

and other careers. I ask that you join with me today to honor Ms. Judith L. Fitzgerald. It is with great admiration and appreciation that I congratulate her on this well-deserved honor and wish her many more years of success.

HONORING FLOYD VANDERHOEF

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Floyd VanDerhoef for his service to our nation and his honorary membership into the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum's Board of Directors.

Floyd served as a first lieutenant and captain in A Company, 56th Armored Infantry Battalion. Floyd's battalion was one of the first units in Patton's First Army to cross over the Rhine into Germany, where it helped liberate between 40,000–50,000 prisoners held en route to the Dachau concentration camp.

Following his service, Floyd remained close with the veterans who served alongside him, and he was instrumental in establishing the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum in Abilene, Texas. He donated his own memorabilia and even paid for gold stars on the museum's floor to honor his fallen comrades.

It is important for all of us to take a moment and say thank you to our veterans like Floyd VanDerhoef who sacrificed for our country and our freedom. From the time of our nation's founding to today, these brave men and women have earned the enduring gratitude of our nation, and we honor their selfless service.

I am honored to recognize Floyd VanDerhoef for his service to our nation and for his commitment to honor his fellow veterans.

REMEMBERING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, with Orthodox Christians across the world observing Holy Week next week, it is only fitting that today we remember a time in history that tested the will and character of the Armenian people.

Like the earliest Christians, the Armenians proved themselves not only survivors of persecution, but also masters of their destinies.

I have been a strong supporter of Armenia and of the Armenia Genocide resolution, which recognizes the massacre of 1.5 million innocent Armenian men, women and children at the hands of the Ottoman Empire as genocide.

These atrocities should not be ignored whether they took place in the early 20th century by the Ottomans, the mid-20th century by the Third Reich, or now with the ongoing violence in the Nuba Mountains and Burma.

Genocide is a scourge on the human race and must be acknowledged as such.

As we continue to seek the truth, a final acknowledgement of the horrific events that took place so long ago, I will always stand in solidarity with the Armenian people.

IN RECOGNITION OF TEMPLE BETH AHM'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Temple Beth Ahm as members gather to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Since its humble beginnings, the congregation has grown structurally and in membership, while continuing to provide outstanding spiritual guidance to the community.

Temple Beth Ahm traces its roots back to a community committed to its Jewish values. They established the Strathmore-at-Matawan Jewish Center as an organization for meetings, worship, education and activities. These events were held at various locations throughout the town, including members' homes, schools and fire houses. The organization affiliated with United Synagogue of America in 1963 and continued to grow in membership. In 1968 it completed the construction of its synagogue and changed its name to Temple Beth Ahm, the House of the People, as individuals from surrounding communities began to join.

Temple Beth Ahm continued to grow as it established a Hebrew School, preschool and theater group and its social groups expanded activities held at the temple. Over the years, other congregations merged with Temple Beth Ahm—The United Hebrew Congregation of Keyport in 1974 and Temple Ohav Shalom of Sayreville in 2002. Each of the mergers brought not only additional membership, but also Judaica and other objects and assets that enhanced the synagogue. It expanded its construction, adding classrooms and a permanent sanctuary in 1983 and later expanding its library and building a chapel.

Throughout its 50 year history, Temple Beth Ahm has also expanded its vision. In 1973 it elected its first female president and followed Rabbinical Assembly procedure to open roles of ritual aspects to women. In 2011 it hired its first female Rabbi, Lisa Malik.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Temple Beth Ahm on its 50th Anniversary. Its service to the community is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

HONORING THE REVEREND MONSIGNOR FRANCIS MANIOLA ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY AND THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Monsignor Francis Maniola on his 100th birthday and the 75th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. I am happy to have joined him in celebrating these milestones at St. Symphorosa, the Catholic parish on the Southwest Side of Chicago that he has served for 45 years.

Monsignor Maniola was originally appointed Pastor of St. Symphorosa Parish in 1968. Responding to changes in Catholic parishes that were mandated by the bishops of the Second

Vatican Council, Father Maniola sought to increase Parish involvement both spiritually and socially. He led the establishment of new groups and liturgical ministries at St. Symphorosa such as the popular Super Club, a senior citizens group with weekly events and activities, as well as support groups like the Widow and Widowers Club. I fondly remember Monsignor Maniola as the Pastor of the parish throughout my eight years at St. Symphorosa School.

