

Dr. Keen began his career at Hancock Regional Hospital in 1994 as its Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Five months later Dr. Keen was promoted to President and Chief Executive Officer, the position he held for the next twenty years.

Dr. Keen's professional awards and achievements are many and noteworthy. They include the Hancock County Mental Health Association's Time, Talents and Treasures Award, and the Indiana Hospital Association's Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Keen was also appointed by three former Governors to serve on the Executive Committee of the Indiana Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Board, as well as severing under two Governors on the Hospital Council of the Indiana State Department of Health.

Hancock Regional Hospital has been an outstanding example of premier health care success in Indiana by delivering top notch medical care and providing expertise to the community. Dr. Keen's steadfast dedication and continued leadership within the hospital has been vital to its success.

Dr. Keen retired from his duties heading this exemplary institution this past June. I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in thanking him for his long career and service to his hospital and community.

HONORING THE NEW YORK HALL OF SCIENCE ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the New York Hall of Science on the 50th anniversary of its dedication. The Hall of Science is a true jewel that Queens and all New Yorkers are so proud to have in our city.

This year, Flushing Meadows Corona Park in Queens celebrates the 75th anniversary of the 1939–40 World's Fair and the 50th anniversary of the 1964–65 World's Fair.

The fairs brought the world together in Queens to share experiences and see the newest technologies and products that would one day change our world.

What began as a fair pavilion showcasing exhibits about atomic energy, space exploration and satellite communication has evolved over five decades into one of the world's pre-eminent centers for science education and teacher professional development.

The legacy of the Fair is present not just in the vintage NASA rockets still in the museum's front yard, but in the spirit of innovation, discovery and a quest for knowledge that still permeates the Hall of Science's more than 400 exhibits, which include the country's largest Science Playground and a miniature golf-course where each hole teaches a lesson in space physics.

In celebration of its 50th anniversary, the Hall of Science has just completed a \$50 million fundraising campaign. Two new exhibitions are coming on line this year. Design Lab will introduce visitors to the creative design process and Connected Worlds will present an immersive digital environment where visitors can explore sustainability and learn how their personal actions have a global impact. The

campaign has also enabled a \$25 million restoration of the Great Hall, the original World's Fair pavilion. Wallace Harrison's iconic space-age "Cathedral to Science" with its soaring stained glass walls rising 100 feet in the air once again stands as a majestic, inspirational destination for hundreds of thousands of people to get excited about science, technology, engineering and math.

The New York Hall of Science is also preparing to host its fifth annual World Maker Faire on September 20–21. At the great World's Fairs, governments and industry presented exhibitions on what they thought the future would hold. At World Maker Faire, it is the makers themselves who are offering a preview of the future. More than 600 projects will be on display, giving people a glimpse at the best of creativity in all its forms. The Hall's President, Dr. Margaret Honey, was among the distinguished guests invited by the President to celebrate the first ever White House Maker Faire earlier this year, and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy has been a major supporter of the maker movement as it has grown and evolved worldwide. The movement is tapping into our innate sense of curiosity, creativity and collaboration, with staggering results. More than 100 maker faires took place around the globe last year.

The National Science Foundation, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Office of Naval Research, NASA and the U.S. Department of Education have all been major supporters of the Hall of Science. Recognizing this important institution's impact on education for students, teachers and families, these agencies, not to mention my office and the entire New York delegation, have all supported investments in new educational resources, exhibits and programs that each year serve a half-million museum visitors (many of them children on school field trips), help more than 3,000 teachers enhance their capacity as educators, and inspire countless young people to pursue careers in the STEM fields.

Today, I salute the Hall of Science, a respected leading institution among science education centers worldwide. I wish that all Americans have the chance to visit the Hall at some point in their lives. For the New Yorkers that haven't visited yet, I hope you have a chance to visit this Queens treasure as soon as you can.

HONORING PATTI GILMORE

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patti Gilmore of Hutto, TX. A pillar of this quiet town nestled in the heart of my congressional district, Patti is retiring after years of exemplary service to her beloved community.

Daily life in a city like Hutto rests upon the shoulders of dedicated public servants like Patti Gilmore. Throughout her career, she was the indispensable woman, juggling a multitude of responsibilities, performing great work whenever needed, and making it look easy. As if managing the administrative support and operations of the City Manager's office wasn't enough work, Patti coordinated meetings,

press releases, and distributed the informative Hutto Highlights newsletter. She also managed the legislative initiatives for the City while maintaining effective relations with other governmental entities.

