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Following his retirement from the military, General Galvin transitioned to academia, serving as the sixth dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University from 1995 to 2000.

He was considered a mentor to many of our country's leading national security and military experts, including a personal mentor of mine, General David Petraeus. General Galvin liked to say the word "impossible" does not exist and often advised, "it doesn't do any good to study all the books on leadership if you haven't studied yourself and know who you are."

I join the Wakefield community in recognizing General Galvin's achievements that will continue to inspire the next generation of leaders. His legacy lives on through his wife Virginia, his four daughters, and five grandchildren.

HONORING BRUCE C. DOERING

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated leader in the labor movement and entertainment industry, Bruce C. Doering, on his retirement as the Executive Director of the International Cinematographer's Guild, IATSE Local 600. His retirement marks the end of a remarkable three decades of improving the lives and working conditions for thousands of entertainment industry union members across the United States.

Bruce Doering has been actively involved in the union movement from an early age. As a young steel worker in Chicago, Bruce helped start a union newspaper to expose poor working conditions. He was instrumental in a Chicago Sun Times exposé that led to stronger safety regulations and increased incentive bonuses for employees. In 1985, he went to work for the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) to begin a career that would have a significant influence on a rapidly expanding creative industry.

After initially serving as the Executive Director of Local 659, in Hollywood, Bruce oversaw the merger of three camera unions into a powerful national Cinematographers Guild in 1996. Members are now able to work around the country on projects and still receive their health and retirement benefits. While retirement funds were being slashed around the country, Bruce pushed hard to maintain member eligibility and helped to grow a retirement fund based on a percentage of members' hourly earnings. As a member of the Board of Directors at the Motion Picture Pension and Health Plans since 1986, Bruce has served on numerous committees protecting and enhancing the benefits workers and their families receive.

Bruce's tenacity has helped create more job opportunities for members, and ensured them a path into the middle class. During his tenure, Local 600 expanded its reach considerably into reality television. In 2001, he was in the vanguard of the industry's rapidly changing technology, helping recognize the Digital Im-

aging Technician classification. After a decade-long fight, unit publicists this year finally won the ability to earn their health and pension benefits across the United States. The Local's political presence has been particularly felt in California, where Bruce led Local 600 campaigns supporting time and a half overtime pay, the doubling of unemployment benefits, and supporting union member voices in politics.

Bruce's success in guiding IATSE Local 600, and his exceptional career as leader in the union movement is a true inspiration for all of us. We thank him for his service, his leadership in the community, and for being a role model for so many.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LACONIA CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

HON. FRANK C. GUINTA

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Laconia Christmas Village in Laconia, New Hampshire. I am pleased to join with the City of Laconia and its residents in commemorating this wonderful event and holiday tradition for Granite Staters in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire.

This is a great achievement as the annual Christmas Village is organized and run by local volunteers in Laconia, who not only help build the actual village and attractions, but work together to provide all the resources needed to put on this yearly event. The event is free to the public and sees roughly 2,500 children come through to see Santa Claus and receive a Christmas present, and for some children this is their only holiday celebration. Volunteers not only help in the preparation of the event, but help with entertainment, providing refreshments and welcoming families from across the region to the city.

With the goal of providing a family friendly event to usher in the holiday season, these volunteers and the community have come together beautifully to highlight the wonder and merriment of the Christmas season. Joined with the efforts of local volunteers who give their time and resources to make the village a success, this is a testament to the strong sense of community and support this event has had in Laconia over the last 40 years.

I am proud to join with my fellow Granite Staters in recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Laconia Christmas Village, and wish them all the best in their future years.

IN RECOGNITION OF DIONNE WARWICK

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor New Jersey-native and music marvel, Ms. Dionne Warwick. The legendary Ms. Warwick is world renowned not only for her incredible music career, but also for her humanitarian and philanthropic work.

Ms. Warwick is a pillar of American pop music and culture. She began singing in East Orange, New Jersey during her childhood years. Her gospel roots marry well with R&B and pop in a way that transcends culture and race. Ms. Warwick is a five-time Grammy Award-winning singer and the second most-charted female vocalist of all time, with 69 singles on the Billboard Hot 100 charts. She became a superstar with early hits like "Walk on By" and "I Say a Little Prayer," and followed them up for decades with hits including "Do You Know the Way to San Jose," "I'll Never Love This Way Again," and "That's What Friends Are For."

As a performer, Ms. Warwick delighted audiences all around the world. Her talents received a star on Hollywood's "Walk of Fame." She was also honored by Oprah Winfrey at the 2005 Legends Ball. As an activist, Ms. Warwick has devoted countless hours and supported a number of charities and causes.

Always one to aid those in need, Ms. Warwick advocates on behalf of music education, world hunger, disaster relief, and children's hospitals. She has used her stardom over five decades to raise awareness about major health issues, including AIDS and senior citizen health. For her commitment, President Ronald Reagan and the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services appointed her U.S. Ambassador of Health in 1987. In 2002, she served as Global Ambassador for Health and Ambassador for the United Nations' Food & Agriculture Organization. She is currently working to ensure Medicare covers the best method of administering FDA approved drugs in cataract surgery, a procedure she herself has undergone.

I join all of Dionne Warwick's friends and loved ones in celebrating her many achievements and contributions, and I wish Ms. Warwick—the jewel of New Jersey's 10th Congressional District—a very happy 75th birthday. I have no doubt that Ms. Warwick will continue to use her voice to captivate international audiences, through her music and her dedication to the human condition.

COMMEMORATING WORLD AIDS DAY 2015

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, December 1st is World AIDS Day. This past weekend Americans celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday. It is a time of reflection and appreciation. Similarly, World AIDS Day is a moment for us to reflect on our past challenges, appreciate the great strides we have made, and acknowledge that serious work remains to eradicate the disease. Congress has played a vital role, and our future success requires continued Congressional action and vigilance.

Today, we can take heart in the knowledge that new HIV infections worldwide have decreased by 35% since 2000. The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) has been a vanguard effort through which rates of infection have dropped in areas of the world hit the hardest by the epidemic. Its initiatives are critical to saving lives and preventing new infections.