

as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

The county sits on the western part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1827 and named for Dr. Joseph Warren, who was killed in 1775 at the Battle of Bunker Hill. The county seat is located in Williamsport, home to Williamsport Falls, the highest free-falling waterfall in the state. The county's farmland is recognized as being among the most productive in Indiana.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging, and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the eleven Legacy Projects throughout the county are: Seeger High School Music Department, Warren County Historical Society, Warren County Master Gardeners, Illiana Antique Power Association, NICHES Land Trust, Wabash River Strings, and the Williamsport-Washington Township Public Library. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Warren County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present, and future of Indiana's history.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHAEFFER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2016*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church. Since it was built in 1885, the church has served as a place of worship, as well as a location for community activities and other gatherings.

I have had the pleasure of visiting the Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church and appreciate the rich history of the building. Since its founding so many decades ago, the church has grown into a place for the New River Valley African American community to worship and celebrate their history and heritage, as well as host events such as the Annual Memorial for Martin Luther King Junior.

The Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church is a brick building, described as Victorian Gothic style. The church is characterized by a tall tower in the southeast corner and its gable roof. Along with the Hill School and the Primary Annex, the buildings make up the Old Christiansburg Industrial Institute. In 2001, the complex was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The church was founded by Captain Charles S. Schaeffer, from Pennsylvania. After the War Between the States, he was assigned to Southwest Virginia to work for the Freedmen's Bureau. He worked to assist the African American community economically, and also worked to assist the community spiritually. He strived to provide education, technical skills, and knowledge of Christianity. He set up, organized, and managed several African Amer-

ican churches, which led to the baptism of hundreds. It is said that Captain Schaeffer was respected for practicing as he preached, and for truly living out the ideals he spoke of.

According to the records of the Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church, the building was completed and dedicated as a "temple built unto the LORD on the mountaintop" on October 4, 1885. At the dedication service, Captain Schaeffer gave the trustees of the church a deed to the property.

I am proud to honor this historical site in Christiansburg, Virginia, and recognize all those who have found faith, comfort, and friendships as part of the Schaeffer Memorial Baptist Church community since it was founded 150 years ago.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT JAY PERRY OF THE NORTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL DRUG TASK FORCE

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of one of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents, Supervisory Special Agent Jay Perry of the Northwest Virginia Regional Drug Task Force. This law enforcement officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting the community is a noble example of public service. Special Agent Perry deserves the thanks of not only the communities in which he serves, but also that of his elected officials.

Special Agent Perry is the coordinator of the Northwest Virginia Regional Drug Task Force and serves in many capacities as such. Special Agent Perry oversees the operations of the drug task force offices in Winchester, Front Royal, Shenandoah County and Page County. Special Agent Perry provides outstanding leadership to the local task force agents as well as to the communities we represent.

Special Agent Perry has been instrumental in helping to establish the new drug courts and in getting recent legislation passed to assist law enforcement in combating drug issues. Special Agent Perry works closely with community groups such as "The Road to Recovery", "The Heroin Coalition" and other community based groups to establish trusting and working relationships with not only the drug task force but with all law enforcement entities in the communities. Special Agent Perry, although extremely busy in his capacity as the task force coordinator, can still be found on the scene of drug arrests, search warrants and other investigations lending a hand and often guidance in these cases.

During the 2015/2016 year, Special Agent Perry has been responsible for building and maintaining a system to monitor drug overdoses and fatalities in the communities. This information has proven to be valuable to many local groups to include law enforcement, community groups, medical professionals and recovery groups. Special Agent Perry maintains a close working relationship with each drug task force team leader to assure that this information is updated regularly and shared within the partnerships that have been created

to combat the current heroin epidemic we are battling.

Special Agent Perry has been actively involved with and continues to fight to have the region designated as a High Intensity Drug Area (HIDTA) in order for the local law enforcement partners to receive funding and support, which will allow us to continue to fight this current drug epidemic that we are experiencing in the communities.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Supervisory Special Agent Jay Perry of the Northwest Virginia Regional Drug Task Force for protecting and serving the community day-in and day-out.

TRIBUTE TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA

**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 28, 2016*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Montgomery County, Indiana as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Thursday, October 13, 2016.

The County sits in the central part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1822 and named for Richard Montgomery, an American Revolutionary War general killed in 1775 at the Battle of Quebec. The county seat is located in Crawfordsville, where Henry S. Lane resided. Mr. Lane, a former Senator, was an early leader of the Republican Party and influential in the nomination of Abraham Lincoln. The county is also known for being the residence of Lew Wallace, author of the popular nineteenth-century novel *Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ*. While richly steeped in history, Montgomery County is home to my alma mater, Wabash College, and holds a special place in my heart.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging, and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the twenty three Legacy Projects throughout the county are: Crawfordsville Parks and Recreation Department, Montgomery County Historical Society, Westchester Public Library, DNR Division of Nature Preserves, Lew Wallace Study & Museum, DNR Division of State Parks & Reservoirs, American Legion Byron Cox Post 72, Crossroad of America, Boy Scouts of America, Amy Westphal, Jerald M. Jascoviak, and the Crawfordsville/Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Montgomery County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present, and future of Indiana's history.