

CHRISTI NORRIS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Christi Norris of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Christi is active in the community through her work and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in Support Services.

As the Communications Manager for the Social Welfare Board, Christi's influence extends far beyond the organizing and daily operations responsibilities of her job. Christi has been responsible for developing successful fundraisers, putting together a quarterly newsletter, and promoting a cheerful atmosphere in the organization through birthday celebrations and productive staff functions.

Christi's faith influences her work attitude and she is recognized as one who interacts with people of every age and socio-economic level with consistent charm and effectiveness. Christi demonstrates the high character coupled with high work standards which constitute a career worth imitating.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Christi Norris. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

IN HONOR OF THE RCA HERITAGE PROGRAM

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The RCA Heritage Program for its tireless efforts in preserving the name and legacy of RCA. For over sixty years, RCA served as a vanguard of progress not only in South Jersey, but in the country as a whole. RCA's visionary leadership and its dedication to industrial innovations led this company to become a world-renowned manufacturer of products for entertainment, communications, and national security. RCA also served as a critical component of the country's defense and manufacturing industries during World War II, giving the United States a significant technological advantage on the world stage. In having such a broad impact on the region, it is only right to preserve RCA's cultural and societal legacy.

The RCA Heritage Program, under the sponsorship of Rowan University, has worked to establish The RCA Heritage Program Museum, which will preserve the memory of RCA and educate future generations on its impact. In further promotion of education, The RCA Heritage Program established a scholarship available to South Jersey residents interested in pursuing a master's degree in electrical engineering at Rowan University.

With the help of former RCA employees, The RCA Heritage Program has brought together generations of South Jersey residents, collecting pieces of history which would otherwise be lost to time.

Mr. Speaker, The RCA Heritage Program's continuing mission to preserve the lasting leg-

acy of RCA for South Jersey and its residents should not go unrecognized. I join all of South Jersey in paying tribute to this exceptional organization.

TOP COPS—ISSAQUAH PD

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, September 24 of last year during a beautiful fall afternoon, six police officers in Issaquah, Washington stopped a gunman intent on murdering innocent people. Because of their quick actions and bravery, the officers will be honored Saturday evening at the 19th annual TOP COPS Awards ceremony in Washington, DC.

On that fateful day last fall, the gunman walked through yards and on sidewalks indiscriminately firing a rifle at homes, businesses, and passersby. Not far away, more than 100 people were watching a youth football game at a local school. Before the players and spectators could find refuge, the six officers put an end to his rampage utilizing the information being relayed via 9-1-1 operators.

On that day, as on every day, law enforcement officers saved lives calmly, swiftly and selflessly.

Each year, Mr. Speaker, the National Association of Police Organizations recognizes law enforcement officers from federal, state, county and local agencies for acts of bravery, courage and outstanding service to their communities over the preceding year. I am proud that six of our nation's finest officers—and who serve in the district that I represent—8th of Washington—will be acknowledged with the rest of our heroes during police week.

Mr. Speaker, to Officers Brian Horn, Jesse Petersen, Laura Asbell, Tom Griffith, Corporal Christian Munoz, and Sergeant Chris Wilson, I say "thank you." I will continue to support you and all of our law enforcement professionals around the country.

DIANE WATSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Diane Watson of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Diane is active in the community and has been chosen to receive the YWCA Women of Excellence Award for Woman in Volunteerism.

Diane's recent retirement from the St. Joseph School District Board of Education ended more than 40 years of total service to the public school system as a teacher and volunteer, including 12 consecutive years as a Board Member. During her first term on the board, she helped lead a \$36 million bond project for school improvement. In her later term, she helped with the establishment of personal computers for students. Diane's volunteer career extends across the community, including roles as a docent at the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art; Chapter and Reciprocity President of P.E.O.; and an elder, deacon and

committee member to the First Presbyterian Church. As Area Coordinator for Phi Delta Kappa, she traveled the western part of Missouri encouraging quality education. She has also contributed her time and talents to the Calla Varner Board, the Junior League, the Flower Society, the St. Joseph Symphony, and the Performing Arts Association, among others. With an enthusiastic personality and a "can-do" attitude, Diane Watson has become an outstanding community volunteer and an admired friend to many—all of which she humbly attributes to "going wherever the Lord leads."

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Diane Watson. She has made an amazing impact on countless individuals in the St. Joseph community. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

IN HONOR OF PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 562

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 18, 2012

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 562.

Local 562 has a proud history in local labor movement which began in the 1800s and I am honored to rise today to honor its people, and its work, over the last 100 years. Local 562's 4,500 members serve the plumbing and mechanical industry in 67 counties in Eastern Missouri. In 1999 Plumbers Local 35 was merged by the International Union with Pipefitters Local 562 to create the new Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 562.

Plumbers and Pipefitters local 562 provides some of the best educated and trained labor workforce in the world. Its workers have participated in the successful construction of some of St. Louis' most significant initiatives, ranging from large private buildings to major transportation and infrastructure projects. This success is due to Local 562's attention to quality service and craftsmanship.

Local 562 has also been a leader in the industry, as exemplified by its investing over \$12 million in a new training facility. Because of rigorous training, members of local 562 are at the forefront of innovative new industries in our ever changing economy. They are integral to our regional and national economic development, as a well skilled and educated workforce is critical to a growing economy.

For all of Local 562's contributions to our economy, it is also well known for its volunteer and charitable efforts in the community. The Plumbers & Pipefitters annually provide thousands of dollars worth of services to help St. Louis' poor and elderly citizens pay for their utility bills; donate plumbing repairs and home renovations for the less fortunate; help build decent and affordable housing; raise funds for police officers, firefighters, and emergency responders who have fallen in the line of duty; and volunteer time and money to children's hospitals.

Recognizing a century of leadership and excellence in the construction industry, and in our community, I offer hearty congratulations to the members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 562, and thank them for their service.