Patti's dedication to making Hutto a great place to live is second to none. She pioneered countless programs such as Hutto Day at the Capitol, Youth in Government, Hutto Citizen's University, and Hutto Matters. She led and served on numerous civic committees including Hutto Has Heart, Friday Night Live, Youth Advisory Task Force, and Marketing Task Force. Patti is also very active in several community organizations including the Hutto Lions Club, Hutto Discovery Methodist Church, and Al-Anon.

Yet Patti's commitment to service doesn't end at the Hutto city limits. Working with the Adopt-A-Unit program, she has been instrumental in obtaining donations, organizing events and providing support to deployed troops and their families. Her acts are a sign of true patriotism to our great nation and to the men and women who serve our country.

Patti Gilmore's extraordinary commitment to service reflects the best values of Central Texas. She has positively impacted the lives of thousands and there's no doubt that Hutto is a better place because of her. I join all the people of Hutto in saluting her service.

IN RECOGNITION OF LARRY AND DONNA PRESLEY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Larry Presley who have been married 56 years and serve as clergy in Lee County, Alabama.

Larry and Donna met while attending Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma. They were married on August 30, 1958 in Overland Park, Kansas. They moved to Lee County, Alabama, in 1987.

Larry has been in the ministry 57 years and still serves as full-time minister in Opelika, Alabama. The Presleys have two sons, Lynn and Jamey.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Larry and Donna Presley for their tireless service in the Lee County community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. NICHOLAS BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a significant milestone in the life of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Parish of Lorain, Ohio in my District. The parish will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sunday, September 14, 2014.

The parish history recounts that on September 14, 1914, the first Byzantine Catholic bishop, Bishop Soter Ortinsky, dedicated St.

Nicholas Church. The pastor at that time was Father Basil Beretz. The people who were members of the parish had actually initiated plans for a church of the Byzantine Rite Catholics a number of years before that time. St. Nicholas' founders emigrated from a region of the Austro-Hungarian Empire which is today the easternmost part of Czechoslovakia and arrived in Lorain, Ohio in the last part of the 19th century and the beginning of the twentieth century. They attended St. Michael Hungarian Byzantine Rite Catholic Church and for a brief time services were held in Kohlmyer's Hall in Lorain.

The church history characterizes the years from 1900 to 1914 as the formative years of St. Nicholas Parish: "In 1905 a committee of Byzantine Rite Catholics of Rusyn origin sought the advice and counsel of the late Bishop Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland. In 1907 the faithful of the future St. Nicholas Parish solicited funds for the purchase of lots on Toledo Avenue, Lorain, the former site of the church and rectory. The parish would then relocate in 1982 to 2711 W. 40th Street, the present site of the St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church complex. An historical mural retained in the old church for many years contained the list of the following contributors for the lots: Andrew Kakos, Andrew Ksenich, Andrew Karahuts, George Ksenich, Michael Lascisky, Michael Rusinko, George Demchik, John Danko, George Vajda, Vasil Pavelvach, Peter Yureck, John Kocak, Joseph Kokinda, Peter Kekel, John Taraka, Stephen Lascisky, Elek Ksenich, John Kvasnak, Nicholas Ksenich, Vasil Teleha, Peter Hazlak, Mike Rericky, Peter Hrinda, George Maczik, Mike Kizak, Jacob Andraska, John Jeresko. Stephen Ksenich, Joseph Suster, John Moroznak, George Tomcso, Frank Kablinka, John Szalag, Daniel Demjanovich, Mike Koscs, Mike Koczak, Joseph Szasz, Joseph Gluvna, John Naaymik and John Maylik. The purchase of the aforementioned lots was consummated through the Cleveland Chancery in the name of Bishop Schrembs and held by him in trust for the St. Nicholas Parish. In this manner St. Nicholas Parish was constituted as a Catholic parish under a Catholic bishop."

The church continued to grow and expand, both physically and in membership. A rectory was added in 1919 and a second story of the original church was dedicated on July 16, 1928, by Bishop Basil Takach, the first bishop of the Byzantine Rite Catholic Exarchate of Pittsburgh. Renovations continued and in 1946 the mortgage was paid off.

Under the stewardship of Father Andrew Pataki who later became the bishop of Parma, a parochial school was built. On Sunday, June 12, 1960, a festival was held and Bishop Nicholas T. Elko blessed a newly renovated St. Nicholas Church and the new St. Nicholas School. Sisters under the Order of St. Basil the Great came to Lorain to begin teaching at the school in 1962. A small house was purchased nearby and remodeled by parishioners as a convent.

On Dec. 14, 1964, St. Nicholas' celebrated its golden jubilee with bishop Nicholas T. Elko officiating at the pontifical Divine Liturgy assisted by the former pastors Fathers Andrew Pataki and George Simchak.

