all of my constituents, never have to compromise their religious beliefs in order to conform to whatever the trending culture is at the moment.

One of these women, Sharon Weston Broome, is the first female Mayor-President of the City of Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish. Prior to this role, she served as a Baton Rouge Metro City Council member, a Louisiana State Representative, and a Louisiana State Senator. As Mayor her focus has