

to fight for equal and fair labor opportunities, practices, and legislation.

Throughout the history of the United States, African Americans have endured extremely disparaging and harsh labor conditions including slavery, economic inequality, and discrimination. In the fight to create change in the labor system, many courageous people have worked tirelessly to protect, advance, and empower the African American workforce through activism, community building, and labor unions. Due to these efforts, America has seen significant positive change to its values and belief systems, and the effort continues today. The foundation of our great nation is reliant upon the advancement of a strong workforce, one that provides opportunities and economic stability for all people.

I would like to take this time to honor a couple of the many dedicated leaders in Northwest Indiana who work diligently to support economic equality and labor opportunity for the African American community and for all people throughout the region and beyond. Arvella Greenlaw is a member of the United Steelworkers Local Union 6787 and the Women of Steel District 7 Coordinator. Throughout her career, Arvella has organized and developed community service projects and led volunteer efforts with the Women of Steel and numerous other organizations. For her dedication to union members in the fight for employment opportunity and equality, Arvella Greenlaw is to be highly commended. Joree Richards is an IBEW International Representative for the Sixth District. Throughout his career, Joree has held many noteworthy positions and leadership roles. Through his work with the Indiana Plan, a pre-apprenticeship program endorsed by the Indiana State Building Trades, he leads efforts to support workers by providing them the skills and knowledge needed to prosper in the construction and building trades. Among the many great initiatives of the Indiana Plan, the organization works to promote the recruitment of women and minorities to the trades and to place candidates in construction jobs at a training rate. For his outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to providing workers with pathways to stable and rewarding careers, he is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating Black History Month and recognizing the dedication and contributions of Arvella Greenlaw, Joree Richards, and so many other extraordinary members of the African American community who continue to fight for safe working conditions, living wages, and growth opportunities in the workforce.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
HERO COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS
DALLAS REGION

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Communities in Schools Dallas Region. A local nonprofit founded in 1985, Communities in Schools supports North Texas children on the Texas Education Agency's "at-risk" list

through academic and mental health intervention as well as social services. The organization is working to improve outcomes for K-12 children in school and at home by removing barriers to success.

As the winter weather moved into North Texas, CIS Dallas began their annual Holiday Drive to keep students warm, healthy, and ready to learn. With the help of community members, the organization collected coats, gloves, blankets, hygiene products, and other essentials to deliver directly to students in need. In 2024, the nonprofit was able to assist 10,000 North Texas students.

I thank Communities in Schools of the Dallas Region for going above and beyond to support at-risk students in our community.

RECOGNIZING DAVID GUINDON'S 27
YEARS OF SERVICE TO SANDY'S
BEEF & ALE

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2025

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding constituent from my district, David Guindon of Levittown, who is retiring after 27 years of quality customer service to our community at Sandy's Beef & Ale in Langhorne, PA.

Before becoming a co-owner, David was a regular patron at Sandy's Beef & Ale. It came as no surprise when in 1997, Dave Guindon and his former business partner, Bill Clark, purchased the establishment. In 2002, just five years later, David's wife Jane bought Bill's shares and together they worked tirelessly to maintain the legacy of Sandy's Beef & Ale while continuing to build on its reputation as a beloved community establishment. Under their leadership, Sandy's Beef & Ale quickly became a cornerstone of the Langhorne community.

David's dedication to our community was a driving force of the restaurant. He ensured that Sandy's Beef & Ale was a gathering place to support charitable organizations such as the Lower Bucks Family YMCA, the Middletown Athletics Association, and the American Cancer Society. Sandy's became more than just a place to get food and drinks; it became a place for neighbors to come together and make a difference in our community.

As David enters this new chapter of life, I want to take a moment to thank him for his years of hard work and his unwavering dedication to our community. On behalf of the residents of Pennsylvania's 1st Congressional District, I extend my warmest congratulations to David on his retirement.

HONORING TEXAS-24 HOMETOWN
HERO MEALS ON WHEELS OF
TARRANT COUNTY

HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Texas-24 Hometown Hero, Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County. Since 1973, the

organization has been helping some of North Texas' most vulnerable citizens. By providing home-delivered meals, professional case management, and other necessary services or items, the organization helps homebound, elderly, and disabled individuals to remain living independently. In addition to delivering over 1 million meals each year, the organization holds an annual Silver Santa Campaign to help spread holiday cheer.

The holiday initiative involves collecting and distributing gifts to the citizens they serve daily. Committed case managers compile wish lists from Tarrant County's most vulnerable and isolated residents. With the help of community donations and volunteers, they strive to fulfill these wishes, personally delivering gifts to recipients' homes. This year, 800 homebound individuals were "adopted" and received special surprises to brighten their holiday season.

I'm grateful to Wheels on Meals of Tarrant County for their year-round work and going the extra mile during the holiday season to bring cheer and comfort to members of our community.

HONORING MAYOR SCOTT LUND

HON. ILHAN OMAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2025

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of Scott Lund, the former Mayor of Fridley. He recently retired after nearly five decades of dedicated service to his community. Throughout his tenure, Mayor Lund has been a devoted leader, guiding the city to become a safe, vibrant, and welcoming place to live. His leadership has been instrumental in advancing numerous projects that have contributed to the city's growth and development.

Mayor Lund moved to Fridley in 1979 and became involved in the community out of a commitment to giving back to others. He married his wife, Cindy, in 1976, and they have three children and four grandchildren. Mayor Lund has owned his own manufactured home sales and service business for 48 years. Elected to office in 2000, and continuously re-elected by the residents of Fridley, he has worked tirelessly as an advocate for residents.

Those who worked closely with Mayor Lund admired his commitment to public service and his unwavering dedication to all of his fellow neighbors in Fridley. He has always been active in the community, engaging with residents, listening to their concerns, and advocating for their needs. Mayor Lund's hands-on approach to leadership has truly set him apart as a public servant.

Under his leadership, Fridley has experienced transformative change. One of Mayor Lund's most significant contributions was his emphasis on environmental stewardship. He championed the redevelopment of the Northern Stacks industrial campus, a project that revitalized a vital city area, cleaned up soil contamination, and reduced pollution. Additionally, Mayor Lund spearheaded a \$30 million initiative to improve the city's park system, ensuring Fridley remains a beautiful and livable community for generations.

Mayor Scott Lund embodies excellence, integrity, and leadership. His long and impactful