By the late 1970s it was apparent the church had outgrown its original buildings and, in "a beautiful testimonial to the generosity and the love that our parishioners have for

their church" according to the history, the substantial funds needed to build a new building were raised. A ground-breaking ceremony was held on Sunday, Jan. 25, 1981. During the ceremony, the history notes, "the sound of axes could be heard ringing from the nearby woods. The St. Nicholas wood-chopping crew had a lot of land to clear and they did not have time to attend the ceremony. Additionally, a "heartly band of volunteers worked throughout the year of 1981 and painted the entire interior of the complex, laid all the floor tiles (estimated at over 10,000 tiles), sanded and stained all the woodwork and contributed thousands of cost-free hours of labor. As a result of their physical contribution, the interior of the convent was finished as well as many other items that were not in the original contract. By early spring, the new complex was nearing completion and an appeal was made for volunteers to purchase the pews, certain kitchen items and the appointments in the church. The response was overwhelming. The parishioners of St. Nicholas, the Greek Catholic Union Lodge, the Russo-Slav Club and other fraternal organizations associated with the church had come through once again.

The church history records that "the last service to be held at the old St. Nicholas Church was on Palm Sunday, April 4, 1982, and many a tear was shed as the last song was sung. Finally, on Holy Thursday evening, April 8, 1982, Father Felock blessed the new altar and church and the first service was held." The life of the parish continued in its new location through the 1980s, 1990s and into the new century. The school was closed in 2007 and the parish embarked on a mission of renewal as the new century dawned.

Today, the members of St. Nicholas Church's focus is on its future even as they honor its past. Standing on the shoulders of its founders and the families who established the parish as a cornerstone of its community, the parishioners of today's St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church are proud of its rich history. Yet, as they celebrate a century of parish life, the congregation of St. Nicholas' looks toward the next century with hope and faith. Onward!

OPPOSITION TO THE BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to continue to express my opposition to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, or BDCP. The BDCPs comment period closed at the end of July and California state officials reviewed comments from stakeholders throughout California as it determines the best route going forward. The result: the state has delayed implementation of the BDCP.

Since being elected to Congress in 2006, I've expressed concerns with this proposal. Building two tunnels that make it easier to ship Delta water south does nothing to address California's larger water issues. We need to focus our investments on recycling, desalinization, conservation, and storage—both above and below ground. Becoming better managers of our water resources will help prepare our state for wet and dry years.

As evident by the BDCPs delay, this flawed plan is based on unreasonable assumptions instead of sound science and has raised red flags from various federal agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. That is why I offered an amendment to the FY15 Energy and Water Appropriations Act to ban the government from funding tunnels taking our water. We must focus our finite federal resources on initiatives that will result in increased water supply and storage capacity, not waste it on projects that take from one region of the state and send it to another.

The BDCP is not a plan that reflects the interests of all Californians; I along with my Delta colleagues remain willing to work with all parties on a statewide solution that considers all stakeholders interests.

HONORING ALAN AND SALLY MERTEN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize George Mason University President Emeritus Dr. Alan Merten and his wife, Sally. In June, I had the pleasure of attending a dedication naming the university's new senior administration building "Alan and Sally Merten Hall."

Dr. Merten served as George Mason University's president for 16 years, stepping down in 2012. This dedication is a fitting tribute to the Mertens, a pair who worked tirelessly for the better part of two decades promoting, growing and improving George Mason University. As a result of Alan and Sally's efforts, the university has become one of Virginia's greatest schools, as well as a nationally and internationally recognized center of academic and research excellence.

Current George Mason President Angel Cabrera honored the Mertens' service to the George Mason community at the June 23 ceremony. President Cabrera and former Board of Visitors rector, Edwin Meese III, lauded the Mertens' contributions to the school and to the community, and I was allowed to offer a few words as well. I always enjoyed working with Dr. Merten and was grateful for the opportunity to speak on my relationship with Alan and Sally, as well as my appreciation for their commitment to the school and leadership in the community.

As stated in the resolution used to enact the dedication, the Mertens' legacy includes four endowed scholarships and numerous gifts to university building and program funds. There is no doubt that George Mason is a better institution for the Mertens' efforts. I hope they will remain active in the George Mason community for many years to come.

I respectfully submit George Mason University's "Resolution to Rename University Hall" and the following news article from George Mason University on the ceremony.

RESOLUTION TO RENAME UNIVERSITY HALL IN HONOR OF ALAN AND SALLY MERTEN

Whereas, George Mason University President Emeritus Dr. Alan G. Merten led the university with distinction for 16 years, during which time he launched an ambitious