

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.

Lt. Governor Reynolds began her political career by serving four terms as the Clarke County Treasurer. She was then elected State Senator of Iowa's 48th Senate District, where she served until 2010. During her time in the Senate, the Republican nominee for Governor, Terry Branstad, asked then Senator Kim Reynolds to serve on his ticket as the nominee for Lt. Governor. She accepted his request and the rest is history.

Lt. Governor Reynolds has dedicated her life to serving the people of Iowa. As Lt. Governor she has leveraged her unique understanding of small rural communities and their governments to bring good, high paying jobs to the state. Lt. Governor Reynolds has also built strong, lasting relationships with some of Iowa's most important global trading partners. Her long list of accomplishments is a testament to her hard work, dedication and willingness to selflessly serve all Iowans.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds 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 esteemed designation, and wishing her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 22, 2015, I was detained in a meeting and unable to make the first vote in a series. I would have voted "No" on roll call vote No. 450 (on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 369).

IN RECOGNITION OF JANET SIKES' SERVICE AS FIRE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF WOODHAVEN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Janet Sikes for her 29 years of service to the Woodhaven Fire Department, 18 of those served as Fire Chief. During her career, Janet has saved many lives, and enriched countless others.

Janet has served as a role model in our community as Woodhaven's first female fire

chief. Her qualifications and professionalism as an emergency medical technician, paramedic, and arson investigator have inspired others towards public service and her ability to coordinate with the department's partners is much-praised among her colleagues. Her dedication and good humor has been a tremendous asset for the city, and has helped the Fire Department offset budget restrictions and foster a greater sense of community in Woodhaven and beyond. Janet is a true gem in our community and Woodhaven is fortunate to call her their own and grateful for her contributions.

Janet's commitment to education has been evidenced by her annual trips to each elementary school in the city to teach fire safety. "Firefighter Jan" is no stranger to the classroom, and has used her experience as a physical education instructor to promote fire prevention techniques that students find as exciting as they are informative. Jan has also promoted higher education in Woodhaven, partnering with Wayne County Community College to provide two full scholarships for students in her community to pursue a career in public safety.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Chief Janet Sikes for her twenty-nine years of service and her lasting impact on the Downriver communities. I thank her for her leadership, and wish her many years of success.

URGING AWARD OF CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO PRESIDENT LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIELD OF DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute and revise and extend my remarks.

Today I introduced legislation awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th President of the United States whose vision and leadership secured passage of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965, the Social Security Amendments Act (Medicare) of 1965, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Higher Education Act of 1965, and the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1965.

The awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal is long overdue recognition of the remarkable record of achievement in the field of domestic affairs of the person most responsible for several of the nation's landmark laws that mark their 50th anniversary this year.

Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress from the Tenth Congressional District of Texas, as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate, Vice-President and President of the United States, Lyndon Baines Johnson's domestic accomplishments in the fields of civil rights, education, and economic opportunity rank among the greatest achievements of the past half century.

As President, Lyndon Johnson proposed, championed, led to passage, and signed into

law on August 6, 1965 the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which swept away barriers impeding millions of Americans from meaningful participation in American political life.

On July 30, 1965, President Johnson signed into law the Social Security Amendments Act of 1965, which we today know as Medicare, which has transformed the delivery of health care in the United States and which, along with Social Security, reduced the rate of poverty among the elderly from 28.5 percent in 1966 to 9.1 percent in 2012.

On July 2, 1964 President Johnson secured passage and signed into law the most sweeping civil rights legislation since Reconstruction, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination in employment, education, and public accommodations based on race, color, religion, or national origin.

On November 8, 1965, President Johnson signed into law the Higher Education Act, which provided need-based financial aid to students in the form of scholarships, work-study grants, and loans, and thus for the first time made higher education more accessible to populations of persons who were previously unable to attend college because of economic circumstances.

