

Universalist Church remained a central part of the local community. An early advocate of equality, the Society called its first woman minister, Clara Cook-Helve, in 1929, and she became a prominent voice in the town throughout the Great Depression. Today, the Society remains a vibrant presence in Middleboro and continues its strong focus on community service and equality for all.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Middleboro as it celebrates its 125th anniversary and in wishing the Society well in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO TERI EHRESMAN

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my thanks to Teri Ehresman, a dedicated public servant who recently retired from the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). As a Member of Congress representing Idaho's Second Congressional District, I got to know Teri as the communications lead for the Nuclear Science and Technology Division of Communications and Governmental Affairs at INL. In that capacity, Teri played an instrumental role in spreading INL's influence as the nation's lead lab for nuclear energy, and that designation has served the nation, the nuclear energy industry and the State of Idaho very well. For all of her hard work and the extra effort she always gives to her tasks, Teri deserves our recognition and praise. I want to wish Teri all the best.

Teri Ehresman has received communications awards from Media Network Idaho, National Federation of Press Women, Idaho Press Club, and the Society for Technical Communications. She was also named Idaho's 2008 Communicator of Achievement by Media Network Idaho, and in 2010 received a "Presidential Citation" from the National Federation of Press Women President for her volunteer efforts. She is currently serving as first vice president of the National Federation of Press Women, a national organization for communications professionals. She has previously served as second vice president and secretary of the national organization. Additionally, Teri is active in the Idaho affiliate, Media Network Idaho, where she organizes a yearly writing contest for high school journalism students throughout the state.

Teri served two years as chair of the Idaho Section of the American Nuclear Society (ANS), and during both of those years, the local section received the honor of being named "Best Local Large Section" while she was leading the 500 plus member organization. Teri has been an elected board member for ANS and helped to organize several international meetings for the national organization. She was also appointed by the American Nuclear Society president to the ANS Public Information committee and helps organize communications-related sessions for the organization's national meetings.

Teri Ehresman is a wonderful lady and she has served honorably and with distinction. As a valuable contributor to the State of Idaho and to the country, I want to offer my praise

as she moves forward to the next stage in her life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, on November 12, 2014, I missed one recorded vote on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 516.

THE 58TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION OF 1956

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, last month, on October 23, 2014, we celebrated the Hungarian Revolution of 1956, honoring the memory of freedom fighters who rose up against the communist regime imposed on Hungary after World War II by the Soviet Union. It was not only a culmination of Hungary's struggle for freedom, democracy and independence, but also presaged the collapse of the Soviet Empire. Indeed, the 1956 Hungarian Revolution and Fight for Freedom was the first tear in the Iron Curtain, which collapsed none too soon 25 years ago. Many heroes died fighting, others were tortured and executed, while 200,000 had no other option other than to leave their country. A large number of them came to the United States and, together with their families, started a new life as part of our vibrant Hungarian American Community.

We must never forget the heroes of 1956 who knew exactly what they wanted. They fought and died for freedom, a multi-party democracy and independence from the communist tyranny imposed on their country by the Soviet Union.

One of our greatest presidents, Ronald Reagan, whose statue now stands in Freedom Square of Budapest, remembered the Revolution as follows: "The Hungarian Revolution of 1956 was a true revolution of, by and for the people. Its motivations were humanity's universal longings to live, worship, and work in peace and to determine one's own destiny. The Hungarian Revolution forever gave the lie to communism's claim to represent the people, and told the world that brave hearts still exist to challenge injustice."

Consistent with our practice of fifty-eight years, we are committed to keeping the memory of the heroes of 1956 alive. As we contemplate the promise of Hungary 1956, we are reminded that that promise must never be forgotten or abandoned, as the heroes of 1956 deserve nothing less.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took of-

fice, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,942,478,973,674.58. We've added \$7,315,601,924,761.5 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$7.3 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER MIKE DOHERTY

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Clallam County Commissioner, Mike Doherty, for his many years of service to communities across the Olympic Peninsula.

Commissioner Doherty has served for two decades on the Clallam County Board of Commissioners and his longstanding commitment to this community has been evident throughout his tenure. As he steps down from his position, I admire and thank him for his many years of dedicated service.

Like me, Doherty is a native of Port Angeles, Washington. He graduated from Port Angeles High School in 1961 before serving in the U.S. Navy, attending Peninsula College and Gonzaga University, and later earning a J.D. from Georgetown University. During his summers in law school, he spent time working in the office of Senator Warren G. Magnuson. After completing his law degree, Doherty returned to Port Angeles and launched a career serving his community.

Doherty served as the first chairman of the Board of Freeholders, better known today as the Charter Review Commission and was responsible for the creation of Clallam County's charter. After being appointed to the Commission and serving from 1976–1980, Doherty was first elected to the Board of Commissioners in 1998, representing the constituents of District 3, which stretches from Neah Bay to western Port Angeles. In addition, he served as a Port Angeles School Board Member from 1991–1998.

In my time as a representative of our region, I have enjoyed working with Mike and appreciated his accessibility and his advocacy for the people of Clallam County's West End. From small businesses to Native American Tribes to timber mills to federal agencies, Mike has been a champion for people on the Peninsula. Aside from his work on local government issues, he has made a difference on a number of fronts, including his advocacy for secure rural schools funding in the Congress and his participation in the Olympic Peninsula Collaborative.

As a native of Port Angeles, I am grateful to have leaders like Doherty working for our community. I've been grateful for his counsel and his friendship. His decades of service to the people of this region are commendable, and he has distinguished himself as an impactful and thoughtful public servant for our region.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to close by applauding Doherty for his dedication to serving the people of Clallam County, Washington. I am honored to recognize his service today in the United States Congress.

HONORING MR. WILLIE LEE
HUDSONHON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON
OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable former Law Enforcement Officer, Mr. Willie L. Hudson, who is a lifelong resident of Jonestown, Mississippi.

Willie Lee Hudson, Jr. was born to the late Willie Lee Hudson, Sr. and Alouis Hudson on February 14, 1959 in Marks, Mississippi. He is a graduate of Coahoma Agricultural High School in Clarksdale, Mississippi and furthered his education at Coahoma Community College and North Carolina College. In May, 1977 he joined the U.S. Marine Corp, where he served three years and received an honorable discharge. On August 4, 1981 he became a police officer with the Clarksdale Police Department in Clarksdale, Mississippi. While at the Clarksdale Police Department, Willie moved up in rank as: Sergeant, Warrant Sergeant, and Warrant Captain.

In 2012 he retired from the Clarksdale Police Department. During his tenure as a police officer, he worked for municipal police departments in Friars Point, Mississippi, Greenville, Mississippi and Jonestown, Mississippi. In 2014 he was appointed Chief of Police for the Jonestown Police Department, but, due to health reasons, he retired from law enforcement in September.

Mr. Hudson has been an Associate Minister for 10 years at St. Luke Baptist Church in Jonestown, Mississippi. He is married to Annie Thomas-Hudson and they have eight children: Willie, III, Michael, Cherise, Paris, Willexia, Whitney, Andrenett, and Iesha; and four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing former law enforcement officer.

HONORING LUKE BLANTON

HON. JASON T. SMITH
OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Luke Blanton of Sikeston, Missouri for his outstanding achievement of receiving his Eagle Scout Award. This award is not easily attained and cannot be achieved without a steadfast determination to succeed.

In order to receive this award, Luke completed an Eagle project that exemplifies patriotism and his commitment to serve others. With the help of Sikeston Career and Technology Center, Luke built a flag depository box in the Veterans Park in Sikeston, Missouri where numerous flags continue to be collected so they can be retired properly.

At a young age Luke has shown values such as honesty, loyalty, and civility that inspire others. He has shown commitment to good citizenship, physical fitness, and education. By learning important survival skills, he has made himself an asset to our community, as well as the nation. Luke is a role model for young and old, alike, and it is my pleasure to

recognize his achievements before the House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING THE PENNDEL
WILDCATS FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, the legendary Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi once noted, "Football is a great deal like life in that it teaches that work, sacrifice, perseverance, competitive drive, selflessness and respect for authority is the price that each and every one of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile."

