

All so with your families you may break this bread
 And what their selfless sacrifice has so said
 Who for all our freedom paid
 All throughout the generations the ones who gave
 And be thankful
 Be thankful for our freedom so very bright
 Be thankful for all of these heroes who fought the fight
 Who all so live and died in valor's light
 All out across the deep blue seas
 Who all gave so selflessly
 And now lie all in deep dark quiet graves
 Showing us all how to behave
 Whose families still cry still this day
 Who live all in the kind of pain only Heaven can allay
 Until they are all reunited one fine day
 So be thankful to all those who gave
 All of their strong arms and legs
 Who must now live without them each day
 And gave their eyesight away
 Who'll not see another beautiful sunrise today
 And be thankful for all those who carry the scars of war
 Who with PTS no longer sleep peacefully anymore
 And as you look upon your children's faces
 And see all of their warm smiles in place this
 Remember, remember, remember to say in your grace this
 A prayer for all those children with tears upon their faces
 Because their mommies or daddies aren't coming home no more
 As each new holiday this heartache they must endure
 And all those families separated by distance and war
 Who on this Thanksgiving Day each other so long for
 And all they ask
 Is for your thanks to stand by them all steadfast
 Be thankful this Thanksgiving Day,
 for all of their most precious gifts the Armed Forces and families gave
 And on this Thanksgiving sitting around the table
 You, this Thanksgiving you for all our freedoms so bright
 thankful for our freedom so bright,
 be thankful for all of those heroes who fight the fight

CONGRATULATING DIANA RUDEEN

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Diana Rudeen who was elected President of the Department of Illinois' Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars on June 14, 2014.

Diana joined the Ladies Auxiliary VFW in 1992 to honor her father, James Contizano, who served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Over the course of more than twenty years of service to the Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Diana has served as the Junior Vice President and President of the Clifford E. John Post in Loves Park, Illinois.

As a veteran, I especially appreciate Diana's special commitment to helping veterans coping with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury, addiction, and homelessness. As her special project she has chosen the Rosecrance Treatment Center in

Rockford, Illinois, which provides treatment for substance abuse and mental health disorders, including PTSD, and gives veterans of the U.S. armed forces priority admission status. I am incredibly proud to represent men and women, like Diana, who selflessly serve our nation's veterans and their families.

Today, I am honored to join with the members of the Clifford E. Johnson VFW Ladies Auxiliary and the VFW Post to honor Diana's many accomplishments and her election as President. Over 21,000 women are members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW in Illinois and it is a testament to Diana's character and commitment to be chosen as their leader. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 16th District of Illinois, I wish to express our sincere thanks for all of the hard work Diana and all the women of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW have done for our veterans and our community and to congratulate Diana Rudeen on her well-deserved leadership position.

HONORING JORDAN J. O'BRIEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jordan J. O'Brien. Jordan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1261, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jordan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jordan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jordan has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in commending Jordan J. O'Brien for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
 ALICE LEE

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, there are some people you encounter in life who are just truly remarkable individuals. The first time I met Alice Lee from Monroe County, Alabama, I could tell she was one of them.

As a newly minted lawyer, I had to travel to Monroeville, Alabama, to work on a legal matter with a local lawyer by the name of Alice Lee. Ms. Lee was not just any lawyer though. As one of the few women who practiced law in Alabama before World War II, she was quite a dynamic figure.

She was an expert of the law and incredibly gracious to me. When she spoke on matters of the law, people listened. She continued to actively practice law until after her 100th Birthday, making her the oldest practicing attorney in Alabama history.

Outside of the courtroom, Alice Lee was very active in the United Methodist Church. In fact, she was the first female to lead the Alabama-West Florida Conference delegation to the church's general conference. She appropriately has an award named in her honor that is presented to other women who have shown a commitment to God and leadership.

As the years went by, on occasion I would stop by Monroeville to say hello to Ms. Lee and catch up. She was just the kind of person that you enjoyed being around.

Sadly, on November 17, Alice Lee died at the age of 103. No one will ever be able to fill her shoes as a true trailblazer and student of the law. Retired minister Thomas Lane Butts of Monroeville put it best when he said, "Whenever there was a question in the community that no one could answer, the saying was, 'Go ask Miss Alice. Her death is like the closing of a great library.'"

Mr. Speaker, I know I join with countless others throughout Monroeville and the state of Alabama in sharing our condolences with the family of Alice Lee. She will be deeply missed.

HONORING MRS. BONITA M. HERRING, INTERNATIONAL GRAND BASILEUS OF SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY, INC.

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate and honor, Mrs. Bonita M. Herring on the occasion of her re-election as the 24th International Grand Basileus of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. is a leading international, non-profit community service organization founded by seven African American educators November 12, 1922, on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The mission of Sigma Gamma Rho is to enhance the quality of life within the community through public service, leadership development, and the education of youth. With more than 500 chapters in the United States, Bermuda, Virgin Islands, Germany, and Korea, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. has grown tremendously in Sisterhood, Scholarship, and Service.

Mrs. Herring embodies the highest ideals of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. She has served her community locally, regionally, and nationally with vigor and grace for over 40 years. Mrs. Herring's leadership and interpersonal skills are unparalleled. She has served on a myriad of boards, such as the Southeast Chamber of Commerce of Illinois and the National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners, and as Director of Recruitment for the College of Education at Chicago State University.

As the newly re-elected International Grand Basileus, Mrs. Herring represents the highest ideals of Sigma Gamma Rho which is encapsulated in the words of their motto: "Greater Service, Greater Progress." Mrs. Herring also served as the 22nd International First Grand Anti-Basileus from 2008-2012 and as Executive Director of the sorority for 23 years. She is the only Soror of Sigma Gamma Rho to hold the distinction of serving as both Executive Director and International Grand Basileus.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Herring is the recipient of a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Illinois-Chicago and a Masters of Arts degree in Communications and Training from Governors State University. Mrs. Herring is married to Mr. Chester Herring, a Certified Public Accountant. They have one daughter, Ms. Chevonne Herring who is also a Certified Public Accountant and member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Mrs. Herring lives by the mantra, uttered by Harriet Tubman, "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." Mrs. Herring's passion and impact on society are immense. She has cultivated a rich legacy as a woman that is fair, dedicated, business oriented, and honors the importance of the power of kindness and sisterly support.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the achievements of International Grand Basileus Bonita M. Herring. Her commitment to Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and indeed this nation is commendable. I am privileged to enter these words into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING THOMAS R. GIVENS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Thomas R. Givens. Thomas is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1261, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Thomas has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Thomas has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Thomas has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in commending Thomas R. Givens for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF JAMES P. PAPAGEORGE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. James P. Papageorge on the occasion of his retirement from the Navy after more than 30 years of service as a Submarine Officer and civilian employee. Mr. Papageorge is a resident of Ashburn, Virginia, and has been a Department of the Navy civilian employee since 1985. His prior active-duty Navy experience includes service as a nuclear-trained machinist's mate and as a submarine strategic weapons officer.

Since 2007, Mr. Papageorge has served as the Deputy Program Manager for In-Service Aircraft Carriers (PMS 312) at the Program Executive Office for Aircraft Carriers in the Naval Sea Systems Command. As Deputy Program Manager, he was the lead civilian manager for our nation's 10 active nuclear powered aircraft carriers and the deactivation of the nation's first nuclear powered aircraft carrier, USS *Enterprise*. He was the lead civilian supervising more than 65 personnel in Washington and 130 more at the Carrier Planning Activity in Newport News, Virginia, managing more than \$12 billion in aircraft carrier related contracts.

Mr. Papageorge received electrical engineering degrees from Norwalk State Technical College in 1978 and from the University of Missouri in 1981. In 1993, he received a Master of Engineering Administration Degree from Virginia Tech, and in 1999 he received a Master of Science Degree in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Mr. Papageorge is an acquisition professional, certified to Level III in the Program Management and Systems Planning, Research, Development and Engineering career fields.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Mr. Papageorge for his tremendous service to his country and in wishing him all the best upon his retirement.

HONORING ALEX W. LEWIS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alex W. Lewis. Alex is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1261, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alex has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alex has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Alex has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in commending Alex W. Lewis for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING WILLIAM G.
BATCHELDER

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and achievements of the Honorable William G. Batchelder, Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, on the occasion of his retirement from the Ohio House of Representatives.

Speaker Batchelder has served his community and state as an elected representative in

excess of forty years, and has helped lead Ohio through tumultuous times into recovery and growth. In 1967 after graduating from The Ohio State University College of Law, he began serving the needs of his community as an attorney while also teaching law to future generations of litigators. He established a record of success in public service, earning the voters' confidence for more than thirty years as a member of the General Assembly and six years on the Ohio 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Ever sensitive to the call of public service, Speaker Batchelder returned to the state capital in 2007 and ultimately took on the role of leading the people's house of the great state of Ohio.

I am extremely proud to play a small role in recognizing the life and accomplishments of such a uniquely dedicated public servant. I was honored to serve with Speaker Batchelder for six years in the Ohio House. He gives generously to his community through his time and diligent work. He has taken incredible leadership roles in advocating for seniors, farmers, public servants, conservation, and veterans. He continues to serve with organizations that meet the needs of folks ranging from children with dyslexia to adults with Alzheimer's. Throughout, Speaker Batchelder has utilized coalition building and bipartisanship to meet the needs of Ohioans in common sense ways. He has earned the public's trust, and deserves our recognition here today.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I thank Speaker Batchelder for service to our state. I offer my most sincere congratulations on his accomplishments and wish him well as he embarks on his next great ventures.

2014 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
WEEK

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, community foundations epitomize the philanthropic culture of the United States. Established in 1989, Community Foundation Week takes place from November 12–18th annually and honors the tremendous contributions of community foundations across our country. They hold a unique place in American society and provide hope and opportunity to millions of Americans. One hundred years ago, the world's first community foundation was established in Cleveland, Ohio. Since then more than 700 community foundations have been created in America inspiring millions of Americans to give back to this great country with their time, talent and treasure. Today, I would like to recognize the work of Indiana's community foundations that operate under the definitions supported by the National Standards for Community Foundations. Indiana is blessed to have a community foundation in every county, including 10 in my district: Unity Foundation of LaPorte County; Starke County Community Foundation; Community Foundation of St. Joseph County; Elkhart County Community Foundation; Kosciusko County Community Foundation; Marshall County Community Foundation; Pulaski County Community Foundation; Fulton County