

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I am honored today to recognize Andrew Liveris in celebration of his 60th birthday and to thank him for his continued work in Michigan, the nation, and abroad. I wish him many years of continued health, happiness, and success.

HONORING MAYOR GARY BROWN
OF SALEM, MISSOURI

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Gary Brown of Salem, Missouri for his achievements and years of service to the community.

This April, Mayor Brown will have served for fourteen years as mayor of Salem. Prior to being elected mayor, he served as Alderman of the East Ward for four years. Mayor Brown has dedicated much of his life to public service. This dedication has not only been towards his local community, but also to our nation during the four years he served in the Navy.

In his eighteen years of service to the city of Salem, Mayor Brown has devoted his time to be a positive influence to the community. I am thankful for his leadership which has greatly benefitted my hometown of Salem. It is my pleasure to recognize his service and achievements before the House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF VIRGINIA
"GINNY" TREACY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Virginia "Ginny" Treacy on her retirement as Executive Director of JNESO District Council 1 International Union of Operating Engineers AFL-CIO. Ms. Treacy has dedicated over 35 years of service to labor causes and her contributions and accomplishments are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Virginia Treacy has been an active labor member since 1977 when she organized her first campaign while a Registered Nurse looking for fair and equitable treatment. She began her labor career as a business agent for the New Jersey State Nurses Association's labor division and become Union Director in 1980. Five years later, she began an independent professional health care union under the name JNESO with the then 2,300 Registered Nurses from the New Jersey State Nurses Association. In 1992 JNESO became District Council 1—IUOE after affiliating with the International Union of Operating Engineers. Today, JNESO District Council 1—IUOE represents over 5,000 registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and other healthcare professionals and technical employees in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

In addition to her leadership of JNESO District Council 1—IUOE, Ms. Treacy is a member of the Gender Parity Council, the New Jer-

sey Health Care Workforce Council. She has been recognized for her many accomplishments, being honored with awards from her union and other labor and nursing groups.

A graduate of New York City's Beth Israel Medical Center School of Nursing, Ms. Treacy worked at various hospitals in New York and New Jersey before entering the labor movement. She is married, a mother of two daughters, a grandmother and an avid golfer.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Virginia "Ginny" Treacy on her retirement and thanking her for her years of service.

HONORING KATE VERNEZ

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Kate Vernez as she retires after 27 years of dedicated service as the Deputy City Manager of Santa Monica.

Kate transitioned to Southern California after a successful career with the City of New York, and the City of Santa Monica has truly benefited from her presence. I have had the distinct pleasure of working directly with Kate for many years, and I have personally witnessed how crucial her participation was in cultivating the necessary cooperation and collaboration among city, county, state, and federal governments time and time again.

Kate has played an instrumental role in numerous transportation projects, including the City of Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus. My staff and I also were able to work one-on-one with her on the Expo Line project, which will ultimately connect Downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica.

In addition to improving transportation, Kate has been an integral part in addressing the issue of homelessness, specifically among the Santa Monica veteran population. Furthermore, she has been a strong advocate for legislation at all levels of government that would provide support to veterans at our local West Los Angeles VA campus.

Kate is a natural leader and I have repeatedly been impressed with her talent and dedication. Her record of excellence is an inspiration. With Kate in City Hall, I have always been confident that our mutual constituents in Santa Monica were being well-served at the city level.

I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the remarkable career of Kate Vernez and in wishing her all the best for the future.

FAIR PLAYING FIELD ACT OF 2014

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Fair Playing Field Act of 2014. In 1978, Congress was concerned that lack of clarity as to the proper classification of some workers, increased IRS enforcement activity, and retroactive application by IRS of interpretations that were arguably new had caused

hardships for some small businesses and other taxpayers and confusion as to the applicable rules.

To allow time to develop a comprehensive approach to the problem, Congress enacted section 530 of the Revenue Act of 1978 as an interim measure protecting taxpayers from liability for misclassification if the taxpayer has a reasonable basis for classifying a worker as an independent contractor and meets certain other conditions. In addition, the Act prohibited the Secretary of the Treasury from publishing regulations or revenue rulings on workers' employment tax status pending the expected near-term enactment of clarifying legislation.

