

Although her work in the Democratic Party has been a major part of her civic involvement, it is not her partisan work that I want to acknowledge so much as it is her long involvement in the civic life of Adams County. In fact, if there could be a "Mrs. Adams County," it is Marie Steward. She is well known in Adams County through her involvement with her family, her neighborhood, organized labor and community activities.

Marie was born the youngest of eleven children in Minor, Kansas to John and Lena O'Brien. Her family lost their farm during the Great Depression and moved to live with her Uncle Benjamin. Marie graduated from Brewster High School, and has fond memories from this time of taking the train to Denver and stopping at the historic Oxford Hotel. She later moved to Sand Point, Idaho after marrying Mike Steward, a young man serving in the Navy. When Mike was discharged from service in World War II, he worked as a machinist for Ringsby Trucking, a company that owned the basketball team that later became the Denver Nuggets—and a team my father, Mo, used to play for. Mike and Marie were regular attendees at the games, and Marie was a key member of the Prospectors, a booster club for the team. She also volunteered at St. Vincent's Home for Orphans, where, thanks to Marie, no child ever went without a gift at Christmas.

Marie became politically active in northern Denver when she volunteered with her colleagues, Eileen Ray and Dolores Dickman. In 1954, the Stewards bought one of the first brick houses in Thornton, a new development project that was targeted for returning World War II soldiers and their families. Marie used skills learned in Denver politics and became a precinct committee person with her neighbor and long-time activist, Ed Lappart.

For many years, Marie 'ran' the Adams County Democratic Party Headquarters. She produced candidate literature and published the county newsletter, the GADFLY. Rumor has it that many Republicans would often drop by for a visit to see what Marie was serving volunteers for lunch. Marie made headquarters a fun place, and with her experience as a leader in the International Machinists Auxiliary, Marie served many meals and taught the basics of political participation.

She was elected as a delegate to county, congressional, and state committees, assemblies and conventions. At a mini-convention in Kansas City, Marie once met and dined with a young man named Warren Beatty. He told people later that he liked to "pal around" with Marie because she treated him like she treated everyone—for Marie every person is a celebrity.

Today, Marie's family includes her son Jim, who is retired from IBM/Lexmark and shares Marie's Thornton home; her daughter Anita; her husband Gary McCulloch and their four daughters and grandchildren. Not to be forgotten is "Cookie" the family rat terrier, who Marie walks several times during the day.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in acknowledging Marie Steward for her involvement in public life and for her bipartisan interest in treating people well.

She is an example of the heroic generation and an advocate of those values, like hard work and compassion for others, that represent the very best in politics—values that both Republicans and Democrats can celebrate together.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LYNN KLEIMAN MALINOFF, THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2007 WOMEN OF WESTLAND ATHENA AWARD

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Dr. Lynn Kleiman Malinoff, the recipient of the 2007 Women of Westland ATHENA Award.

Each year, the Women of Westland organization recognizes exemplary women in Wayne-Westland, Michigan, who have succeeded in reaching their full leadership potential. This year, Lynn is recognized for improving the lives of countless women in our community. In addition to being the Special Education Counselor at the Tinkham Center in the Wayne-Westland School District, she serves as a role model to female high school students through the Youth Mentorship Program, a program she initiated seventeen years ago to help children from disadvantaged homes. Lynn also assists women in families affected by alcoholism and volunteers at her Synagogue to mentor and work with adolescents and their parents.

For her legendary commitment to bettering our community, Lynn was recognized with the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Award. The Institute for Museum & Library Services also recognized Lynn's Youth Mentorship Program at the White House. Her efforts have succeeded in promoting educated, strong, and independent families who can also achieve their full potential.

Madam Speaker, on February 10, 2007, Lynn's selfless dedication to the women, children, and families of Wayne-Westland will be duly recognized with the Women of Westland's highest commendation, the ATHERNA Award. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding her work and in honoring her tireless service to our community and our country.

HONORING JAMES "AVON" FOGLE

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to James "Avon" Fogle, a constituent from my home district, who is retiring this month as a veterans service officer at the "My Old Kentucky Home" American Legion Post 121.

