

## IN RECOGNITION OF THE LOUDOUN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2018*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, which celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2018. This year, at their annual gala, the Chamber, in addition to celebrating this auspicious anniversary, will honor 2017 Board Chair Tina Johnson of JP Events and Consulting, and welcome the new Board Chair Mitch Sproul of Toth Financial. I would also like to make special mention of Tony Howard, the CEO and President of the Loudoun Chamber, for his dedication and hard work throughout his tenure at the helm of the organization. I take this moment to recognize them as individuals as well as the entire Board of Directors and employees.

The Loudoun Chamber was incorporated in 1968. At this time, Loudoun County was primarily an agricultural economy, with more dairy farms than corporations in the region. Since, the Chamber has grown to be the largest Chamber of Commerce in northern Virginia with more than 1,200 members, including a booming service and manufacturing sector. Loudoun County is home to many companies in the Dulles Technology Corridor including Verizon Communications Inc., one of the largest multinational telecommunications companies in the world, as well as AOL and Orbital ATK Inc. Their work is vital in keeping America competitive in the 21st Century economy, and they greatly contribute to American technological discovery. Other major employers in the region include United Airlines and Raytheon Company. This region is also known as "DC's Wine Country" for the many vineyards in the area. The Loudoun Chamber has formed the premier network of business and community leaders in an economically vibrant region. In fact, Loudoun County is the fastest growing county in the country. Membership in the Loudoun Chamber is diverse and far-reaching, including businesses, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and public sector partners that range in size.

Loudoun County has been named by media publishers as one of the top communities to start and grow a business. In 2016 Money Magazine named Ashburn the best place to live in Virginia and one of the top 50 places to live in the United States. The Loudoun Chamber has been vital in fostering such a robust business environment that has helped the community achieve these accolades.

The Loudoun Chamber produces more than 100 programs a year that provide Loudoun businesses and their employees with valuable networking, marketing exposure, professional development, and opportunities to connect with peers and political and community leaders. These events have included the Annual Loudoun Small Business Awards, the Valor Awards to recognize public servants, and the SuperHero 5K Run/Walk.

Mr. Speaker, this is an organization which helps the citizens and businesses of Loudoun County thrive. I would ask my fellow Members to join me in congratulating the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce and wishing it a happy 50th anniversary. I wish this institution continued success in the future.

## TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH FENNELL

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Joseph Fennell of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of his 100th birthday. Joseph was born on November 15, 1917.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Joseph's life. Since his birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Joseph has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-five Governors of Iowa. In his lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Joseph in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish him a very happy 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Joe on reaching this incredible milestone, and in wishing him even more health and happiness in the years to come.

## TRIBUTE TO VERONICA FENNELL

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Veronica Fennell of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of her 100th birthday. Veronica was born on November 12, 1917.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Veronica's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Veronica has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-five Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Veronica in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Veronica on reaching this incredible milestone, and in wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

## TRIBUTE TO JANE WHALEN

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2018*

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

Whalen for receiving the Iowa Business Owner of the Year Award by the Iowa Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners.

The Woman Business Owner of the Year Award honors a woman business owner who has grown a business that has a positive impact on the economy and the community. Since 2002, Jane has led Midwest Project Partners, now Aureon Consulting, to become a well-known company that provides organization and management consulting with companies around the country. Her success has earned her the respect of many within the business community, and has translated to her participation on numerous boards and panels.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent Jane in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize her for this outstanding accomplishment. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Jane and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

## TRIBUTE TO BRYCE WILBUR

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Bryce Wilbur, of Indianola, Iowa, for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout is obligated to demonstrate how they live out the Scout Spirit in their life, to serve as a leader in their troop, earn a total of 21 merit badges, and, finally, to complete an Eagle Scout Project to benefit the community. For his project, Bryce supervised 25 people in tearing down an old stone retaining wall at Lake Ahquabi State Park in Indianola and replacing it with a new wall using railroad ties and crushed rock. The work ethic Bryce has shown in his Eagle Scout Project and throughout his scouting career speaks volumes about his commitment to serving a cause greater than himself and bettering his community.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by this young man and his supportive family demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am proud to represent Bryce and his family in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on obtaining the Eagle Scout ranking, and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

## HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF REVEREND DR. JAMES HARGETT

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2018*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. LEWIS, and Ms. WATERS, to pay tribute and honor the life of Reverend Dr. James Hester Hargett. Reverend Dr. Hargett was a community and civil rights activist who dedicated his

life to helping others. He passed away on January 1, 2018 at the age of 87. His presence will be greatly missed by those who had the opportunity to know him.