During the ensuing 33 years, Congress made section 530 of the Revenue Act of 1978 permanent, however, changes in working relationships and the continued prohibition on new guidance have increased the uncertainty as to the proper classification of workers.

Many workers are properly classified as independent contractors. In other instances, workers who are employees are being treated as independent contractors. Such misclassification for tax purposes contributes to inequities in the competitive positions of businesses and to the Federal and State tax gap, and may also result in misclassification for other purposes, such as denial of unemployment benefits, workplace health and safety protections, and retirement or other benefits or protections available to employees.

Workers, businesses, and other taxpayers will benefit from clear guidance regarding employment tax status. In the interest of fairness and in view of many service recipients' reliance on current section 530, such guidance should apply only prospectively.

SUPPORT FOR CYPRUS

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to express my support for the people of the Island of Cyprus. The Greek Cypriots have agreed to come to the table and begin negotiations with their Turkish counterparts. The United States stands by its commitment to peace in the Eastern Mediterranean. While this is merely the beginning of what could be a very long process, it deserves our commendation. A peaceful resolution would set an example of stability in a region beset by turmoil, tumult, and upheaval.

The Turkish Cypriot people have been isolated for too long. They have desired a unified island for nearly half a century and this new start is a significant step towards their reinstatement into the political, economic, and social structure of not just the Island of Cyprus but also of the entire world.

Mr. Speaker, I restate my resolute support for the start of talks between the Turkish Cypriots and Greek Cypriots. It is important that we encourage both sides to remain at the table and negotiate in good faith. I also implore our State Department to continue to be resolute in supporting these talks. The power of diplomacy is strong. The world is watching and waiting with hopeful anticipation.

HONORING DR. ANDREW TAYLOR
STILL

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dr. Andrew Taylor Still, who is being posthumously inducted into the Hall of Famous Missourians on April 16th.

Dr. A.T. Still is best known for his work with osteopathic medicine. Dr. Still traveled throughout Northern Missouri to spread his drugless, manipulative medicine that was officially named "osteopathy" in 1885. Finding he had more patients than he could handle, Dr. Still founded the American School of Osteopathy in Kirksville, Missouri in 1892. It was estimated that on any given day, over 400 people would travel to Kirksville to be treated.

While Dr. A.T. Still may be known as the father of the osteopathic profession, this is not his only accomplishment. Dr. Still was deeply embroiled in the fight over whether Kansas would be admitted to the Union as a slave State or free State, helping it be admitted to the Union as the latter. Dr. Still also fought in the Civil War, serving as a hospital steward. His outfit helped repel the Confederate forces advancing on Kansas City. Also, with his medical school and practice firmly established, Dr. Still was able to focus on mechanical inventions. He patented an improved butter churn, a smokeless furnace, and many other machines.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me, along with the great State of Missouri, in celebrating the life of Dr. Andrew Taylor Still as we induct him into the Hall of Famous Missourians.

HONORING SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE'S PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR OLDER PERSONS

HON. WILLIAM L. ENYART

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Southwestern Illinois College's Programs and Services for Older Persons and to congratulate this organization on 40 years of service. As their founders, partners and members gather to celebrate 40 years of unparalleled service to southwestern Illinois, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring this organization.

Founded by Eugene Verdu, Programs and Services for Older Persons began as a Preparation for Retirement class in 1970 at then Belleville Area College. This led to a federal grant for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in 1973. Additional Federal, State and local grants provided a myriad of services, activities and opportunities for people over the age of 55.

Under the administrative leadership of the General Studies and Community Services division, with full support from the BAC Board of Trustees, an office for PSOP was established in late 1973. This new office was responsible for administering all college activities related to the field of aging. Today, PSOP is part of SWIC Community Services.

In the early years, PSOP was housed in a rented facility. By 1979, more space was needed, so the city of Belleville purchased the building that now houses PSOP at 201 N. Church St. A lease-purchase agreement was established between the city of Belleville and BAC and by 1999, the cost of the building was paid in full and the college now owns the facility.

