

sponsors college scholarships for women graduating high school in Montgomery County and supports members who wish to continue their education. At their inaugural fundraising event this year, the group raised \$12,000 which will be used to fund additional scholarships and charities.

Not only does the group mentor women, MCABW has helped virtually every non-profit organization in Montgomery County including: Interfaith of the Woodlands, Montgomery County United Way, Children's Safe Harbor, Humane Society, and the Montgomery County Food Bank, just to name a few.

Beyond the ranks of MCABW have grown far beyond the original 52 members in the ten years since its founding, the mission of the group has continued to focus on a team effort. By working together, the group has grown to the largest nonprofit business women's networking association in Montgomery County. Members enjoy monthly coffees, luncheons and evening mixers while continuously mentoring new members who want to start their own business, learn more about networking or social media, or who just want to meet other like-minded women in the community.

MCABW has helped organize the annual WISE (Women Inspiring, Supporting, Empowering) Conference. These conferences have given female entrepreneurs access to tremendous speakers and learning opportunities while raising money for charity. This year's WISE Conference has partnered with Retsyndrome.org to raise funds for research for treatments and a cure for Rett Syndrome.

The women of MCABW represent all walks of life—there are members returning to the world of work, young members who are just starting their careers, and seasoned professionals willing to pass on their wisdom and knowledge.

Today, I ask all of America to join me in congratulating the dynamic Carol Gooch, and all members of the MCABW, on ten years of excellence. I can't wait to see what the future holds for the Montgomery County Association of Business Women.

CONGRATULATING PIKE COUNTY

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pike County on their bicentennial anniversary and celebration.

For 200 years Pike County has stood proudly at the heart of Southern Ohio.

Created by the Ohio General Assembly in 1815, Pike County was named after American Brigadier General and explorer Zebulon Pike. Over the next 200 years, the people of Pike County have lived up to Pike's relentless American spirit.

Throughout its two century-long history, Pike County has proudly contributed to the strength, prosperity, and growth of our state and our nation.

Pike County residents fought and died for the United States in defense of this nation since the days of the Civil War. That service continued into the Cold War, where their hard work and industriousness in the heartland provided the nuclear technology and tools that continued to secure our blessings of freedom.

Pike County fostered the freedom and economic prosperity that are pillars of the American Dream, from an active role in the Underground Railroad to a key link in the Ohio-Erie Canal that connected commerce across Ohio.

I am honored to represent Pike County today, an area of the state with a rich history and strong community. Again, I congratulate Pike County on this historic milestone and I wish them the best over their next 200 years.

AGNES FENTON

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Agnes Fenton, who will be turning 110 years old this Saturday, August 1, 2015. Mrs. Fenton will be the oldest person living in the City of Englewood, New Jersey.

Mrs. Fenton was born in 1905 on a farm in Mississippi. After her father passed away when she was only an infant, her mother raised her alone. Upon the age of 14, Mrs. Fenton moved to Memphis, Tennessee.

It was in Memphis where Mrs. Fenton ran a restaurant called Pal's Duck Inn, which specialized in serving southern comfort food. Mrs. Fenton would be one of the first African-American women in the city to own and operate a restaurant. The days were long and the work was tiring, as she would often work from 6 a.m. to midnight on a regular basis, but Mrs. Fenton always kept her spirits high.

During her time running the restaurant, Agnes got married to Vincent Fenton. But sadly after contracting pneumonia, Mr. Fenton passed away in 1970.

Following many years of running her successful restaurant, Mrs. Fenton decided to get a new job in the kitchen of an Emerson, New Jersey company, and eventually worked for the Chapman family in nearby Oradell for many years afterwards. It was hard work and self-reliance that forged her into the strong person she has been throughout her life.

Mrs. Fenton moved to Englewood in the early 1950's. She has resided there ever since, and is known to have a remedy for any health concern that you can think of. She is also well-known for her Lemon Ice Box Pies and Apple Lattice Pies, which she has given to her family and neighbors during the Christmas holiday seasons.

