

For the past 55 years, Ms. Diddy has served the people of Menlo as an outstanding and dedicated employee, offering reliable and friendly service. Her first day of employment was January 15, 1960, and since that time she has seen four company changes, but she has stayed at her post at the bank, serving her fellow community members. Great service goes a long way, and I am honored to see fellow Iowans like Doris providing service second to none.

I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Doris Diddy for her service to Menlo and Rolling Hills Band and Trust as she faithfully defended their vault for 55 years. I consider it an honor to represent her in Congress, and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA VFW DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BRENDA JOHNSON

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States was established to serve our nation's veterans and their families. This organization honors military service and ensures that the history of America's veterans is preserved for future generations. With the help of its 500,000 members, the organization serves those who have been called to the highest honor by maintaining veterans' memorials, sharing veterans' history with the community, volunteering at veterans' hospitals, and providing scholarships to students recognizing patriotism through art and volunteerism. One very special member, who I would like to recognize today, President Brenda Johnson, rallies the theme "LOVE FOR OUR VETERANS" in my home state of Pennsylvania. President Johnson, a resident of Falls Township, is a Life Auxiliary member of the VFW#6495 located on Haines Road in Levittown, Bucks County, PA, one of seven auxiliaries in my home district. I would like to thank President Johnson and the Ladies Auxiliary for their continued support and dedication and wish them continued success as they serve our veterans and their families.

IN HONOR OF LOUIS F. CAPPELLI, SR.

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Louis F. Cappelli, Sr. for his achievements, contributions and service to the people of New Jersey as an educator, advocate and leader. Mr. Cappelli passed away at the age of eighty this year and will truly be missed.

Mr. Cappelli graduated with a bachelor's degree from Trenton State College and a Master's degree from Temple University both in education. Particularly valuing his work with young athletes, Mr. Cappelli was a physical

education teacher as well as a football and track coach. Over his many years in education Mr. Cappelli served as a vice-principal at Triton High School for ten years and as its principal for another twenty-four years.

Mr. Cappelli also served the people of New Jersey in a number of civic posts. He honored his heritage through his leadership with Order of the Sons of Italy, serving as the president for his local Lodge 494 and the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey. Serving on the board of directors for the Cerebral Palsy School & Treatment Center of Camden County, Mr. Cappelli never shied away from being a part of a good movement.

He was an effective and beloved member of the Collingswood Board of Education, and was known as advocate for the needs of the students, even when those positions were unpopular. He was also a valued member of the Camden County College board of trustees. I knew Mr. Cappelli as a vital member of the community, who couldn't have been more proud of his family.

Mr. Speaker, Louis Cappelli, Sr. was a great man who exemplified the true meaning of community leader and family-man. I join with my community and all of New Jersey in honoring the achievements of this truly exceptional man.

A TRIBUTE TO RENAE PLANT—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, Renae Plant of Los Feliz, a unique neighborhood in Los Angeles, California.

Born in Eumundi, Queensland, Australia, Renae moved to the United States in 1994 with dreams of becoming an actor. After living in New York for six years, where she was a model and actor, she moved to Los Angeles in 2000, and established a management company, Nebula Management. Shortly after, she began a second business, a maternity tee shirt line. In 2007, Renae and her husband, Livinio, rescued the local preschool their daughter attended, Camelot Kids, located in the Silver Lake area of Los Angeles, which had been on the verge of permanent closure. After three months of meetings, the preschool was able to re-open its doors. Now eight years later, with Ms. Plant as the Director, the preschool is known for its warm, nurturing environment that encourages a natural love of learning, and is an award-winning school with a long waiting list.

An accomplished organizer, Renae has recently given her time and talent to the Thomas Starr King Middle School, where her daughter, Ilan attends the Environmental Magnet program. In 2014, she joined the Executive Board as Treasurer of Friends of King, a parent support and fundraising group for the school, and

that same year, was instrumental in raising substantial funds that will be used to paint the entire school. She launched the "I Keep King Clean" project with a group of parents who clean the school and carry out other beautification tasks, and was ultimately successful in obtaining a professional cleaning service for the school. In addition, Ms. Plant has been a key force with upcoming efforts to decorate the perimeter fences at the school, the "Chain Link Art Gallery" project, and the upcoming renovation of the library and the gym.

Married for eleven years, Renae and her husband, Livinio, have three children, Ilan, Mateo and Deklan.

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

HONORING POTS

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, as the Congressional Representative for New York's 16th District, I am always amazed by some of the work our great civic organizations do to better the community. Part of the Solution, better known as POTS, is one of those fantastic organizations that has done so much for so very many throughout the Bronx.

POTS is a 501(c)(3) organization that serves as a "one-stop shop" for individuals living in poverty. The goal of the organization is to help those in need on their journeys from crisis to stability and, ultimately, self-sufficiency. By nourishing the basic needs and hunger of those who come through their doors, the organization seeks to create a positive, loving, and caring community in the Bronx. POTS offers a wide variety of services that were designed to work in concert to address diverse and complex issues. From clothing and food pantry programs to comprehensive legal services, POTS does it all. Even in instances where POTS does not provide directly needed service, their staff will link incoming clients with other groups or organizations that can help them. Simply put, anyone who comes to POTS for help gets it.

Since the very first meal in 1982, POTS has served hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers, and this year will help more than 20,000 individuals, including 6,000 children. They have been an absolute godsend to the Bronx and continue to do more and more every year to help those in trying times.

The Riverdale Jewish Community Relations Council is honoring POTS with the Community Organization Award at their annual Legislative Breakfast. They have chosen a wonderful organization to honor. My sincere congratulations go out to the entire Board and staff of POTS on receiving this well deserved recognition and award.

