

terms as chair of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the San Francisco Economic Development Corporation, and the California Historical Society Board of Directors. Among several active memberships, he is currently serving on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Anchor Institutions Task Force.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Corrigan is a man of remarkable talent and considerable commitment, he will be missed in the community and at the university, but we honor him today and wish him well in his next endeavor. Congratulations, Robert Corrigan, and thank you.

A TRIBUTE TO R. LUCIA RIDDLE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of R. Lucia Riddle as the Vice President of Federal Government Relations for the Principal Financial Group.

Ms. Riddle joined Principal in 1974 as a management trainee in the health division and quickly began rising through the company. By 1997, Lucia had obtained her M.B.A. from Drake University and had officially assumed her role as Principal's Vice President of Federal Government Relations in Washington D.C.

Principal Financial Group is a well-respected, worldwide company that has called Des Moines its home since 1889. More than 8,000 Iowans are employed by Principal Financial Group and thousands more do business with this great company renowned for its honest and professional reputation. As Vice President of Federal Government Relations, Lucia expertly assumed the responsibility of directing legislative and advocacy efforts with a focus on the company's life and health, privacy, tax and financial services issues. Every day, Ms. Riddle played the important role of representing thousands of Iowans, and the company itself, as a valuable and effective spokesperson to members of Congress.

In addition to her role at Principal, Lucia is a member of several insurance and financial service industry related technical and policy committees for numerous organizations, as well as serving on multiple boards across the country, from the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art to the Des Moines Art Center. Recently in 2011, Ms. Riddle received the President's Award from the Washington Government Relations Group and this year has been named as one of Savoy Professional Magazine's "Top 100 Most Influential Blacks in Corporate America" for the second time since 2008.

Over her 38 year career with Principal, Ms. Riddle has embodied the ideals of leadership and dedication by assuming several roles above and beyond the call of duty. Lucia is a testament to the high quality character and unwavering work ethic instilled in Iowans. I invite the members of the House to join me in wishing Lucia a long, happy and healthy retirement. Thank you.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN KEACH, SR.

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, John Keach Sr. Led a Consequential Life.

John Keach Sr. was many things. He was a husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. But I rise because John Keach Sr. led a consequential life and by his actions he left this community and this state better for having been here.

The life of John Keach, Sr. has been marked by accomplishments over decades that have brought about a greater quality of life to Columbus and the surrounding areas. Though he will be missed by his family and friends, John will long be remembered for his tremendous impact.

A native of Seymour, Indiana, John was born to Glenn and Lucile Kessler Keach on July 7, 1927. Before serving in the United States Navy during World War II, John graduated from Shields High School. In 1950, John graduated a Bulldog from Butler University and then married his beloved Elaine. After working under his father as a teller at the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association in Seymour, John and Elaine moved from Seymour to Columbus where John helped develop the Columbus branch of the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association.

John held many positions at what is now known as the Indiana Bank and Trust Company, serving as a teller, branch manager, president, CEO, Chairman of the Board, and Chairman Emeritus. John also held positions in the Indiana League of Savings Institutions, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, and the Family Financial Life Insurance Company.

Outside of his business ventures, John sought to make Columbus and Bartholomew County a better place to live, and his efforts are felt to this day. John was a member of the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce and received the Distinguished Service Award in 1960 and the Community Service Award in 1969. John also served as a Trustee and President of the Bartholomew County Library and played a crucial role in the development of the Cleo Rogers Memorial County Library.

John served on the Bartholomew County United Way, the Columbus Economic Development Board, the St. Columba Catholic Church Council, the Columbus Elks Lodge #521, the Knights of Columbus and the Columbus American Legion Post #24, among others.

Blessed with a loving family, John is survived by his wife of 62 years, Elaine, their four children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, as well as his sister Kathe Caplinger.

It is written, "the Lord is close to the broken-hearted," and that will be our prayer for his beloved wife, family and all those who mourn the passing of John Keach, Sr.

The people of Columbus have lost a true giant from our community and our family has lost a friend. The life of John Keach, Sr. has come to an end but his legacy of leadership and character will endure and inspire for generations to come.