The gridiron is a place of winning and losing, learning and growing—the same in the pros as in local leagues across our nation.

For the Penndel Wildcats 145lbs team, their time together under the coaching eye of Joe Erb has been as much about football as it has been about life.

On Saturday, November 1, the team will play their final game—closing out years of work, dedication, friendship and success. While football might not be in each player's future, there is no doubt that their time spent together has helped shape their coming years for the better.

Best of luck to each member of the Penndel Wildcats and their coaching staff—both on the field and in their futures.

HONORING MICHAEL A. McMURPHY

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my constituent, Michael A. McMurphy, a longtime resident of Potomac, Maryland, for his lifetime of dedicated service to family, community and country, and I offer my heartfelt congratulations to him on the occasion of his retirement.

Michael McMurphy served honorably for ten years in active duty in the United States Air Force following graduation from the Air Force Academy, after which he continued serving our Nation in the Air Force Reserves, receiving several commendations for his outstanding contributions.

After earning advanced degrees from St. Mary's University and the University of Texas School of Law, he worked in the Office of Chief Counsel for the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Operations in Tennessee from 1979 to 1983, where he supported the Department's Uranium Enrichment Enterprise, among other critical areas.

In 1983, he joined COGEMA, Inc. in Bethesda, Maryland as its Secretary and General Counsel, was subsequently promoted to Vice President, and then elected President and Chief Executive Officer in 1988. After COGEMA was merged into the AREVA Group in 2001, he became President and Chief Executive Officer of AREVA NC Inc., and then President of AREVA Inc. in 2003.

In 2008, Mr. McMurphy was appointed Senior Executive Vice President of AREVA's

worldwide Front End Business Group, located in Paris, France, and returned to the U.S. in 2013, rejoining AREVA Inc. as Executive Vice President through 2014. Over his tenure, he has won the admiration of his many colleagues and peers and has served on the boards of directors of numerous companies and industry organizations.

For his exceptional contributions to U.S.-France relations and to the important commercial ties between our two countries, he was recognized by the President of France with an appointment to the rank of Chevalier, or knight, in the Ordre national du Mérite and then, in 2012, to the rank of Chevalier in the Légion d'honneur, that country's highest civilian honor.

Aside from his professional accomplishments, his greatest achievement, according to his sons Matthew and Kevin, is his love for his wife Maureen—"that's a thing that makes us very proud . . . that holds the family together, and our family has always been close."

In 2008, Michael and Maureen suffered a tragic loss when their son Patrick, who moved to New York City to pursue his dream of acting, died at the age of 23 from severe head injuries sustained from an accidental fall. Michael and Maureen established the Patrick Michael McMurphy Memorial Foundation in his honor, and they have since done some wonderful work through the foundation to promote the arts, especially theater, film and music. The foundation has benefited the Stella Adler Studio of Acting, where Patrick completed his studies, and is supporting promising young people who would not otherwise be able to pursue the arts with "life changing" scholarships, mentoring and counseling.

Michael delighted in his children; his sons fondly recall the sense of humor and commitment with which Michael insisted on playing the part of Cub Scout "Den Mother," an unusual role for a dad in the 1980s, to spend more time with his boys. "We were proud to be the only boys we knew who had a dad for a Den Mother," they have said. Michael loves children as he thinks they only bring joy and humor to his life, and now Michael's joy will be spending greater quality time with his three young grandchildren, perhaps outfitting them with Chuck Taylor high-top All-Star basketball shoes—shoes that bring him back happy memories of his late son, who wore them often.

I thank Michael for his many fine contributions, especially to the business and civic vitality of Maryland, and I wish him much happiness in this new phase of his life.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HAMPDEN COUNTY MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, this year the Hampden County Massachusetts Bar Association celebrates its 150th anniversary, having been officially incorporated on October 20, 1864. For all those years, this group has been one