Mrs. Fenton has always made room for God in her life, as she has been a member of the St. Mark's United Methodist Church in New York City since moving to Englewood. Mrs. Fenton was honored to be inducted into the Centenarian Society, where she is an active participant in the New England Centenarian Study being conducted by the Boston School of Medicine. Although the study may credit Mrs. Fenton's 110 years to her genetics, she partly attributes this to her daily regimen of consuming a shot of Johnnie Walker and three Miller High Life's a day.

Throughout her entire life, Mrs. Fenton has been able to live independently, even through hard times. She continues to cook her own meals and bake for her family and friends during the holiday season. Mrs. Fenton's life is one we can all look upon and recognize as one lived through hard work and sacrifice, but

most importantly, a life filled with so much happiness and love.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the life achievements of individuals such as Mrs. Agnes Fenton.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Mrs. Fenton's family and friends, all those whose lives she has touched, and me, in recognizing the 110th birthday of Mrs. Agnes Fenton.

CONGRATULATING FRED AND BETTY WILLIAMS ON THEIR 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Fred and Betty Williams, of Carrollton, Texas on achieving this incredible milestone of 70 years of marriage on August 30th, 2015.

While Fred and Betty both grew up in east Texas, they moved to Carrollton after retiring and reside there today. As long time members of the Nazarene Church, serving on the church board and in missions, they are beloved members of the community and strong role models. It is an honor to be able to call them my constituents and friends.

In their successful marriage, Fred and Betty have been blessed with a family of three children, eleven grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren. It is my sincere hope that their family may gain much joy and wisdom from Fred and Betty's wonderful journey together. May their lives and inspiring story pass down through generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Fred and Betty Williams on their prosperous 70th wedding anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Centennial Anniversary of the Okaloosa County, Florida Sheriff's Department.

As a former Deputy Sheriff, I understand the important and sometimes underappreciated role that law enforcement officers play in local communities across the Nation. In Northwest Florida, we are fortunate to have many world-class Sheriff's Departments and Police Departments that are working each and every day to protect their neighbors and community. For the last 100 years, the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department has served a thriving community that has grown from a population of less than 10,000 when the department was created to a home for nearly 200,000 people today.

Yet, while the population has increased nearly twentyfold over the past century, the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department has always upheld their mission to "ensure fair and equal administration of the law, safeguarding civil liberties and preserving public safety and doing so with professionalism and unity of purpose, while being good stewards of the public's trust."

From the first Okaloosa County Sheriff, Benjamin Haywood Sutton, who initially funded the department with his own money, through to the current Sheriff, Larry Ashley, 15 different men have served as Sheriff, while countless have joined the force as deputies. Each and every one of those selfless men and women chose to stand up and serve their communities as officers of the law, and while they do not ask for any recognition in return, they certainly deserve our gratitude and thanks. There is no greater honor than to swear an oath to our Constitution to serve and protect the lives of your fellow man at the risk of your own either at home or abroad, and the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department has shown over its 100 year history that it is dedicated to serving the people of Okaloosa County.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize the accomplishments and the service the Okaloosa County Florida Sheriff's Department has provided to the community over the last 100 years.

HONORING COMMUNITY ACTION OF VENTURA COUNTY

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Community Action of Ventura County on the occasion of their 50th anniversary. For five decades, this remarkable organization has promoted economic equality through an array of efforts to combat poverty in Ventura County.

Community Action of Ventura County was established in 1965 under the Economic Opportunity Act, one of the first federal anti-poverty programs in the United States. To this day, the organization's mission continues to be to serve as an auxiliary to assist poverty-stricken citizens in achieving self-sufficiency. Today, the organization has proven its effectiveness by reducing poverty rates across the region, and is a recognized leader among community-based organizations.

The services that Community Action of Ventura County provides to residents of our community have been invaluable in assisting those who live below the poverty line. Serving approximately 8,000 clients every year through impactful programs, Community Action of Ventura County has been instrumental in the effort to reduce poverty and economic inequality in Ventura County. With committed and steadfast board members, staff, and volunteers, all working toward the goal of lifting people out of poverty, this organization positively impacts our community through partnership building and advocacy for measures to help low-income individuals and families survive and rise up above poverty.

