

many years Gordon has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Gordon has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Gordon Michael Hendrix for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

“SHARK LADY” OF MOTE PASSES AWAY AFTER NEARLY 75 YEARS OF MARINE RESEARCH

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of America's great ocean research pioneers, Dr. Eugenie Clark.

“Genie” Clark—known as the “Shark Lady”—founded Mote Marine Laboratory in Southwest Florida. She died at age 92 on Feb. 25 at her home in Sarasota.

Genie visited the New York Aquarium in 1922 at age nine and was fascinated by the sharks and other fish of many shapes and colors. She began sharing what she learned about the fish with others.

After carrying out a distinguished career spanning almost 75 years, raising four children and inspiring students and others, Clark will be remembered for her amazing discoveries.

Her legacy is impressive: blazing trails for women in science; inspiring generations of people from ocean experts to school children; swimming with sharks to learn about them; and founding a world-class marine laboratory that turned 60 this year.

Clark was a world authority on fish—particularly sharks and tropical sand fish. A courageous diver and explorer, Clark conducted 72 submersible dives as deep as 12,000 feet and led over 200 field research expeditions to the Red Sea and Gulf of Aqaba, Caribbean, Mexico, Japan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Thailand, Indonesia and Borneo to study sand fish, whale sharks, deep sea sharks and spotted oceanic triggerfish. She wrote three books and more than 175 articles, including research publications in leading peer-reviewed journals such as *Science* and a dozen popular stories in *National Geographic* magazine.

In 1955, Clark started the one-room Cape Haze Marine Laboratory in Placida, Fla., with her fisherman assistant and with philanthropic support and encouragement from the Vanderbilt family. The Lab thrived in partnership with its community and became Mote Marine Laboratory in 1967 to honor major benefactor William R. Mote. Today the Lab is based on City Island, Sarasota, and it hosts 24 diverse marine research and conservation programs, education programs for all ages and a major public Aquarium. The Lab has six campuses in Florida and more than 200 staff, including scientists who work in oceans surrounding all seven continents.

Clark joined the Zoology faculty at the University of Maryland in 1968, and she officially retired in 1992. She returned to Mote in 2000 as Senior Scientist and Director Emerita and

later became a Trustee. There, she continued to build upon and champion the groundbreaking research that she started 60 years ago.

Clark dove as recently as June 2014, when she brought a team of volunteer research divers to study deep water triggerfish in the Solomon Islands. The divers had been searching for nests and monitoring how the fish behaved.

Clark is the recipient of three honorary degrees and numerous awards including The Explorers Club Medal; the Medal of Excellence from the American Society of Oceanographers; The NOGI award in Arts from Underwater Society of America; the Dugan Award in Aquatic Sciences from the American Littoral Society; a Gold Medal from the Society of Women Geographers; the Distinguished Fellow Award from the American Elasmobranch Society; and the Franklin L. Burr Award from the National Geographic Society. Several fish species have been named in her honor: *Callogobius clarki* (Goren), *Sticharium clarkae* (George and Springer), *Enneapterygius clarkae* (Holleman), and *Atrobuca geniae* (Ben-Tuvia and Trewavas).

Clark is survived by her four children: Hera, Aya, Tak and Niki Konstantinou, and her grandson, Eli Weiss.

A TRIBUTE TO TRACY A. STONE—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Tracy Stone, of Elysian Valley, a unique neighborhood in Los Angeles, California.

Tracy Stone received a Bachelor's Degree in Art History from Cornell University in New York, a Master's Degree in Architecture from The University of Texas at Austin, and in 1989, was licensed as an Architect by the State of California. In 1991, Ms. Stone opened her own firm, Tracy A. Stone Architect. The office has completed a variety of projects, including a 'green' teahouse, an animal shelter and a children's dance studio.

Ms. Stone and members of her firm created and organized the annual “Frogtown Artwalk” in Elysian Valley, which started in 2006, as a small event showcasing the artists and artisans inhabiting the small commercial/industrial buildings along the Los Angeles River in Elysian Valley. It has grown into a full-scale community event that engages musicians from the surrounding areas, community organizations, local residents, as well as artists and artisans. The event has also featured various activities geared to parents and youth. The Frogtown Artwalk has traditionally celebrated the relationship between the Elysian Valley and the adjacent Los Angeles River, helping to bring interest as well as attention to a long forgotten resource. In 2008, Tracy Stone and Allen An-

derson established a non-profit organization, the Elysian Valley Arts Collective, which manages and funds the annual artwalk, and which has allowed the event to grow in complexity and size.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Tracy A. Stone.

CELEBRATING MS. MAXINE MILNER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Ms. Maxine Milner, who is turning 100 years old March 23rd, 2015. She embodies the American dream as someone who has worked every day to improve the lives of her family and loved ones.

As we celebrate Ms. Milner's birth we can look back on a century filled with family and hard work. She was born in Kokomo, Indiana, and has remained a lifelong Hoosier who has never strayed far from home. In 1932, she married Edward V. Brown, and they were married for 74 years before he passed away in 2008. Shortly after marrying Edward, Maxine began working in 1935 at Crosley Radio. Crosley was eventually bought by Delco Radio where she continued to work for 39 years. Maxine was blessed with three children, four grandchildren, and is also a proud great grandmother of two. Since her retirement in 1974 she has been living out her retirement on Grissom Air Force base in Peru, Indiana.

It is an honor to wish Ms. Maxine Milner a very happy birthday and to celebrate a century of achievement. On behalf of Indiana's Second District, I am proud to recognize Maxine's birthday and wish her good health and many more birthdays.

TRIBUTE TO TODD JACOBSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Todd Jacobson, a history teacher at Creston High School. Mr. Jacobson received the 2014–2015 VFW High School Teacher of the Year Award.

Mr. Jacobson received this award after being nominated by fellow teacher and 2009 award recipient, Lesa Downing. Mr. Jacobson served overseas during the Gulf War, and now says that he believes that there are no two greater professions, no more honorable professions than to have been a soldier and a teacher. He feels fortunate to have been able to do both. Todd plans to use his monetary award to provide a seating area at Creston's Freedom Rock in honor of his late father-in-law, Wilbur Chubick, who served in the Navy during the early 1950s.

I applaud and congratulate Todd Jacobson for his award, for providing the youth in Iowa's 3rd congressional district the education that they will need to be successful in the future and for serving our country during the Gulf