A lifelong resident of Nelson County, Mr. Fogle graduated from Holy Cross High School in Holy Cross, KY and served his country as a United States Marine during World War II. He has been a member of the Bardstown American Legion Post 121 for the past 38 years, serving as a veterans service officer for the past 12 years. In this capacity he has spent many Friday mornings providing counseling and guidance to local veterans in need of assistance.

Mr. Fogle's devotion to others in his community extends well beyond his work at the American Legion. He is also a regular volun-

teer at the local St. Vincent DePaul Society and continues to serve as an election official for the Nelson County government.

It is my great privilege to honor James "Avon" Fogle today before the entire U.S. House of Representatives for his dedicated service to our Nation as well as to veterans and neighbors in the Bardstown community. He is an outstanding citizen worthy of our collective honor and respect.

RECOGNIZING ANDERSON'S FROZEN CUSTARD ON BEING NAMED THE CHEEKTOWAGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Anderson's Frozen Custard as the recipient of the 41st Small Business of the Year award, given by the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce. Anderson's Frozen Custard has been given this honor because of the devoted efforts of its founders, Carl and Greta Anderson, who have transformed their small business into a successful and generous establishment in Western New York.

Carl, a Navy veteran, Greta, and their children Nels, Keith, and Holly Anderson, have transformed Anderson's Frozen Custard from a small New York City custard stand to a thriving business with several locations throughout Western New York due to their hard work and savvy business sense. The Andersons can credit much of their success to their ability to adapt their business to changing times and locations, as well as their dedication to making Anderson's a success.

Not only has Anderson's Frozen Custard succeed in the business world, but the company has also contributed to the Western New York community. Anderson's has worked to raise funds for organizations such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Camp Good Days and Special Times, and local schools. This commitment to maintaining both a successful business and community indicates the mark of a business deserving of this honor.

Madam Speaker, I ask that congratulations be extended to Anderson's Frozen Custard in receiving this honor because of its outstanding achievements in business and dedication to improving the lives of Western New York residents.

IN RECOGNITION OF CATHERINE BOHAN

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Catherine Bohan, for her outstanding efforts in educating children, and for her lifelong commitment to family, colleagues, and friends.

Cathy has educated and enlightened our children and prepared them for life's journey

for approximately 40 years, including 13 years at Saint Richard School where she currently teaches third grade. She has proven herself a wonderful teacher, colleague and friend. Not only does she teach at Saint Richard School, but she also makes a tremendous contribution as member of the Liturgy Committee, a Eucharistic Minister, a Praxis Pathwise Mentor, and a member of the Retreat Committee.

Likewise, her services to Saint Clarence Church as RCIA Leader, Eucharistic Minister, PSR Teacher and Pre-Cana organizer while at the same time raising three beautiful children, is truly admirable. She has been married to her beloved husband, Patrick, for 30 years.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Catherine Bohan for her long and successful career as an educator and for her dedication to and care for the future generations of Northeast Ohio.

HONORING VIRGINIA HINSHAW OF
DAVIS, CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work of Virginia Hinshaw during her time as Provost and Executive Vice-Chancellor at the University of California, Davis. In this role, Dr. Hinshaw has provided superb guidance to the ongoing development and refinement of the University's academic program while overseeing many aspects of campus financial and operational planning. Dr. Hinshaw has made significant contributions to the UC Davis Community and she will be missed as she continues her career as Chancellor at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Dr. Hinshaw received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Auburn in 1966 and 1967, before working as a clinical microbiologist at the Medical College of Virginia. She returned to Auburn and received her Ph.D. in microbiology in 1973. She spent the next decade studying influenza viruses in humans, other mammals, and particularly migratory birds. She has studied the markers of transmission for individual viruses, and conducted early research on identifying markers of interspecies transmission of these viruses.

In 1985 Dr. Hinshaw was hired as an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where she was recognized with a number of awards honoring her unusually vibrant teaching and participation in the larger community of Madison. After promotion to professor in 1988, she served first as an Associate Dean for Research before being appointed Associate Vice-Chancellor in 1994. In 1995 she was promoted to Vice Chancellor for Research, and she was in charge of research and graduate education, overseeing thousands of students.