Today, PSOP's mission is to provide a comprehensive program of direct and referral services to seniors and their families, designed to assist them in maximizing their health and independence. PSOP's programming is directed at healthy aging and enjoying a rewarding lifestyle for those 55 and beyond, allowing them to "age in place" and remain independent as long as possible. PSOP's myriad of programs and services focus on engagement in social and recreational activities as well as travel and cultural activities to stimulate lifelong learning. Multiple volunteer programs provide seniors opportunities to serve others.

Mr. Speaker, on their 40th anniversary, I am pleased to honor Southwestern Illinois College's Programs and Services for Older Persons for their service to southwestern Illinois. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this organization and wishing them continued success as they continue to serve the people of our area.

IN RECOGNITION OF DANIEL E. COHEN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS AWARD FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Daniel E. Cohen, who has dedicated 45 years as a board member and as President to ProJeCt of Easton, a human service agency founded by local clergy and community leaders in response to rising tides of poverty and social unrest in 1968, that works to support poor and underserved populations. Under Mr. Cohen's leadership, ProJeCt of Easton provides emergency assistance and food programs; case management and life skills support; and educational programs including adult basic literacy, English as a second language, GED preparation, family literacy, and supplemental programs for school-age children.

Since joining ProJeCt just after its incorporation, Daniel Cohen has been a tireless advocate for the vulnerable individuals who depend on the agency. After working for Easton's needy families for decades, he became board president in 2001 and served until 2007. Leading by example, he and his wife Nancy donated the cost of a classroom to ProJeCt's Fowler Literacy Center, which now serves 25 ESL adult learners on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

Mr. Cohen has also donated his time, effort, and considerable skill set to other charitable and non-profit organizations, including the Bnai Abraham Synagogue, the Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley, and the Lehigh Valley Jewish Foundation. He also served on the boards for the Hugh Moore Canal Commis-

sion, Friends of the State Theater Inc., and the City of Easton Police Practices Commission. As a community member, he is a constant figure at events as and always eager to help out, along with his wife Nancy and his two daughters.

In recognition of his service, ProJeCt of Easton founded the Daniel E. Cohen Award in honor of Mr. Cohen and recognized him as its first recipient on April 24, 2014. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Daniel E. Cohen for this great honor and my thanks for his years of public service.

HONORING REV. FRANCE A. DAVIS
OF SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, PASTOR
OF CALVARY BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. JIM MATHESON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 28, 2014

Mr. MATHESON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exemplary man of faith, courage, and civic engagement. Reverend France A. Davis has served as Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Salt Lake City for the last 40 years. He is a fixture in the community and a role model for many of its citizens. He is admired throughout the state as a man of integrity as he leads and inspires his congregation; as a man of compassion in his fair treatment of everyone—particularly those who are marginalized in society; and as a man of dedication to the university students he has taught and the civic community he leads.

Born on a large farm in rural Georgia, Rev. Davis learned early the value of hard work and education while working and studying alongside his eight brothers and sisters. He was blessed with caring and humble parents who dedicated themselves to their faith and family. Recognizing the value of education, young France committed himself to reading and the pursuit of academic excellence.

While attending Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, France met Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as a student reporter for the school newspaper. That experience had a profound effect on him and Dr. King became a mentor. Recognizing the gross injustice of racial inequality and violence, France soon joined Dr. King in civil rights demonstrations throughout the South, including the Selma to Montgomery March and the March on Washington where Dr. King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. He was particularly moved by Dr. King's hallmark traits of nonviolence and love. It was this example that would eventually help lead him to the ministry.

After his participation in the Civil Rights Movement, France served his country honorably in the United States Air Force before returning to school to resume his studies. In the years that followed, he earned six academic degrees, in Arts and Humanities, Afro-American Studies, Rhetoric, Religion, Mass Communication, and Ministry. He has approached all facets of his life and service with this same tireless devotion.

Joining Calvary Baptist in 1972, he became Pastor in 1974. Beyond weekly preaching and counseling with members of his faithful congregation, he has become an advocate of numerous causes in the civic community. Among