On October 3, 1965, President Johnson signed into law the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1965, which transformed the nation's immigration system by abolishing the racially based quota system that had defined American immigration policy for the previous four decades and replaced it with a policy whose central purpose was family reunification, with a preference for immigrants with specific skillsets.

According to Robert A. Caro, the pre-eminent biographer of Lyndon Baines Johnson, with the single exception of Abraham Lincoln, Lyndon Johnson was the greatest champion of the poor and underprivileged in the history of the Republic and was the President "who wrote mercy and justice into the statute books by which America was governed."

I invite all Members to join me in sponsoring this legislation awarding the Congressional Gold Medal and recognizing the extraordinary domestic achievements of President Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th President of the United States.

HONORING DAVID FINKEL

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 the remarkable life of David B. Finkel, an honorable veteran, a distinguished civil rights attorney, an esteemed elected official, and someone I was privileged to call a friend. David deeply impacted countless lives by standing up for civil rights, freedom of speech, affordable housing, and educational equality for over six decades. David was also a longtime and devoted member of the Sholem community and will be remembered for his integrity and compassion as a "warrior for justice."

David, the son of Jewish immigrants fleeing persecution in Europe, lived through historical events such as the Great Depression and World War II. These heavy experiences

shaped David into a lifelong advocate for social justice by instilling deep values within him of humility and humanitarianism. In his youth, David served as Bal Torah at Temple B'nai Abraham under Rabbi Joachim Prinz, who advocated for equality as a speaker at the 1963 March on Washington. This experience gave David a deeper understanding of human rights that he carried with him throughout his life.

During the Cold War, David served in the U.S. Army and refused to sign the loyalty oath when his mother was brought before the House Un-American Activities Committee. David won a case before the U.S. Supreme Court when he argued that a son should not be forced to choose between the 10th Amendment to honor country and the 10th Commandment to honor family. David's involvement in this case carved a path for him to follow a career in law and justice.

Through discipline and dedication, David obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Chicago in 1951 and earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Southern California in 1959. In the 1960s, David worked during the Freedom Summer in Mississippi, as well as a defense lawyer of conscientious objectors during the Vietnam War.

In his noteworthy legal career, David was known for his work ethic as he tried cases representing labor unions advocating for working families, freedom of speech cases for professors and students, and discrimination cases promoting racial equality and protecting civil rights.

David began his notable political career when he became a founding member of Santa Monica's Renters Rights in 1981 and was elected to the Santa Monica Rent Control Board in 1983. David was first elected to the Santa Monica City Council in 1986, where he served a period as Mayor Pro-Tempore. David was then elected to the Los Angeles Superior Court in Santa Monica in 1984. Upon retirement from the bench, David began to humbly teach at Santa Monica College in 2002 as he wanted to contribute more to the community. In 2006, David was recruited and elected to the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees, where he served until 2014.

Those who knew David, remember him fondly as a compassionate, thoughtful, and brilliant advocate for his community. David worked with a great spirit and it was his steadfast commitment to serving his community that made for a particularly extraordinary career and life.

In heartfelt recognition and appreciation of the outstanding impact and contributions that David made to his community and country, I wish to send my sincere condolences to his wife, Bruria, his family, and to all who knew him. His work and legacy are immeasurable, and his presence in the community will be greatly missed.

CONGRATULATING THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE RAIDERS' BASEBALL TEAM AS NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Northwest Florida

State College Raiders' baseball team on their victory in the 2015 JUCO World Series, bringing home the school's first NJCAA Baseball National Championship. This hard-earned title is a testament to their dedication to excellence, commitment to teamwork, and unwavering work ethic, and all of Northwest Florida celebrates their tremendous success.

While the Raiders capped their season with a dominant 15–1 victory over McLennan Community College in the championship game, the Raiders' players, coaches, and staff proved throughout the season that they had the mettle of true champions as they persevered through difficult stretches early in the season. Despite tough early season losses that saw the team drop to 4–5 in conference play, Raiders' Head Coach Doug Martin and his players were undeterred, and they continued to work hard each day in pursuit of a championship.

