

preserve books and other documents at risk of destruction in Ukraine. Shortly after the establishment of the Library and Archival Center, a call went out to the Ukrainian community, which enthusiastically responded. Several years later the Library and Archival Center grew into the Ukrainian National Museum of Chicago, fully funded by community donations. While some artifacts in the Museum's burgeoning collection were purchased in Ukraine, others were donated by Ukrainian American collectors and artists, as well as from personal libraries and individuals throughout the community, in Chicago and beyond. Over 100,000 Ukrainian Americans live in Chicago, and I am proud that the Museum has its roots in our great city.

The Ukrainian National Museum of Chicago too has much to be proud of, due to the hard work of its staff, board of directors, and officers. Unfortunately, only two of its past presidents remain with us—Dr. George Hrycelak and Jaroslaw Hankewych, son of the Museum's founder, Olexa Hankewych. Today, under the leadership of Lydia Tkaczuk, the Museum's first female president, the UNM continues its work in one of Chicago's most historic neighborhoods, Ukrainian Village. More than just engaging visitors and adding to their understanding of Chicago's rich and diverse communities, it also serves as a window to Ukraine, its history, and its people.

The Museum's diverse collection of folk-art, fine art, tapestry, traditional dress and artifacts help to illuminate the societal impact American Ukrainians have had on Chicago and across the United States. Its permanent exhibitions educate visitors on the history, heritage, politics, culture and religions of Ukraine and the broader Ukrainian American community, including exhibits on the Kozak period, Ukraine's role in the World Wars and importantly, the Holodomor, the forced famine-genocide of 10 million Ukrainians by Stalin across 1932 and 1933.

Madam Speaker, the Ukrainian National Museum is a place where visitors feel welcomed and engaged. It serves as a pillar of knowledge and culture for the Ukrainian community, for individuals of every background who call our city home, and for all the universities and students, artists, and authors throughout the world who have benefited from work in its archives. The City of Chicago is lucky to house such an institution, and it is my privilege today to recognize the Ukrainian National Museum here in Congress.

REMEMBERING FATHER NICHOLAS
VIERON

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Father Nicholas Vieron, the much admired retired pastor of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Memphis, who passed away Tuesday morning at the age of 94. Father Vieron was a revered ecumenical leader in Memphis, serving as Chairman of the Memphis Ministerial Association at the time of the 1968 Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. With Rabbi James Wax, the Reverend Frank

McRae, Dean William Dimmick and other religious leaders, Father Vieron confronted Mayor Henry Loeb the day after the assassination, which helped bring the strike to an end and helped bind Memphis together during that time of crisis for our city. A native of New Orleans and the son of Greek immigrants, he grew up across the street from America's first Greek Orthodox Church. Father Vieron came to Memphis to become pastor of Annunciation Church in 1955 after attending seminary in Brookline, Massachusetts, and served as a priest in Louisville, Kentucky, and Huntington, West Virginia. In Huntington, he received a master's degree from Marshall College. In Memphis, he received a J.D. from the University of Memphis School of Law in 1970. He retired from Annunciation in 1991 but stayed busy. For decades, Father Vieron taught a 15-week course in the Greek language to all comers, telling students that there would be no tests but that they were required to endure his corny jokes. My favorite: There are three stages in life—young, middle aged, and “you're looking good.” For 40 years, he served as chaplain to the Memphis Touch-down Club. He also served as editor of *The Epistle*, a newsletter for retired Orthodox priests. In 2015, he received the MLK Legacy Award from the National Civil Rights Museum. His wife of 69 years, Bess, passed in 2017. I want to express my condolences to his sons, Leonidas and Paul, his four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, the entire Annunciation Greek Orthodox community, and his many friends and admirers. Father Vieron led an exceptional life of service and he will not be forgotten.

COMMENDING WESLEY YUEN FOR
HIS HELP FINDING SOLUTIONS
FOR SPACECRAFT SANITIZATION

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Wesley Yuen, a junior at Clements High School from my hometown of Sugar Land, who has helped us combat the spread of COVID-19 in space.

This summer, Wesley was selected to attend NASA's Student Enhancement in Earth and Space Science internship for two months at the University of Texas, Austin. He was one of around 60 high school students selected from a pool of 600 applicants. Wesley and his team successfully researched how to stop the spread of coronavirus between astronauts going between Earth and the ISS using the few materials they have. This valuable work will help set the rules for safe space exploration for decades to come.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas and America, I thank Wesley for his hard work. He has a bright future ahead, and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING DAVID KENT
FRUECHTENICHT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David Kent Fruechtenicht. David is a very special husband, father, and leader who is proudly retiring from a career of service to this country.

David Fruechtenicht has dedicated over 41 years to protect this nation. After joining the Air Force in 1980, David quickly realized that he enjoyed serving his country, as he says he just kept reenlisting and next thing he knew 20 years had flown by. After leaving active duty, David used his expertise with Electronic Intelligence to move over into DOD defense contract work but still found his way back to the Air Force by April of 2007. Whether it be active duty, consultant, or Air Force Civilian, David has continuously found a way to serve his nation. As David says he wouldn't change anything that he has done and ultimately that shows the true love and pride that David has for this country and I wish him well in retirement.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing David Fruechtenicht on his retirement and for his years serving our nation. I am honored to represent him in the United States Congress.

AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS OF
A MORE PRODUCTIVE EMERGING
TECH ECONOMY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the American COMPETE Act. This package of bills includes two of my own—the SMART IoT Act and the Advancing Unmanned Delivery Services Act.

The SMART IoT Act would encourage the development of future Internet of Things policies that will promote innovation and help these technologies grow to further benefit consumers and businesses alike. It is crucial we have the right federal policies in place to bolster this industry that has dramatically changed the way we live, manufacture goods, farm, and even receive health care through internet-connected devices.

I also introduced the Advancing Unmanned Delivery Services Act with my friend from Michigan, Mrs. Dingell. This legislation would evaluate the many benefits contactless delivery has for various sectors of our country and help identify potential regulatory roadblocks to the use of their services. This technology is especially important today as Americans depend on home delivery services to remain socially distant to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus.

I urge my colleagues to vote in support of the American COMPETE Act to ensure the United States remains a global leader in innovation.