Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. JoAnn Eaccarino upon her retirement from the Child and Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut.

For 23 years, JoAnn served the Child and Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut’s school-based health centers through skilled and compassionate care for children, steady support for the centers’ medical and behavioral health professionals, and integration of these services with the agency’s child care, after-school, and outpatient behavioral health services. Prior to her service in the health centers, JoAnn served her country with distinction as a nurse in the United States Air Force from 1974 to 1977, before being discharged with a Commendation Medal at the rank of Captain. Through her distinguished career, JoAnn has dedicated herself to improving the health and well-being of individuals in a variety of hospital, outpatient primary care, military, and private, non-profit settings. JoAnn has been a passionate, statewide advocate for improved access to quality medical and behavioral health care through her years of leadership within the Connecticut Association of School-Based Health Centers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Eaccarino’s career-long dedication to improving the health status of Connecticut’s children and families through compassionate, direct care and tireless advocacy.

IN RECOGNITION OF KENNETH BLANCHI, 2017 LACKAWANNA CO-LUMBUS DAY ASSOCIATION ITALIAN MAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT
OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kenneth Blanchi, who will be recognized as the Italian Man of the Year by the Lackawanna Columbus Day Association as they celebrate the 525th anniversary of Columbus’ discovery of America.

Born and raised in West Scranton to Dino and Frances Ranakoski Blanchi, Ken received his Bachelor’s Degree in Education from Mansfield University and continued post-graduate studies at Penn State University. While at Mansfield, Ken played varsity basketball and spent one year as team captain.

In 1967, Ken began his teaching career in the Line Mountain School District in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. He returned to Scranton a year later to teach history and physical education at Cathedral High School, where he served as Athletic Director. Ken went on to teach for the Scranton School District, where he remained until his retirement in 2004.

Ken was head boys basketball coach at Scranton Technical High School from 1976 to 1991. In 1997, he became the head coach for boys basketball at Abington Heights High School. During his coaching career, Ken has lead his teams to victory 747 times, and they made the ELITE 8 in the state three times, with last year’s squad ending up one of the Final Four teams in Pennsylvania. Ken’s teams have won 22 straight District II playoff games and earned the District II Championship the past six years.

In 1985, Ken received a citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives when his Scranton Tech team won the Lackawanna League Southern Division Championship for the first time in twenty years. In 2005, the Scranton Times-Tribune honored Ken as one of Northeastern Pennsylvania’s top twenty-five coaches of all time. In 2006, he was inducted into the Northeast Chapter of the Pennsylvania Hall of Fame. The Times-Tribune also honored Ken by naming him Coach of the Year in 2011 and 2016. He also received The Joseph M. Butler Memorial Award in 2016 in recognition of his contribution to Scholastic athletics.

It is an honor to recognize Ken for his outstanding career as an educator and coach. I am grateful for all the work he’s done to shape young minds throughout his lifetime.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF KEANSBURG, NEW JERSEY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.
OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Borough of Keansburg, New Jersey as it celebrates its centennial this year. It is my honor to join with its officials and residents in commemorating this significant milestone.

With its beautiful shoreline and proximity to New York City, the area attracted visitors from the north that helped transform Keansburg from a fishing community to a resort town dating back to 1917. Over the years, its location and affordability, as well as the Keansburg Amusement Park, helped the borough develop into a year-round residential town.
Today, Keansburg continues to grow, revitalizing its business district, improving its recreational resources and expanding its community activities. Although the town was devastated by Superstorm Sandy in 2012, the community remains resilient and continues to rebuild. In 2016, the borough celebrated the opening of the newly constructed Caruso Elementary School, a 122,000 square-foot state of the art facility for kindergarten through fourth grade students.

In its 100th year, the borough is governed by Mayor George Hoff, Deputy Mayor Thomas Foley and Council members Arthur Boden, James Cocuzza, Sr. and Sean Tonne, Sr.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in marking the 100th anniversary of the Borough of Keansburg and celebrating its rich history.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROSS MACCIOCCO, 2017 LACKAWANNA COLUMBUS DAY ASSOCIATION ITALIAN MAN OF THE YEAR

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, due to personal reasons, I unfortunately missed votes on September 27th and September 28th.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 539, YEA on Roll Call No. 539, YEA on Roll Call No. 540, NAY on Roll Call No. 541, YEA on Roll Call No. 542, and YEA on Roll Call No. 543.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. CEDELL BROOKS' RETIREMENT FROM THE KING GEORGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN
OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cedell Brooks, a citizen of King George County and Virginia’s First District, on his retirement from the King George County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Brooks has served his community well for decades. Mr. Brooks began his career in public service as the youngest African American to be elected to a County Board of Supervisors in the Commonwealth. Mr. Brooks leadership and service continued throughout his career on the Board with many important community projects including the establishment of Shiloh Park recreational facility, relocation of a landfill to Seafston, construction of Fire and Rescue Company #1 in Courthouse and Company #3 in Fairview Beach, in addition to overseeing the establishment of Seafston Elementary School, King George Elementary School, and King George High School. Mr. Brooks also helped the County Fire and Rescue Department transition to a full-time force to better serve the community.