Even after an impressive late season run—which saw the Raiders win 14 of their last 16 games, including a seven-game winning streak that included a sweep of the Gulf District/FCSAA State Tournament that qualified them for the World Series—the Raiders came into the JUCO World Series ranked 14th in the Nation. But, despite being an underdog, the Raiders pulled off impressive victories—defeating three top ten teams, including the number one ranked team in the country by a margin of 10–0—en route to a rematch in the National Championship game with the only team that defeated them during the World Series: McLennan Community College. In the rematch, the Raiders put in a true team performance and in the end they earned a well-deserved 15–1 victory to bring the national title back to Northwest Florida.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the Raiders players—Aaron Palmer, Onix Martinez, Danny Blanco, Corderias Dorsey, Tra'Mayne Holmes, Will Luft, Mack Hathcock, Hunter Beard, Avery Geyer, Evan Hebert, Ryan Leone, Dakota Dean, Andrew Deramo, James Granat, Tanner Halstead, Ross Goforth, Shawn Feltner, Rex Rutledge, Carlos Alayon, Brian Browning, Lukas Holub, Trey Lang, Jarren Pinkney, and Hunter Bening—Head Coach Doug Martin, Assistant Coaches Andrew Franco and Brett Stewart, Athletic Director Ramsey Ross, and the entire Raiders staff and fans on their national championship. My wife Vicki and I congratulate the entire Raiders baseball program and wish them all the best for continued success in the future.

CONGRATULATING EDWARD LEE
MCCLAIN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Edward Lee McClain High School of Greenfield, Ohio, on their 100-year anniversary and celebration.

For a century, McClain High School has stood proudly at the heart of Greenfield, educating the community's next generation and preparing them for the future.

Originally donated by Edward Lee McClain and his wife Lulu in 1915, McClain High School has since fulfilled its stated mission of

“producing graduates who are well equipped to meet the challenges of education, work, and life.”

Alongside the 100 years of quality education it has provided to the children of Greenfield, McClain has become famous for the historic art contained within its walls.

Truly a jewel of culture, students are immersed in a rich history of art and tradition, including murals, statues, and architecture.

The institution and its graduates owe a debt of gratitude to the community of Greenfield, for the continued support in preserving and maintaining the magnificent building.

McClain High School is a living legacy of Edward McClain's hopes that the Greenfield school would be an institution which encouraged “higher education, purer morals, and broader and better citizenship.”

I am honored to represent a district which contains such a quality and historic educational institution within its borders. I applaud Edward Lee McClain High School on this historic milestone, and I wish the school the very best over their next 100 years.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF
CLARKDALE FRUIT FARMS

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2015

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on July 19th, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Centennial Event at the Clarkdale Fruit Farm in Deerfield, Massachusetts and celebrate 100 years of family business.

The Clarkdale Fruit Farm has generated tremendous good will and contributions to our community. I love this farm and all it stands for. Locally grown fresh fruit—apples, peaches, nectarines, plums and pears—all on beautiful land preserved for farming.

The Clark family are not only great farmers and great business people. They are not only great community activists. They're really incredible, nice people.

This is a family who works hard and cares deeply about the community.

I want to say a special thanks to Tom and Ben Clark for inviting me to join them on their beautiful farm—truly a gem in the Pioneer Valley. I also want to thank the rest of the Clark family: Becky Clark—Ben's mother and Tom's wife, Lori Clark—Ben's wife, and Emerson Clark—Ben and Lori's son. The farm is a wonderful place and they have so much to be proud of.

It was a thrill to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Clarkdale Fruit Farms, which has a rich history and a special place in the agricultural heritage of Central Massachusetts.

Clarkdale Fruit Farms is also a leading example of what sustainable agriculture can accomplish, supporting many of our region's local businesses and communities.

As we commemorate the 100th anniversary, we are not just celebrating the past. We are also celebrating the future.

Clarkdale Fruit Farm is helping to keep Massachusetts agriculture vibrant and strong and I look forward to their continued success in the years to come.