

upon and look up to these brave men and women.

Mr. Speaker, in my home town we are most fortunate to be under the watchful eyes and extraordinary service of the Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District. This May marked 100 years of firefighting in the Deerfield, Bannockburn and Riverwoods area.

Its mission is simple: "With pride, integrity, and professionalism the members of the Deerfield Bannockburn Fire Protection District will provide emergency response, education, and quality service to all who call upon us."

The Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department was originally organized under the leadership of Lincoln Pettis, with a single two-wheeled, horse drawn cart. Today the Deerfield-Bannockburn FPD is a team of over 40 highly trained professionals. Each and every day, these heroes utilize the most modern techniques and technologies to provide fire protection and emergency services, as well as dealing with hazardous materials and technical and underwater rescue and recovery.

This centennial gives us the opportunity to recognize the profound courage and inspiring achievements of our community's firefighters and emergency personnel.

This centennial also allows for us to recognize the dedication and contributions of firefighters past. The Deerfield Bannockburn Firefighter Memorial will be opened on October 19, and it will be dedicated to former Chiefs Jack Gagne and James Quinn, who combined to lead the Fire District for more than 80 years. Their example is legendary, and their work will never be forgotten.

I congratulate the Deerfield Bannockburn Fire Protection District for 100 years of brave service to our community, and I thank all past, current and future firefighters for being a part of this legacy.

RECOGNIZING THE FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH OF CROWN  
POINT

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2013*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and profound respect that I recognize First United Methodist Church of Crown Point as its congregation and church leaders join together in celebration of its 175th anniversary. Bishop Michael Coyner, Reverend Mark Wilkins, Senior Pastor, Reverend Tom Shanahan, Associate Pastor, and the congregation will be commemorating this momentous milestone with a celebratory church service and reception on Sunday, October 13, 2013.

First United Methodist Church of Crown Point was founded in 1938 by Isaac Stagg. The first church services were held in log cabin homes. In 1887, the first church building was completed in Crown Point and became the place of worship for parishioners for many years. By 1957, a new church building was completed and remains the home of First United Methodist Church of Crown Point today. Throughout the years, more than seventy ministers have served as leaders of the church, and the devoted congregation has grown to over 800 members. With the in-

crease in membership, the church has been able to organize numerous programs that have played a major role in the church's success. These remarkable programs include the United Methodist Women's Group, the Epworth League, a teen-age youth group, Methodist Men, Caring Cooks and the Older Adult Ministry.

The leaders and parishioners of First United Methodist Church of Crown Point touch the lives of countless individuals through their compassionate service, especially to those most in need. Over the years, they have come to the aid of many through their selfless support to various charitable organizations, including Meals On Wheels, Saint Jude Home, Adopt a Family at Christmas, and Adopt a Highway. The church has also supported missionaries both nationally and abroad, and is currently raising funds to help build a church in Roatan, Honduras.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the church leaders and congregation of First United Methodist Church of Crown Point for their exceptional community service and congratulating the church on its 175th anniversary. The outstanding work of this truly admirable congregation continues to touch lives in Northwest Indiana and far beyond, and for their selfless service, the leadership and members at First United Methodist Church of Crown Point are worthy of the highest praise.

IN HONOR OF JESSE CARSON HIGH  
SCHOOL

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2013*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jesse Carson High School. This school, established in 2006, has been awarded the Wells Fargo Conference Cup for overall inter-scholastic athletic performance within its individual conference.

Last year, the school's volleyball team won the Western Regional Championship, and the baseball and softball teams were also tournament champions.

These accomplishments exemplify the hard work and dedication of the students, teachers and mentors of Jesse Carson High School.

Principal Kelly Withers is dedicated to her students and believes that with the right opportunity and environment, each student can achieve his or her goals.

I believe that a strong athletic program teaches students the importance of teamwork and how to overcome challenges. Along with a strong academic background, these skills will help our students in future endeavors.

Jesse Carson High School has made the Eighth District of North Carolina proud, and its success serves as an example to other schools in North Carolina and across the nation.

RECOGNIZING THE 102ND ANNIVERSARY OF DOUBLE TEN DAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2013*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of Taiwan on the upcoming celebration of the 102nd anniversary of "Double Ten Day." Double Ten Day traces its roots to the Wuchang Uprising that occurred on October 10, 1911. The Wuchang Uprising signaled the end of the Qing Dynasty and the start of a democratic movement that we continue to celebrate and recognize. Double Ten Day is a celebration of the birth of democracy and the Republic of China.

I want to especially recognize the people of Taiwan on this important occasion. The strength of the relationship between the people of Taiwan and the people of the United States is strong. I look forward to continue working to expand business opportunities as well as deepen our mutual appreciation for each other's unique cultures. Exchange of our cultures is clearly evidenced on Guam, which is home to many people of Chinese ancestry. Guam continues to benefit from their cultural contributions to our community and the promotion of trade and economic opportunities.

Again, I congratulate the people of Taiwan on the 102nd anniversary of Double Ten Day. We celebrate this historic occasion with them and we honor their friendship with the American people.

HONORING THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTER AT CANISIUS COLLEGE

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2013*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Women's Business Center at Canisius College on the occasion of its tenth anniversary.

The Women's Business Center at Canisius College is a comprehensive resource for small business owners and professional women providing training and networking opportunities to empower women with the critical skills necessary to develop their business.

The Center gives participants access to the college's business courses, counseling, advice from business coaches, forums and an annual Women's Leadership Conference that featured "Creativity and Innovation" as one of its themes.

The Center not only benefits women in business but also benefits the Western New York economy. Bolstered by an initial federal grant from the Small Business Administration, the Center has served over 21,000 participants, helped start over 200 businesses, and created 290 jobs since opening in September of 2003.

The Women's Business Center at Canisius College, one of 28 Jesuit universities in the nation, also deserves recognition for the link it continues to provide between the local educational institutions and the economic centers of our community. The success of small businesses is crucial to the prosperity of our region and nation and we are fortunate that for