Although he retired in 1981 with the title "Pastor Emeritus," his leadership and commitment to the Parish have continued to be felt in the community.

At 100 years of age, Monsignor Maniola is in good health and high spirits. As an avid baseball fan, he enjoys watching Cubs and White Sox games. He also enjoys solving crossword and Sudoku puzzles. He remains deeply spiritual, and maintains an active role in the Parish.

Today I express my admiration of Monsignor Maniola's devotion to St. Symphorosa, and honor his lifetime of achievements. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Monsignor Maniola well as he celebrates his 100th birthday and the 75th anniversary of his Ordination, and to thank him for his service.

LOWER BUCKS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce for 50 years of outstanding service to the business community in Pennsylvania's 8th District.

The Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce was founded in the hopes to advance the values of free enterprise, and since 1963 has dedicated itself to enhancing and promoting business in the Lower Bucks County region. Incorporating more than 1000 member companies, today the LBCCC has earned the accreditation by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

As a lifelong resident of Bucks County, I greatly admire the work being done by the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce. Their commitment to representing small, medium and large businesses and firms is commendable, and I am honored to represent the chamber in Washington, along with several member businesses that have maintained membership for all 50 years, Begley, Carlin & Mandio, LLP, Bucks County Courier Times, Bucks County Technical High School, Burton & Browse LLP, The Dow Chemical Company, Farruggio's Bristol & Philadelphia, Auto Express, First Federal of Bucks County, First National Bank and Trust, Company of Newtown, General Machine Products Company, Inc., Hellyer Performing Arts Center, Inc., Intercounty Media Group, Hal Lefcourt, APR, Lucisano Brothers, Inc., PECO, Pennsbury School District, United States Steel Corporation, United Way of Bucks County, and WBCB Radio Station (1490 AM).

I am pleased to congratulate the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce and recognize those member companies who have

been with the Chamber for 50 plus years. I thank them for their commitment to the chamber and the business community, and wish them success in the future.

TRANE'S 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Trane, a company based in my home city of La Crosse in western Wisconsin. La Crosse's third largest employer, Trane provides high-quality, energy-efficient heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems and building management systems throughout the United States and the world. I would like to congratulate all of Trane's workers, including the members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District 66 and my very own brother, Tim, who has been a loyal employee for many years. These dedicated workers partner with the management team to produce excellent products for a great price.

I'm very proud of the extraordinary contributions that Trane has made to our nation's technological advancements of the 20th and 21st centuries and for their contribution to job growth in Wisconsin. James Trane and his son Reuben started the company in 1913. Reuben's invention of the convector radiator in 1925, which replaced the heavy and bulky cast-iron radiators of the time, launched the company into worldwide prominence and firmly established its reputation as an innovator. Trane has upheld its reputation ever since.

Trane's innovations have been used during noteworthy moments in our nation's history. Their parts have been used to create products for the Armed Forces, such as the Trane Aircraft Intercooler during World War II, and they have even ventured into outer space when their heat exchanger design was used on the lunar rover of the Apollo 15 mission. Furthermore, Trane launched the world's most effective whole-house air filtration system that has helped families breathe easier in their homes.

It is with great pride that I rise today to congratulate Trane Co. on a century's worth of exceptional service and premium quality. Trane wouldn't be the success that it is if it wasn't for their hard work and dedication. Trane is truly deserving of recognition for their remarkable contributions to innovation and to the La Crosse community, and I am confident that they will carry on their work into the future.

HONORING FOUR MILE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MABANK, TEXAS

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the 165th Anniversary of the Four Mile Lutheran Church of Mabank, Texas.

On May 5, 2013, Four Mile Lutheran Church will celebrate 165 years of Lutheranism. Four

Mile Lutheran Church is the oldest Norwegian church in Texas, having held continual services from 1848–2013. For 165 years, evangelism, missionary service, youth development, Sunday school, Bible study, fellowship, and worship have been celebrated by the congregation.