James Hester Hargett was born on July 24, 1930 in Greensboro, North Carolina to Reverend F.A. and Mrs. Florence Hargett. Throughout his childhood and into high school, he forged a love for reading, music, and extracurricular activities. Following his graduation from Dudley High School, he attended Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. While attending university, James met the love of his life Louilyn Funderburk and married her in 1954. In his senior year of college, he responded to the call of Christian service; the culmination of his childhood and influences from a professor in college.

Reverend Dr. Hargett would go on to earn a Masters of Divinity from Yale University Divinity School. Shortly after his graduation in 1955, he was named Associate Minister at the Church of Crossroads in Honolulu, Hawaii. After three years in Hawaii, James moved to Los Angeles in 1958 to join the Congregational Church of Christian Fellowship, United Church of Christ. The predominately African-American church focused on social justice in the community while also initiating change in vital areas. This included the development of a mental health clinic for low income earners, a student transportation program for overcrowded schools, and an enrichment program for minority students. James would march with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965. He also helped organize the Poor People's Resurrection City in Washington, D.C.

In 1969, James became the Secretary for Black Ministries, United Church of Christ Council for Church and Ministry in New York City. Through this role, he mentored young people and facilitated the creation of scholarships for seminary education. His journey would eventually take him to New Jersey, Chicago, and San Diego. No matter where he served, Reverend Dr. Hargett's ministry always focused on the recruitment of African Americans in Christian service in addition to community advocacy, education, human relations, mental health, and social justice.

Reverend Dr. Hargett retired after 42 years of service to the United Church of Christ in 1997. He was named Pastor Emeritus of the Christian Fellowship Congregational Church, UCC, San Diego. Following his retirement, he was awarded numerous honors, including being named a Living Legend by the United Black Christians and the Ministers for Racial, Social and Economic Justice of the United Church of Christ, General Assembly.

James leaves behind his beloved wife of 63 years Louilyn, daughters Meloni and Hester and son Darryl; sons-in-law Joseph and Eric; 5 grandchildren and numerous cherished family members and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join us on this day for a moment of silence in memory of the life and service of Reverend Dr. James Hester Hargett. His generous spirit and selfless way of living should serve as an example to us all. Reverend Dr. Hargett's memory will live on through the contributions he made to countless individuals. It is my honor to join his family and many friends in celebrating his life.

TRIBUTE TO NORMA JEAN AND  
BOB LINDEMAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Norma Jean and Bob Lindeman of Atlantic, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married on November 30, 1947 at the Lyman Gospel Hall in Lyman, Iowa.

Norma Jean and Bob's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 70th anniversary may their commitment grow even stronger as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 70th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO OTIS BARTHOLOMEW

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Otis Bartholomew of Tabor, Iowa on the very special occasion of his 100th birthday. Otis was born on November 26, 1917.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Otis' life. Since his birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Otis has lived through eighteen United States Presidents and twenty-five Governors of Iowa. In his lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Otis in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish him a very happy 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Otis on reaching this incredible milestone, and in wishing him even more health and happiness in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO ROWENA CROSBIE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 29, 2018*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Rowena Crosbie for receiving the Hall of Fame Legacy Award by the National Association of Women Business Owners.

The Hall of Fame Legacy Award was established in 2014 to honor Iowa women business leaders whose leadership in business and

community has been an inspiration to others. Rowena founded Tero International, Inc., in 1993. Through her leadership, the training and development company has become well-known for their work in helping companies develop soft skills, such as business etiquette and negotiation and leadership skills, and boasts of graduates from over 40 countries around the world. Outside of Tero International, boards and organizations in the Des Moines and Central Iowa area have benefited from the time and talents Rowena has volunteered.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent leaders like Rowena in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating her for this outstanding accomplishment and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 6

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 2182, to provide for the resettlement and relocation of the people of Bikini, and S. 2325, to incentivize the hiring of United States workers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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FEBRUARY 7

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining

To hold hearings to examine S. 414 and H.R. 1107, bills to promote conservation, improve public land management, and provide for sensible development in Pershing County, Nevada, S. 441, to designate the Organ Mountains and other public land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System in the State of New Mexico, S. 507, to sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest