

General Motors. Mr. Iwanicki was a proud member of the United Auto Workers and spent much of his life fighting for the rights of workers everywhere.

Mr. Iwanicki devoted his entire life to serving his community. He was the Boy Scout Master of Troop #31, President of the Meriden Umpires Association, President of Father's Club of Meriden Girls Club, and participated in many other cultural organizations.

Mr. Iwanicki continued his service to his country and his community when he got involved in Meriden and Connecticut politics. He served as Treasurer of the Meriden Democratic Party, Alderman in the City Council, and was then elected State Representative from the 79th Assembly District.

Edward Iwanicki, Sr.'s life embodied the spirit of civic engagement that strengthens our communities and makes our country a better place. His contributions to the City of Meriden, the State of Connecticut, and to the United States will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING MAY AS ALS  
AWARENESS MONTH

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 9, 2014*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it's estimated that each year 5,600 Americans are diagnosed with ALS—or Lou Gehrig's Disease. A disease that occurs throughout the world with no racial, ethnic or socioeconomic boundaries.

For one young man in my district in Pennsylvania, those stats hit close to home when a close family friend received the diagnosis.

Nine-year-old Jared Laff wasn't satisfied with just sitting by, though. He set out to earn his Junior Black Belt in karate—dedicating months of hard work and training to his friend Ron. Through his perseverance, Jared was awarded his belt in March as well as raising \$2,200 for the fight against ALS.

Jared's commitment and compassion are an example to all who want to make a difference.

May is ALS Awareness Month, but thanks to people like Jared the goal of drawing attention—and funding—to the fight against ALS is a year-round effort.

HONORING CLAUDINA McCAMMACK

**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 9, 2014*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of my friend and one of my constituents, Claudina McCammack, of Muncie, Indiana.

Claudina was a longtime resident of Muncie and active community leader. She served as District Secretary for former Congressman David Dennis, as Delaware County Commissioners Secretary, part time in Voters Registration, and as a Republican Precinct Committeewoman. Claudina, whose faith was so central in her life, was also an active member of the Full Gospel Temple in Muncie.

Claudina could always be counted on as a strong advocate for the people and policies in

which she believed. She was leader in the Delaware County Republican Party and in the city of Muncie. Much of her life was spent in the service to others. Claudina received numerous awards and recognition for her work, including a key to the city of Muncie. Perhaps her greatest legacy is the impact she had on so many lives in east-central Indiana. Countless people can recount the help they received from Claudina, who always possessed a commitment to serve and had a smile on her face.

I ask the entire 6th District to keep Claudina's children, Randall, Beth, and Kaye, along with the entire extended McCammack family, in your thoughts and prayers.

HONORING YEOMAN 1ST CLASS  
ANDREA JEAN SMALL

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 9, 2014*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize Yeoman 1st Class Andrea Jean Small for her exceptional service to our country. In April of 1943, at the age of 23, she joined the Navy in lieu of nursing school. Mrs. Small completed her basic training in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Upon completion, she moved to Washington, DC to begin her service.

As one of the first WAVES—Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service—Mrs. Small left her childhood home of Peoria, Illinois, was among the first women to serve our country in a military capacity during WWII. Due to the scarcity of manpower and the urgency of protecting our nation, nearly 400,000 women took on new roles in all military branches during the war.

At the age of 95, Mrs. Small can still remember many of the experiences she had prior to and during her service in Washington. She can recall hearing about the attack on Pearl Harbor just as she was leaving church on that cold December morning, and the funeral procession of Franklin Delano Roosevelt on April 14, 1945. Perhaps the fondest memory was the night she met the man who would later become her husband of 29 years, Yeoman 1st Class Joe Breithaupt, at a Navy USO party. The two were married on July 13, 1945, just three months after they had met. After completion of their service, the two made their home in the Corsicana area, where they raised three sons. Following Joe's death from cancer, Jean later remarried to Mr. Marilyn Small, and they were married for nine years until his passing.

Humbly, I echo the words of President Ronald Reagan, "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we will always be free." And humbly, I offer my sincere gratitude to Yeoman 1st Class Andrea Jean Small for her service and acts of bravery that allow us the freedoms we enjoy today.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS A "PURPLE HEART DISTRICT"

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 9, 2014*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to South Carolina's Second Congressional District as home to recipients of the Purple Heart. So many of its residents have honorably served our nation in its time of need—all gave some and some gave all. As a reflection of the Midlands of South Carolina's pivotal role in war efforts past and present, and the deep personal sacrifice of so many of its residents, I stand to proclaim that South Carolina's Second Congressional District should be recognized as a "Purple Heart District."

As you know, The Purple Heart is one of the oldest and most recognized American military medals, awarded to service members who were killed or wounded by enemy action. In 1782, George Washington created the Badge of Military Merit to reward "any singularly meritorious action" displayed by a soldier, non-commissioned officer, or officer in the Continental Army. This award was intended to encourage gallantry and fidelity among soldiers. General Douglas MacArthur (then Army Chief of Staff) revived the award on February 22, 1932, the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth. Since its inception and through several wars and conflicts, the Purple Heart has been given to more than a million wounded or killed while serving our nation.

South Carolina is home to a proud military tradition, from Fort Moultrie to recent deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. Because of its unique location to include Fort Jackson and North Air Force Auxiliary Field, with adjacent Shaw Air Force Base, McEntire Joint Air Base, Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Beaufort Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort Naval Hospital, and Fort Gordon, the Second Congressional District of South Carolina is an ever-expanding center for military life. I am honored to represent these valiant men and women.

Mr. Speaker, South Carolina has dispatched thousands of its sons and daughters to fight the enemy, many have sacrificed their health and many have sacrificed their lives. We will never forget their sacrifices and are grateful for the valiant men and women who have been harmed defending their country and our freedom.

I ask that my colleagues to join me in recognition and appreciation of South Carolina's Purple Heart recipients past and present. Now, in the spirit of that appreciation, let it be known that South Carolina's Second Congressional District should be recognized as a "Purple Heart District."

CELEBRATING ROYCE SCHERTZ

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 9, 2014*

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Royce Schertz who will graduate as