

GUTHRIE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Guthrie's Chicken based in my hometown of Haleyville, Alabama for 50 years in the 4th Congressional District, Alabama and the southeastern United States.

In 1965 Hal Guthrie opened a drive-in restaurant in Haleyville serving hamburgers, barbeque, fish and fried chicken.

Eighteen years after opening, Hal Guthrie decided to add chicken fingers to the menu, which included a family created dipping sauce. Guthrie did not know at the time that his decision would make his name known from one side of Alabama to the other.

In 1982, the Guthries opened a second restaurant, this one just off campus of Auburn University. Not only was the Guthrie's chicken finger box popular with college students, people visiting Auburn for football games wanted a location in their hometown as well.

The Guthries answered that demand by opening several more stores across Alabama and also in places like Athens, Georgia, Tallahassee, Florida and even Cleveland, Ohio. If there is one thing that comes close to being as big as football in the south, it's a love for Guthrie's chicken.

A half-century after the first restaurant was opened by the Guthrie family, they are still a family owned and operated business. They are a shining example of American entrepreneurship. Having grown up in Haleyville and being in the 4th Congressional District, I am particularly proud of this great tradition and wish the Guthries another 50 years of great success.

OLDER AMERICANS ACT

HON. MARTHA MCSALLY

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Ms. MCSALLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, legislation that has helped countless Americans maintain their independence and dignity as they grow older.

The modest programs under the Older Americans Act make a big difference in communities across our country by providing nutrition and transportation assistance to seniors and helping them meet their daily needs.

In Pima County in my district, the Older Americans Act provides: 800 people a day with a home delivered meal; 1,200 people with assistance with bath, laundry, and other household needs; transportation to senior meal sites; and many other services.

Nearly 130,000 seniors live in the Second District, and they deserve the opportunity to live out their retirement without worrying about how they will meet basic needs.

Recently we saw the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act as well as the Senate unanimously pass legislation to reauthorize these critical programs. I urge my colleagues in the House to support reauthorization, so we can help give seniors the retirement security they deserve.

CANCEL AUGUST RECESS

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am disappointed that Congress plans to adjourn for August recess without addressing critical issues important to the American people.

I appreciate that district work periods allow Members to visit with folks back in their community, but it is now becoming a habit for Congress to abandon a long "to do" list in the rush to get out of town. This August is no exception.

Unfortunately, Congress has not done its job. It has not completed the work of the people; including budgeting and critical national security legislation. Our constituents expect us to stay and finish the job.

Let's clear our schedules and—in the strongest possible terms—request the Speaker to call Congress back to Washington for the month of August and to finish the business of the people.

As I have said in previous years on the eve of August recess, I'm prepared to stay in Washington as long as it takes.

These issues are too important to delay.

TRIBUTE TO KATHRYN KUNERT

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 Kathryn Kunert for being named a 2015 Woman of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, the Des Moines Business Record.

Since 2000, the Des Moines Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a group of standout female leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities either personally or professionally, forging a path for other women to follow. The women given this prestigious award are individuals who have selflessly dedicated their time and proven their leadership abilities across a variety of professional fields.

Ms. Kunert is a true testament to hard work, dedication and commitment. She has spent the last 19 years at MidAmerican Energy and now serves as the Vice President of Business and Community Development. Throughout her time at MidAmerican she has focused on forging lasting relationships in the community and with businesses, helping to grow the size and scope of MidAmerican. Through her leadership and expertise, Ms. Kunert has had a positive and lasting impact on all she has worked with.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Ms. Kunert in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better the State of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating her on receiving this distinguished award, and wishing her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD KELLER

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Howard Keller for his many years of service to the community of Adrian, Michigan.

On July 21, Mr. Keller retired after 34 years as a board member of the Lenawee Intermediate School District, most recently as board president. As an advocate for students and teachers alike, Mr. Keller's vision and dedicated servant leadership has been instrumental in moving the school district forward.

In addition to his role on the school board, Mr. Keller's tireless leadership has been evident in a number of causes. Earlier this year, Mr. Keller stepped down as a board member of the Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority after 26 years of service. He also continues to serve as the treasurer of the Maurice Spear Campus corporation board, a juvenile detention facility, a position he has held for 25 years.

Mr. Keller has left an indelible impact on our community through his dedication to promoting quality education, providing for those with developmental and emotional disabilities, and helping youth in need. He will be sorely missed, but I trust he will enjoy spending his newfound freedom with his family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Howard Keller for his many years of dedicated public service and wish him the best in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for roll call votes 467–482 due to congressional travel.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes on #467, yes on #468, yes on #469, no on #470, no on #471, yes on #472, no on #473, no on #474, yes on #475, yes on #476, yes on #477, yes on #478, yes on #479, yes on #480, yes on #481, and no on #482.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JOE BOB MCGINNIS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and Christian ministry of Dr. Joe Bob McGinnis. The residents of Roanoke and surrounding communities were blessed to have had such a wonderful Pastor, neighbor, and friend.

Dr. Joe Bob McGinnis was born September 30, 1947 in Brownwood to Dr. Robert W. and Joyce McGinnis. He earned his B.S. degree and doctor of divinity degree from Dallas Baptist College and his master of divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

For the past 44 years, Dr. McGinnis preached and brought the Word of God to people all over Texas. He pastored several churches including Northrich Baptist Church in Richardson, First Baptist Church in McAllen, as well as the church that he founded, Rockhaven Church in Roanoke. Joe Bob loved the Lord and his entire congregation. He offered words of comfort and peace to those who were suffering while also preaching The Word boldly and fervently.

Dr. McGinnis is survived by his wife, Brenda, daughter, Taylor Hubbard, and son Josh. Dr. McGinnis' efforts to spread the Gospel of Christ will not be forgotten as he leaves behind his beloved church and thriving congregation in Roanoke. Each year he led Trophy Club's National Day of Prayer event and delivered thoughtful and timely devotions recognizing the faith foundation of our country. I personally appreciated his prayers for myself and other public officials. It is an honor to have represented such an esteemed constituent in the U.S. House of Representatives.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 21, 2015, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 448 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1557), and

"Yes" on roll call vote No. 449 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2256, as amended).

CONGRATULATING COLONEL TODD MAYER

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Military, I congratulate Colonel Todd Mayer on 30 years of valued service and dedication to his country.

Since 1985, Col. Mayer has upheld the core LDRSHIP values that are near and dear to the National Guard: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless-Service, Honor, Integrity, & Personal Courage.

A highly decorated soldier, Col. Mayer was awarded the Purple Heart in 1991 after being wounded in Operation Desert Storm and the Bronze Star in 2003 for his heroic achievement. His time in uniform is celebrated by these courageous leadership efforts. He has brought incomparable virtue to himself, his family, his uniform, and his nation.

Col. Mayer, congratulations again on your retirement and thank you for your longstanding service to the United States Army National Guard.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF KAREN IGNAGNI

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Karen Ignagni for her more than two decades of leadership as President and CEO of America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) and to wish her every success in her new position as President and CEO of EmblemHealth.

Karen Ignagni served with great distinction at AHIP. Her intellect, broad policy knowledge and experience helped shape some of the most consequential national health policies for our country, including the Affordable Care Act. Her ability to see the benefits the Act would bring to insurers and consumers was extraordinarily important and contributed to the successes now being realized by millions of Americans.

Jay Gellert, the highly regarded President and CEO of Health Net praised Karen, saying that

"She was the face of the industry when it was attacked. Without compromising her beliefs, she handled all of that with integrity and dignity, and I think that was because from the start she was committed to the end point." He opined that after all she had done to frame the Affordable Care Act's regulatory infrastructure, she probably took on the challenges of leading EmblemHealth as a way to "play it out on the ground."

Karen Ignagni, a native of Providence, Rhode Island, is a graduate of Providence College and earned her MBA at Loyola College. Prior to her work at AHIP, she served as Director of the AFL-CIO's Department of Employee Benefits, and worked for the U.S. Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and in the office of Senator Claiborne Pell. She has written about health policy issues and has received many honors for her leadership, including the Second Century Award for Excellence in Health Care.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Karen Ignagni and wishing her every success in her leadership of EmblemHealth. We are a stronger, better country because of Karen Ignagni and her distinguished work and I'm privileged to have worked with her and call her my friend.

EXEMPLARY VOLUNTEERISM: TOBIAS GEIGER

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize and thank Tobias Geiger from East Central Electric Cooperative in my district for his service and sacrifice to put into action cooperative principle #6—cooperation among cooperatives. In March this year, Tobias traveled to Haiti as a volunteer for the NRECA International Foundation where he helped build the country's first electric cooperative. This work is

part of a rural electrification project managed by NRECA International and funded by the United Nations Environmental Program, USAID, and the Inter-American Development Bank.

Electricity is a critical element in improving the quality of life and to providing healthcare, education, access to clean water and economic opportunity. In Haiti, less than 15 percent of the population has regular access to electricity. Tobias spent two weeks in the town of Coteaux to help build a distribution system that will interconnect three towns. Upon completion, the diesel-solar hybrid electric system will provide safe, affordable and reliable power to 1600 consumers. His contribution included upgrading and installing new power lines, training locally hired linemen in proper construction methods, pole climbing techniques, proper headline use, and important safety practices.

Thank you Tobias Geiger, for your dedication and commitment.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VICTORY OVER JAPAN DAY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Yankee Air Museum's observance of the 70th anniversary of Victory over Japan Day. Because of the bravery of the Greatest Generation, this day marks the end of humanity's darkest time, the spreading of liberty to many peoples across the world, and the start of the greatest peace time economic boom in American history.

On August 15th, 1945, the Empire of Japan surrendered to the United States aboard the USS *Missouri*. Seventy years after the end of the Second World War, we celebrate this historical event and honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women who served this country.

We are honored to have the Yankee Air Museum commemorate this event. Since the formation of the Yankee Air Museum in 1981, it has done excellent work to restore and preserve artifacts from World War II. Through its commemoration of Rosie the Riveter, the museum has tirelessly highlighted the efforts of the women who were the heartbeat of the Arsenal of Democracy.

Mr. Speaker, as the World War II era aircrafts fly over Yankee Air Museum, I hope my colleagues will join me to celebrate the freedom of the many because of the sacrifices of the men and women of the greatest generation.

275TH ANNIVERSARY OF CORNWALL, CONNECTICUT

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 275th anniversary of Cornwall, Connecticut.