

During his longstanding service to the Board of Trustees, Mr. Joseph has been a proponent of capital development projects, including the construction of the Information Sciences Building, Liberal Arts Complex, and Schmidt Art Center at the Belleville Campus, and extensive expansions and renovations at the Red Bud and Sam Wolf Granite City campuses.

Mr. Joseph is a member of the Turkey Hill Grange, St. Paul United Church of Christ in Freeburg, Freeburg Masonic Lodge, and the Fraternal Order of Police—St. Clair County Lodge 148.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Mr. Kenneth R. Joseph for his 20 years of service as a Trustee of Southwestern Illinois College and to wish him the very best in the future.

CELEBRATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLOOMFIELD FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bloomfield Friends of the Library, located in Bloomfield Township, Essex County, New Jersey, as they celebrate their 80th Anniversary.

In 1902, the first library in Bloomfield was founded by a man named James Newbegin Jarvie. A wealthy business man, he founded the Jarvie Memorial Library in memory of his parents. At this time, the library was located in the Westminster Presbyterian Church. It remained here until 1923, when he sold the library, complete with its collections and equipment, to the Township of Bloomfield for \$60,000. Over the course of the next four years, the library moved to several different places, until finally the Board of Trustees purchased land at 90 Broad Street for \$23,000, where it remains to this day.

As the years passed, the library's collections grew, and as the collections grew so did the need for more space. In 1963, the library began planning and fundraising, and soon started construction. On September 5, 1967, the library finally reopened. The main floor of the original building was now refurbished as the Children's Library. The adult library had moved into the new addition, and the lower levels were now to be used as a meeting room and for the staff area. In 1969, the meeting room was redesigned into a theater, which is still used today for musicals, films, lectures and even children's programs.

Presently, the Bloomfield Public Library offers a wide array of services for children, teens, and adults. Here, one can research the Township's history, look up the High School's summer reading program, or look up Driving Permit Practice Tests. The Library also provides accommodations for the physically and visually impaired and for those with reading disabilities, among its many other services.

Behind the scenes, keeping all of this running over the last 80 years, has been the Bloomfield Friends of the Library. As a matter of fact, in 1935, the Bloomfield Friends of the Library was the first in a public library in the East to be established, and they are the oldest Friends of the Library east of the Mississippi.

The Library's public relation's director, Helen Scherff Taylor, presented the idea as she thought it would inspire more library services to the community. She was right, and the idea spread to the Bloomfield Chapter of the American Association of University Women and to the Women's Club of Bloomfield who decided to sponsor the Friends of the Library. Less than a year later, the organization had their first meeting.

Today, the Bloomfield Friends of the Library continually works to assist the library to provide and improve its facilities and services to the residents of Bloomfield. Some of their recent accomplishments include donations for the purchase of books for both the Adult and Children's Libraries, donations for the Audiovisual Department for the purchase of tapes and DVDs, and donations for equipment such as computers, appliances, and copiers. It is also thanks to these donations that the library is open on Sundays.

It is through the tireless work of the Bloomfield Friends of the Library that the Township of Bloomfield and its residents continue to enjoy the Bloomfield Public Library.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Bloomfield Friends of the Public Library as they celebrate their 80th Anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF WASCO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wasco Union High School District in honor of its centennial.

In 1915, people from the Cleveland, Maple, Poplar, Wildwood, and Semitropic, and Wasco Elementary School Districts voted to form the Wasco Union High School District in their community. Wasco High School operated out of a rented auditorium-like building known as Wasco Hall and enrolled twenty-eight students during its first year. In December 1915, the district purchased a fifteen acre school site at Trogon's Corner. Construction began at this site in August 1916 and was completed in March 1917. Since the construction of the "Main Building" several new buildings have been added to the campus and the student body has grown tremendously.

Wasco Union High School District is now one of the largest high school districts in Kern County and covers approximately seven hundred and fifty square miles. The curriculum is heavily focused on vocational and agricultural skills and boasts a one hundred and ten acre school farm where students can take classes in welding, agriculture mechanics, plant science, and animal care.

Over the past century, the Wasco Union High School District has helped Central Valley children reach their full potential and become active and prosperous members of their communities. The city of Wasco and Kern County as a whole are fortunate to have such a committed and successful academic institution at their disposal.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Wasco Union High School District's centennial.

THE SELECTION OF DR. PAUL L. MODRICH AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2015 NOBEL PRIZE IN CHEMISTRY

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Dr. Paul L. Modrich, James B. Duke Professor of Biochemistry at Duke University, on winning the 2015 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

As a young man growing up in a small town in northern New Mexico, Dr. Modrich was instilled with a curiosity and love of the natural world. When he was a junior in high school, Dr. Modrich's father who taught high school biology, sparked his curiosity in science by suggesting that he learn more about DNA.

Dr. Modrich went on to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where he received his undergraduate degree in 1968. It was at MIT while working in a lab that studied the genetics of viruses that infect bacteria, that he became interested in molecular genetics. After MIT, Dr. Modrich matriculated at Stanford University where he obtained a Ph.D. in 1973.

Since then, Dr. Modrich has spent his career studying how organisms prevent the occurrence of mutations in their genetic material. This research has led to discovering crucial insights into how a living cell functions, about the molecular causes of several hereditary diseases, and about mechanisms behind cancer development. This research has also contributed to better understanding exactly how DNA is damaged and has led to advancements in cancer treatments.

The 114-year-old Nobel award, regarded as the most prestigious prize for chemistry research, is given to recipients whose discoveries have conferred the greatest benefit to mankind. In his current post as a Professor of Biochemistry and Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, Dr. Modrich continues a life of service through research that has improved the lives of individuals.