HONORING ROEHL TRANSPORT FOR 50 YEARS OF INNOVATION AND GROWTH

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an organization called Roehl's Transport, which is celebrating its 50th year in business in 2012. I congratulate them for this historic achievement.

Their extraordinary growth since 1962 exemplifies what can be achieved through teamwork and the American spirit. The Roehl Way of Protective Driving has won the ATA President's Award in both 2008 and 2011, and their initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions has earned the EPA's "Smartway Award for Excellence" multiple times.

I am honored to congratulate Roehl Transport on their 50th anniversary and extend my thanks for efforts to improve our nation by making our highways safer and advancing our air quality.

TRIBUTE TO NADINE BERG ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a long-time member of my staff, Nadine Berg, who recently retired from a career of service on the Hill. Nadine started with my office as a legislative assistant in 1995 and then served as my Legislative Director from 2004 until this year. During her entire time in my office, she served as a constant source of cheerfulness during many long and difficult days. Despite her many responsibilities, she always took the time to give assistance and a kind word to other members of the staff, interns, and constituents.

Nadine's service in Congress did not start in my office, but rather when she started working for former Congressman Bill Lehman of Florida less than a month after graduating from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in 1975. She began her career on the Hill as a Legislative Correspondent in Congressman Lehman's office and worked for him until he retired from Congress at the end of 1992.

Nadine was not only a great asset to my office and the other offices she worked in, but she was also a great asset to the people of the South Bronx and Southern Florida, for whom she worked for so long. Her knowledge of Congress and dedication to working long hours until every detail was resolved ensured that every issue, no matter how large or small, was properly addressed.

In particular, her expertise in appropriations issues and the appropriations process was vitally helpful in my work on that committee. This expertise along with her passion for the environment helped to clean up the Bronx River and many other places in my district. When she began working on the Bronx River it was a neglected urban waterway, and no one believed that it could be cleaned up. However, her dedication and belief in improving

the environment led to it becoming a beautiful urban waterway, one that can be enjoyed by all its neighbors as a ribbon of green, recreational space. It has been so transformed that it is now home, in the center of the Bronx, to a beaver. Overall, her dedication to her work meant that my constituents were well represented in Congress and that federal money was well used in the Bronx.

Nadine will be greatly missed in my office and her departure will be felt in my district. However, I know that she has a loving family at home, and will be happy taking care of her grandchildren. I am sure that her commitment to public service will continue and that she will make a difference in whatever else she decides to turn her hand to next. In closing, I would like to again thank her for her service, and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

HONORING VILLAGE OF SISTER BAY

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Village of Sister Bay in Door County, Wisconsin. Settlers first arrived in 1857, and the village was incorporated in 1912.

That same year, the village suffered from a drought, a heavy hailstorm, a grasshopper invasion, and a severe fire that consumed most of the businesses at the center of the village. The Village of Sister Bay not only endured these challenges, but also sought new opportunities. The community became a major shipping location for early steam and sailing vessels, and commerce thrived year round.

Mr. Speaker, the Village of Sister Bay embodies all of the finest qualities of Door County. In the early days, the community stood out as a tourist destination. Today, tourism continues to flourish in the Village of Sister Bay with small storefronts, restaurants, art galleries, and a beautiful marina that gives visitors a reason to keep coming back to this wonderful community.

Again, I congratulate the Village of Sister Bay on its 100th anniversary, and encourage all residents in northeast Wisconsin to celebrate this community's history and heritage on June 8–9, 2012.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO EDNA ECKLUND

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and honor that I congratulate Mrs. Edna Ecklund on a momentous milestone, her 100th birthday, which was on April 14, 2012. Edna celebrated with family and friends on Friday, April 13, 2012, at the Kindred Healthcare facility in Dyer, Indiana.