TRIBUTE TO JACLYN EASTER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Jaclyn Easter, a middle school science

teacher at Bergman Academy School in Des Moines. Jaclyn received the Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award for New Science Teachers.

This award, from the National Science Teaching Association, is given to only 25 outstanding teachers from around the country and provides mentorship, tracking and continuing opportunities for meaningful involvement with NSTA, and Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) professional development.

I applaud and congratulate Jaclyn for her award and for providing the youth in Iowa's 3rd Congressional District the education that they will need to be successful in the future. I am proud to represent her, her fellow teachers and students in the United States Congress. I know that my colleagues join me in congratulating Jaclyn Easter and wishing her well and continued success in the future.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT WILLIAMS' SERVICE TO CARTHAGE WATER & ELECTRIC PLANT

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Robert Williams on his upcoming retirement this April as general manager of Carthage Water & Electric Plant and thank him for his service to the community.

Robert joined Carthage Water & Electric Plant in January 1998 and has been the general manager since 1999. The utility provides and distributes energy and water to residents, businesses and industrial facilities; also the company now provides fiber and wireless Internet services.

Robert's invaluable skills and expertise in the field of energy were acquired over years of experience. When he joined the U.S. Army in 1972, he was trained as a power generation technician. He was assigned to a special nuclear power program where he ran nuclear power generators in an air defense unit. After his time in the Army, Robert worked with Springfield's City Utilities, as well as utilities in Higginsville, Missouri, and Miami, Oklahoma. He graduated from Missouri State University.

During his career Robert chaired numerous utility-related organizations on a regional, state and national level. He served on the executive committee of American Public Power Association, Southwestern Power Resources Association, Missouri Public Utility Association, Tri-State Water Coalition and Southwest Missouri Joint Municipal Water Utility Commission.

I again am honored to recognize Robert Williams and congratulate him on his retirement after 40 years of dedicated work in the utility industry.

A TRIBUTE TO SUSAN B. STEWART—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, Susan B. Stewart of Sunland, California.

Born and raised in Vermont, Susan Bishop moved to the Sunland-Tujunga area in the late 1990's, and in 2010, she married Richard Stewart. Well-regarded in her community, Susan is involved in numerous organizations where she puts her superior organizing skills to good use. Ms. Stewart is on the Sunland-Tujunga Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the chamber's Spring Carnival Committee, and has served on the Nomination Committee, By-Laws Committee and Marketing and Membership Committee. Susan is a Founding Board member and current Board member of the Sunland-Tujunga-Shadow Hills Community Fund whose mission is to support student programs at Verdugo Hills High School and the local newspaper, Voice of the Village, and is on the fund's Fireworks Festival Committee. In addition, she is an active member of the Sunland-Tujunga Rotary Club, has served as President and Secretary, and continues to help with many of their annual events, including Winterfest and the Fourth of July Parade. Past President and Past Secretary of Renaissance Speakers Toastmasters Club, Past Secretary of District 52 of Toastmasters International, she is currently an Ambassador for the organization.

With a long career as a management consultant, specializing in the areas of ethics, expansion and establishment, Susan assists with the management of her husband's painting contracting business in Sunland. Ms. Stewart is an avid horsewoman, and has taught horseback riding for many years, and one of her greatest joys is riding on the trails in the beautiful Sunland-Tujunga foothills.

Between Susan and Richard, they have four children: Moriah, Thoreau, Jake and Justin, and two grandchildren: River Jane and Elliot.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Susan B. Stewart.

PALM BEACH LAKES HIGH SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the girls basketball team of Palm Beach Lakes High School located in West Palm Beach, Florida.

On Saturday, February 21, 2015, the Lady Rams soundly defeated last year's state champions, Apopka-Wekiva, 58-40 for the

team's first state championship win. Their 28-2 record and convincing win in the title game are two things for which the Palm Beach County community should be very proud of.

I want to congratulate Coach Cassandra Rahming, herself a former star at Palm Beach Lakes, and the entire team for a job very well done. I especially want to praise star guard Kayla Thigpen, who scored nine points in the second quarter, and power forward Jackie Johnson, who recorded six points, nine rebounds, three blocks and four steals in the first half.

Mr. Speaker, the Palm Beach Lakes High School Lady Rams are fine examples of young women who have excelled at athletics and academics. By working hard and focusing on the tasks at hand, they have reached the pinnacle of their sport. I wish the entire team much success and look forward to Palm Beach Lakes High School winning more championships for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM OF CHERRY CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the varsity football team of Cherry Creek High School in Greenwood Village, Colorado on winning the 2014 Colorado 5A Football State Championship game on November 29, 2014.

A crowd of more than 13,000 watched the Bruins in their stunning 25-24 win over Valor Christian High School. Late in the fourth quarter Cherry Creek scored a touchdown to bring the game to 23-24. Rather than kicking a field goal, the Bruins made a bold move opting for a two point conversion to win the game.

In this extremely close game, the young men of Cherry Creek High School's football team proved that hard work, dedication, and a little courage is a recipe for greatness. These football players were led to the championship title through the tireless leadership of their head football coach, Dave Logan, and his commendable staff.

Additionally, I recognize senior running back and star player, Milo Hall, for his superior performance in the game rushing 214 yards and scoring two touchdowns.

It is with great pride that I join with the citizens of Greenwood Village, as well as the entire Sixth Congressional District of Colorado, in congratulating the Cherry Creek Bruins on their ninth State Championship. This outstanding accomplishment is now preserved in the United States CONGRESSIONAL RECORD which will endure forever.

A TRIBUTE TO NADIA SUTTON—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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