Dr. Modrich believes in and is a testament to the importance of curiosity-based research. He has demonstrated time and again that basic research leads to unanticipated results which have value for saving and improving the quality of lives.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Modrich has spent his career on the forefront of groundbreaking research that will surely continue to benefit health outcomes for all people. I am so pleased that he is being recognized for his truly amazing work. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Paul L. Modrich for winning the 2015 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

TRIBUTE TO MERRILL AND JOYCE KRUSE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Merrill

and Joyce Kruse of Shenandoah, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Merrill and Joyce were married in 1965.

Merrill and Joyce's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. I congratulate this devoted couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them and their family nothing but the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF FLAT ROCK

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Flat Rock, Michigan on its 50th anniversary of incorporation. The City of Flat Rock embodies so much of what makes Michigan and the 12th Congressional District great; it is a privilege to represent the city and its people.

Flat Rock began as a Wyandot Native American settlement, and later was designated as a reservation for the Wyandot, functioning in that way until 1830. In 1818, Solomon Sibley purchased 330 acres of land in the area, and in 1824 the Vreeland family purchased nearly 800 acres, including the 330 acres belonging to Mr. Sibley. The land was plotted as the villages of Vreelandt and Smooth Rock. In 1838, the village of Flat Rock was platted and recorded by the Gibraltar and Flat Rock Land Company, who purchased a large portion of the land. At that time, the company was attempting to build a canal to connect Lake Erie with Lake Michigan. While that effort did not succeed, it was a larger indication of the fact that many people from the east coast, and especially New York state, were traveling to the fertile farmlands in what is now Southeast Michigan. The area was officially incorporated as a village in 1923 and later as a city in 1965, the occasion which we celebrate today.

In the 20th century, the village and city of Flat Rock has enjoyed tremendous growth through thoughtful and capable leadership, including the work of the current Mayor, City Council, and staff. The City's booming growth in the past ten years has significantly increased property values and population, a trend that is expected to continue for the foreseeable future. Henry Ford recognized the special nature of Flat Rock and established the Ford Motor Company Lamp Factory on the banks of the Huron River in 1925. This relationship with Ford Motor Company has been a successful one, and today, Flat Rock is the proud home of the Flat Rock Assembly Plant which produces the iconic Ford Mustang and the Ford Fusion. The City of Flat Rock has captured the best aspects of industry and production, while at the same time, maintaining a unique identity with a small town feel.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the 50th anniversary of the City of Flat Rock and to wish the city many more years of success.

HONORING JIM PALMER

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate baseball Hall of Famer Jim Palmer, who turns 70 years old on October 15, 2015.

Jim was one of the greatest pitchers while playing with the Baltimore Orioles. Jim joined the team in 1963 after graduating from Scottsdale High School, made his major league debut in 1965, and continued to play for the Orioles until his retirement in 1984. He won the American League Cy Young award three times, the Gold Glove Awards four times, was named to the American League All-Star Team six times, and was a key part of three World Series winning teams. Jim was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1990 in his first year of eligibility, and his number, 22, was retired by the Orioles following his retirement.

Jim is truly an exceptional man, not only on the field but off the field. Over the years, he has devoted his time to numerous charities including the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the Baseball Assistance Team. He has two daughters, Jamie and Kelly.

I join with his friends and family in celebrating this wonderful milestone. I wish him good health and continued success in the coming years.

REGARDING INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the International Day of the Girl and to advocate for robust funding for programs that benefit the education of refugee children in general and refugee girls in particular.

Today, there are more forcibly displaced people roaming the earth than at any other time since World War II. 60 million men, women and children currently qualify as refugees. One in every two is under the age of 18 and about 50% of them are girls. While the U.S. is a generous supporter of global aid programs, less than 10% of that aid goes to education and less than 2% goes to educate children trapped in emergencies.

Many refugee children have no schools nearby to attend and in those cases where education is an option, refugee children face significant challenges such as overcrowding, language barriers and the lack of learning materials. As a consequence, many refugee children around the world do not receive the quality education they need to survive as adults. Access to education is especially vital for young girls who are six times more likely to marry as children if access to secondary education is unavailable to them. Those who fall between the cracks often become victims of human trafficking and child labor.

The average refugee is displaced from their home for 17 years. Without an adequate edu-

cation, refugee children can become economically handicapped for life. They grow up without the skills to earn a living or support a family. According to the Girl Up organization, every additional year of secondary education completed by refugees results in a 10% increase in earnings. Every bit of the support we provide can help break the cycle of poverty that threatens the majority of refugees.

That is why I rise on this International Day of the Girl to commend groups like Girl Up and organizations like UNICEF and UNHCR for all they do to support refugees and especially for their support of childhood education.

CONGRATULATING VOORHEES HIGH SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Voorhees High School of Hunterdon County, New Jersey for being named a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools award honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students perform at very high levels or where significant improvements are being made in students' levels of achievement. Voorhees was cited as an "Exemplary High Performing" school, as measured by state assessments and national tests. This recognition is a testament to the outstanding work and dedication of the faculty and staff, as well as the efforts and successes of the students in creating a safe and welcoming school where students master challenging content.

The curriculum at Voorhees High School has prepared students to attend some of the finest universities in the Nation and the extra-curricular activities, electives, leadership training and guest speakers offer students a wide array of academic experiences. Voorhees High School's athletic program continues to grow as well, both in scope and success.

This is a prestigious award to receive and Voorhees High School is a proud example of academic excellence and worthy of this national distinction.

TRIBUTE TO ROGER AND BETTY KUBIK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Roger and Betty Kubik of Avoca, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Roger and Betty were married at the First Lutheran Church in Avoca on August 22, 1965.

Roger and Betty's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Kerri and Angela, and their grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. I commend this devoted couple