Mrs. Ecklund was born on April 14, 1912, in Crete, Illinois. She is the oldest of three children born to Henry and Clara Reichert. Her

family later moved to Indiana and lived on a farm between Crown Point and Lowell. On June 5, 1931, Edna married Clarence Ecklund, and they lived in various locations throughout the region over the years. In 1962, Clarence and Edna moved to Schererville, Indiana, where Edna remained until relocating to her current residence. Edna worked most of her life as a millinery salesperson for the Edward C. Minas department store in downtown Hammond, Indiana, before moving to the store's River Oaks location in nearby Calumet City, Illinois. Edna, who retired in 1974, has always been known as an outstanding saleswoman with an exquisite fashion sense.

In addition to her successful career, Mrs. Ecklund was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for many years. She is also a member of Immanuel United Church of Christ in Highland, Indiana. Edna has many friends and family who share a common respect for her commendable qualities, including her vigor, sense of humor, and kindness. Edna, an avid musician, has played both the organ and the piano for many years. A truly remarkable woman, Edna's dedication to her career and her involvement in her community is exceeded only by her devotion to her amazing family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Edna Ecklund on this special day and in wishing her a very happy 100th birthday!

HONORING MR. JOHNNY BARNES UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE ACLU OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mr. Johnny Barnes, who, after ten years as the Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of the National Capital Area, is retiring. Johnny's tireless advocacy and his outstanding leadership, passion, and integrity during his service with the ACLU have brought about a more fair and just society.

Johnny's advocacy efforts also include strong support for DC Statehood and working to get the residents of Washington, DC, a true vote in Congress. Washington, DC, residents pay the second highest per capita federal income taxes in the United States but have no vote on how the Federal Government spends their tax dollars and no vote on important issues such as health care, education, Social Security, environmental protection, crime control, public safety, and foreign policy. Johnny is determined to educate citizens everywhere about taxation without representation for the more than 600,000 Washingtonians who live in the shadow of the United States Capitol Building.

Since joining the ACLU of the National Capital Area, Johnny has led several successful efforts to promote the rights of all people. People expect and deserve a fundamental right to privacy. Johnny fought the proliferation of video surveillance cameras in majority-minority communities in Washington, DC. He also

fought for the rights of honest people against warrantless searches police checkpoints. Throughout his time with the ACLU, Johnny has given a resounding voice to those who could not be heard.

Before joining the ACLU, Johnny enjoyed a distinguished career supporting several Members of Congress in senior positions. From 1984–1990, Johnny served as the Chief of Staff to Washington, DC, Delegate Walter E. Fauntroy. From 1992–1995, Johnny served as Senior Counsel and Legislative Director to Congressman Lucien E. Blackwell from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and from 1995–2000, Johnny served as Chief of Staff to Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton who represented the First Congressional District of North Carolina; the same Congressional District that I have the distinct honor of representing today.

Johnny graduated Cum Laude from Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, and from the Georgetown University Law Center. He has shared his passion, understanding and expertise in law with countless students as Law Professor at the Georgetown University Law Center, the Potomac School of Law, and Antioch School of Law.

Johnny's work as a professor, seasoned Congressional staffer, and leader of the ACLU of the National Capital Area deserve recognition from this august body. I am confident that he will continue to be a strong advocate for civil rights wherever his interests and dedication to the community lead him.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Johnny Barnes on his retirement from the American Civil Liberties Union.

CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER OF NWIHR

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to announce that the Indian American Cultural Center of NWIHR will celebrate its 10th Anniversary by hosting a gala dinner and banquet on Saturday, April 21, 2012, at the Halls of Saint George in Schererville, Indiana.

The Indian American Cultural Center, which opened on March 9, 2002, was established with the following goal in mind: to foster peace and harmony amongst the people of Northwest Indiana by showcasing their cultural heritage and creating spiritual awareness in both young people and adults, as well as to engage in various charitable events, both nationally and locally. Since its inception, the Indian American Cultural Center has been instrumental in educating Northwest Indiana's citizens on the traditions and customs of the Indian heritage.

The members of the Indian American Cultural Center of NWIHR are to be commended, not only for their commitment to preserving tradition, but also for their commitment to making improvements that benefit all mankind. Proceeds from this year's gala will go to support The Arc of Northwest Indiana, located in Hobart, Indiana. The Arc of Northwest Indiana