In its fifty years of service, Community Action of Ventura County has also implemented

other important programs such as Los Compadres and Successful Living. Los Compadres and Successful Living aim to work with high risk youth by providing mentors and instructional sessions that teach young people to make responsible decisions and achieve economic success. The organization has not only granted financial assistance to the community, they provide resources to those in need to promote upward mobility, be self-sufficient, and lead successful lives.

For these reasons, I am honored to recognize Community Action of Ventura County on their 50th anniversary. It is with sincere gratitude that I commend Community Action of Ventura County for its continued success and service to our community.

TRIBUTE TO DANNY AND JOYCE WESTLAKE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Danny and Joyce Westlake of Prescott, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Danny and Joyce were married on July 10, 1965 in Massena, Iowa.

Danny and Joyce's lifelong commitment to each other and their children Jeanette, Doug, Paul and Pamela, along with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren truly embodies our Iowa values. I commend this devoted couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

MEDICARE AND MEDICAID 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, in 1965, President Lyndon Johnson signed two important programs into law: Medicare and Medicaid.

These two critical programs provide Americans much needed access to healthcare.

They were created out of the truth that healthcare is a right, not a privilege, and no one should fall into poverty due to a lack of healthcare or treatment.

Over the last 50 years, Medicare has helped millions of American families maintain independence and security.

Medicaid provides a health care safety net for senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and children and young adults from working families.

For example, in 2013, in my district, Ohio's third congressional district, 85,313 of the residents received Medicare and 173,991 of the residents received Medicaid.

That is why I applaud Governor Kasich for his decision to expand Medicaid in Ohio.

Our path forward should build upon President Johnson's vision by strengthening Medicare and Medicaid, improving essential benefits, and containing costs.

By closing the prescription drug "doughnut hole" and curtailing waste and fraud, the Affordable Care Act lowers costs to beneficiaries and improves benefits.

There are definitely ways to improve Medicare and Medicaid programs, and cut waste, fraud, and abuse.

But, these changes should not be on the backs of our seniors and most vulnerable citizens.

We must work in a bipartisan way to strengthen Medicare and Medicaid and ensure enhanced access to affordable, quality healthcare.

Fifty years later, Medicare and Medicaid continue to save lives, help Americans live healthier, and provide the peace of mind that comes with access to healthcare and treatment.

I will continue to support and improve these two critical programs that are an integral part of our social safety net.

RECOGNIZING MR. RANDY SHAW, KREM 2 NEWS ANCHOR ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. Randy Shaw, Spokane's KREM 2 News anchor for his years of service to Eastern Washington. As a broadcast journalist, Mr. Shaw has faithfully served Spokane, Washington and the entire Inland Northwest for over thirty-three years. Mr. Shaw is retiring at the end of September and I am pleased to recognize his accomplishments and contributions to our great community in Eastern Washington.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Randy Shaw covered the presidencies of Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, and George H.W. Bush. Reporting overseas in Asia, Africa, and South America, Mr. Shaw received more than three dozen journalism awards and brought a wide range of news into the homes of the people of Eastern Washington.

Making his journalistic debut in newspaper, Mr. Shaw transitioned to radio and television where he spent the majority of his career. During his time in Spokane, Mr. Shaw was awarded a Regional Edward R. Murrow award for investigative reporting and the National Association of Television Arts and Science Silver Circle for his service to our community.

As the longest serving news anchor in Spokane broadcast history, Mr. Shaw worked diligently to ensure that our citizens are well informed. Moreover, he also endeavored to serve local causes throughout our community.

Through the years, Randy supported numerous local charities and fundraising efforts, including the Inland Northwest Honor Flight, the Alzheimer's Association, the Children's Miracle Network, and the American Red Cross. Off camera, Mr. Shaw is an author, explorer, musician, singer and entertainment producer. He integrates these passions into many of his efforts.

I would like to thank Mr. Randy Shaw for his years of dedication to Spokane and to the Inland Northwest. I applaud his commitment to