

Lieutenant Colonel. From November 2000–October 2003, Lt. Col. Feldwisch served three years of active duty at the Air Force Safety Center in Kirtland, New Mexico. From July–October 2004, she deployed overseas and served in Baghdad. Currently, Lt. Col. Feldwisch is the Executive Officer for the Assistant Adjutant General, Joint Force Headquarters, New Mexico National Guard, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

Col. Feldwisch is a highly decorated officer and has received numerous awards and decorations for her service to her country. These include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the United Nations Medal.

Our military has undertaken tremendous advancements since Lt. Col. Feldwisch entered the USAFHG. Indeed, women can now serve alongside men in combat, something that was hard to imagine when Lt. Col. Feldwisch entered the service. She was influential in expanding women's rights in the military and has paved the way for future generations of women to serve their country with distinction.

Lt. Col. Feldwisch and the other members of the First Five who bravely entered the USAFHG in 1976 are role models for all women and girls. Lt. Col. Feldwisch demonstrated that nothing is impossible so long as you are not willing to take no for an answer. For this and her years of service I honor her today.

IN RECOGNITION OF HOWARD P.
DREW

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to recognize one of Springfield's most famous residents, Olympic athlete and scholar Howard P. Drew.

Howard was born on June 28, 1890 in Lexington, Virginia but was raised in Springfield, Massachusetts. As a high school student at Springfield High School, Howard tied the world record for the 100 meter dash to qualify for the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm, Sweden. Later, as a student at the University of Southern California, he broke the record for the 100 meter and 200 meter dash. Despite having many personal problems, he persevered and was able to travel to participate in an array of competitions. Howard won numerous medals throughout the Northeast, especially in Massachusetts. His triumphs in track and field were covered by every major newspaper including the Boston Globe and the New York Times.

During his time at University of Southern California, Howard was the first African-American man to write for USC's newspaper, titled the Daily Southern Californian, as well as being the first African-American man inducted into the Skull and Dagger Society, an exclusive academic club at USC. Before finishing his education, Howard enlisted and became a Sergeant in the Supply Company, 809th Pioneer Infantry Regiment, and the Eighty-Eighth Division of the United States Army during World War I, and during that time, he ran and coached the Army track teams in Neil, France. Once leaving the Army and finishing law school, he became a judge in Hartford, Connecticut and was elected to Justice of the

Peace several times during the 1940s. Each of these positions was the first to be held by an African American in the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Speaker, as Springfield celebrates his legacy, let us remember all of Howard P. Drew's outstanding achievements, as we recall his legacy as a role model for today's high school athletes and students all over the country.

HONORING MRS. MARIAN
KRUPICKA

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marian Krupicka as Darien, Illinois' Citizen of the Year 2016.

Mrs. Krupicka first began her support of public libraries in 1978 by volunteering with the Darien Library, which at that time was housed in a bus. What started as a small book mobile in a parking lot in Darien in 1978 has grown to the renowned award winning Indian Prairie Public Library thanks to Mrs. Krupicka and her perseverance to achieve the best.

Mrs. Krupicka's contribution to the Darien community doesn't stop at her library service; she also dedicated 30 years of her life to educating students. She was a Language Arts and Social Studies teacher at Eisenhower High School. During her teaching career, she touched many students' hearts through her "not one size fits all" teaching philosophy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mrs. Krupicka for being named Darien's Citizen of the Year and thank her for the time, service, and commitment she has given to our community.