Dr. Hinshaw arrived at UC Davis in 2001, and has directed a wide variety of programs and departments during her time there. As sole member of the governing body of the UC Davis health system, she has helped direct the continued development of programs at the UC Davis Medical Center while also ensuring that it has remained financially sound. In addition, the medical school has opened a number of new facilities during her tenure. Her work on campus has been visible through the replacement of temporary classroom buildings

with more permanent facilities, including increasing the number of teaching labs for undergraduates.

In addition to her accomplishments as an administrator, Dr. Hinshaw is well known around the university for providing a personal touch to the administration. Many people have commented on her empathy and interest in working with individuals to help resolve their problems, and each year she took the additional step of teaching a freshman seminar where she could engage younger students.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Dr. Virginia Hinshaw for her leadership and vision during her time as Provost and Vice-Chancellor at UC Davis. Her work has led the development of the university in many different areas, and even as she moves on, her work will continue to yield great rewards for the community.

TRIBUTE TO BRENDA J. LUSSIER

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Brenda J. Lussier, as she retires from a distinguished career at the Novi Public Library in Novi, Michigan.

For twenty seven years, Brenda has tirelessly worked to improve our community with enhanced library services. Prior to working at the Novi Public Library, she graduated from the University of Michigan where she earned a Bachelor's degree in English and a Master's Degree in Library Science. On September 24, 1979, Brenda began working at Novi Public Library as Head of Reference, and later ascended to Director on April 8, 1985. She is a member of the American Library Association and the Michigan Library Association, and participated in the Michigan Library Association Leadership Academy from 1989 to 1991.

Brenda is credited with enhancing the quality of life in Novi by expanding library services in innovative ways. During her tenure, she served on various committees of The Library Network, including the Steering Committee. She also served on various committees of the Michigan Library Association, such as Chairwoman of the Public Library Division and the Management and Administration Division. As a member of the Novi Rotary Club, Brenda compiled the club newsletter for several years and was presented with the Paul Harris Fellowship Award in 2003 for her distinguished service. She has also received a national award for Intellectual Freedom from the Public Library Association and Novi's People's Choice Award in 2002 as the "best librarian for her grace, leadership, and commitment to public service under a barrage of demands from the information-hungry in Novi."

Madam Speaker, Brenda is a compassionate leader and visionary who's passion for excellence and support for a robust library system has positively impacted our Novi Community. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Brenda for twenty seven years of loyalty and dedication to the Novi Public Library, and in applauding her legendary service to our community and our country.

RECOGNIZING CATHOLIC HEALTH SYSTEM HOME CARE UPON BEING NAMED CHEEKTOWAGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2007 LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Catholic Health Systems Home Care as the 41st recipient of the Cheektowaga Chamber of Commerce's Large Business of the Year award. Catholic Health Systems Home Care has maintained a commitment to providing superb health care assistance, both physical and spiritual, for residents of Western New York over the past 20 years.

During these 20 years of caring for the Western New York community, Catholic Health System Home Care has grown into three thriving companies dedicated to meeting the company's fundamental goal of providing health care that allows individuals to maintain independence in their own homes.

Not only has the Catholic Health Care Systems improved the physical and spiritual well-being of Western New Yorkers, it also provides jobs to over 400 residents and supports community events such as school supply drives, assisting the American Red Cross Blood Drive, and participating in the United Way Day of Caring, demonstrating an outstanding commitment to the Western New York community.

Catholic Health System Home Care's dedication to excellence can be seen in its many other honors, such as the Catholic Health Association Sharing Innovation Award, IPRO "Recognized Improvement in Patient Outcomes," and Outcome Concept System Vision Award. Catholic Health System Home Care had also been recognized by Business First as one of the best places to work in Western New York.

Madam Speaker, I stand here today to recognize with pride the accomplishments of Catholic Health System Home Care as a leader in providing care to the residents of Western New York.

SUPPORTING H.R. 811, VOTE CONFIDENCE AND INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY ACT

HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 811, the Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act. This is an excellent, and much needed piece of legislation.

The right to vote is no doubt one of the cornerstones of our democracy, if not its greatest measurement. Through casting a vote, the voice of the people is made manifest in one simple, single act. President Johnson thought so highly of voting that he was quoted as saying it was "the most powerful instrument ever devised by man." Consequently, every effort must be utilized to ensure this process is as efficient and as fail proof as it possibly can be.