As Thomas Jefferson said, "It is in our lives and not our words that our religion must be read." It is an honor to represent the parishioners of Four Mile Lutheran Church whose lives exude service and faith.

IN HONOR OF DR. GARY B. GRIGGS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Gary B. Griggs, who is celebrating 45 years of expanding and sharing our understanding of the coastal and marine environment as a Distinguished Professor of Earth Sciences at the University of California Santa Cruz.

Dr. Gary B. Griggs is the Director of the University of California Santa Cruz Institute of Marine Sciences. A leader in the field of marine and coastal geology, his research is focused on the coastal zone and ranges from coastal evolution and development, through shoreline processes, coastal hazards and coastal engineering, and sea level rise. He is a talented interpreter of complicated coastal science and has a long track record of effectively translating his findings for policymakers. He has also been a champion of raising public awareness about these important issues across the Monterey Bay region and beyond. He has authored numerous academic and popular articles and books, including *Living with the Changing California Coast* and *Then & Now: Santa Cruz Coast*.

Griggs joined the UCSC faculty in 1968. He has been Director of the Institute of Marine Sciences and Long Marine Laboratory since 1991. The Long Marine Lab is known throughout the marine research community for innovative marine mammal research in areas of nearshore invertebrate marine biology, ecology, and issues surrounding ocean health.

As Director, he spearheaded the development of the Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Long Marine Laboratory, an educational center organized around the understanding of marine science. For the last 13 years, the Seymour Center has offered innovative educational programs for community members of all ages including school, youth and college programs, teacher workshops, and an extensive range of visitor and member programs.

In 2001, he led the launch of the Center for Ocean Health, a premier research facility for coastal conservation, policy, and research. The Center for Ocean Health has brought together some of the world's leading coastal and marine scientists, government and non-government coastal conservation and policy experts, and public education leaders. Their projects and partnerships are addressing a wide range of issues including complex coastal water science and policy issues, troubled sea otter populations in Alaska and California, and the socio-economic impacts of storms and sea level rise on coastal communities.

In 2009, the California Coastal Commission named Gary Griggs as a California Coastal Heroes. He was recognized for his efforts to promote popular understanding of the California coast and for his leadership in the development of a major marine research and education center at Long Marine Laboratory. In 2010, Professor Griggs was elected as a Fellow of the California Academy of Sciences, an international center for scientific education and research at the forefront of efforts to understand and protect the diversity of Earth's living things.

Dr. Griggs has actively sought to break down silos between the academia and government. He has actively supported collaboration between marine scientists and decision-makers. The UC Santa Cruz marine campus at the edge of Monterey Bay physically embodies this collaborative approach and shares space with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Southwest Fisheries Science Center as well as with the State of California's Oiled Wildlife Veterinary Care and Research Center.

Recently, his research projects have focused on documenting and understanding coastal erosion processes including temporal and spatial variations in rates of retreat; evaluating the effectiveness of coastal protection structures and the impacts of coastal engineering projects (seawalls, jetties, breakwaters) on coastal processes and beaches; evaluating beach processes and quantifying littoral cell budgets and human impacts on these budgets; impacts of extreme events such as El Ninos on coastlines; the impacts of sea level rise on California's beaches and coastline; and coastal policies to reduce the impacts of hazards and sea level rise.

Mr. Speaker, I once again want to thank Dr. Griggs for his leadership on ocean and coastal science and policy and recognize him for serving as an inspirational and accomplished leader for my community.

SAFEGUARDS ACT REINTRODUCED

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 26, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce the SAFEGUARDS Act, legislation I have introduced for the past three Congressional sessions that is intended to address some of the issues surrounding the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster and the subsequent federal response effort. Saturday marked the three-year anniversary of this catastrophic oil spill and the people of the Gulf are still waiting for the Congress to address the breakdowns in safety, oversight and response that were exposed during the spill. I have emphasized repeatedly that we owe it to those who perished in the explosion, as well as those whose lives and businesses were impacted in the months that followed, to address the deficiencies in current federal policy.

I am thankful that last year the Congress was able to pass the RESTORE Act that directs a large portion of the fines resulting from the Deepwater Horizon spill to the restoration of the Gulf region. While we do not know the full amount that will be available in this fund, I am certain that it will have a positive impact