

staunch, lifelong advocate of education, she was instrumental in founding this innovative and highly successful community college tailored to address the multiple academic, social and service needs of the East Palo Alto community. The college began with 120 students and grew to 200 within a few years. One year before its founding, Dr. Martin Luther King had been killed. As the war in Vietnam raged and several American cities went up in flames, Mavis Knox joined with visionary leaders to offer an alternative to fires burning within and without: the light and hope of a quality college education. Her love of education would distinguish Mavis Knox in years to come, and her community leadership was built upon this bedrock commitment.

Mavis began her career with San Mateo County in 1982 and retired in 2005 after spending much of her county career in Children and Family Services as a social worker and supervisor. When she supervised the Long Term Placement unit she was the driving force in enhancing the Independent Living Skills program and the Moving On ceremony.

Mavis was elected to the Ravenswood City School District Board of Trustees and served the community from that position for 12 years during the 1970s and early 1980s. This was a time of tremendous change in the district, with historic segregation and its legacy being challenged regularly.

Newspaper reports of the time indicate that students and parents demanded equality of opportunity, and they demanded that the district overcome the impacts of decades of racial segregation. Mavis Knox was a vocal advocate for equality. This required hiring staff that would set high standards and be held accountable to the community. Press reports from that time indicate that such routine decisions as hiring a superintendent were sometimes contentious, but the stakes were also high. While she demanded accountability by the staff to the community, Mavis Knox also held herself accountable. She successfully advocated for better school financing, and strongly urged the community to unite in creating a first-rate system.

Mr. Speaker and members, Mavis Knox was a dedicated member, committee chair, and leader in the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, earning the Bertha Pitts Campbell Award in 2011, the Chapter's highest honor for outstanding service to the sorority and community. Among other distinguished community service, she served as Foreman of the Grand Jury of San Mateo County and charter board member of the East Palo Alto Girls' Club of the Mid-Peninsula. She was a prolific fund raiser for at-risk youth. She is survived by her son Anthony D. Jones, daughter Brenda Destiny Knox, brother Ronald Knox, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A leading advocate for social justice has now passed from our midst. In our sorrow, it is important to note that the lessons she taught by example will offer guidance and comfort for years to come. Ultimately, this is the greatest gift to us all of Mavis Knox, a mother, educator, community advocate, and an outstanding American.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALFRED D. COWARD

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember the life of Alfred D. Coward, who passed away on July 10th, 2015 with his beloved wife, Verlene, by his side. Alfred was a community leader in Youngstown, Ohio of the utmost caliber and influence. Over 35 years of distinguished service to the Mt. Calvary Pentecostal Church, Alfred "The Rev" Coward served in multiple leadership positions. These included Superintendent of the Sunday school, Head of Pastoral Affairs and Bereavement, and Chairman of the Brotherhood Department to name a few.

Alfred's leadership skills were also employed outside of the walls of Mt. Calvary Church. Reverend Coward's civic involvement included four years as Chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Crime and Violence Prevention, five years on the Steering Committee of the Youngstown Weed & Seed Initiative, as well as an appointment by Mayor Jay Williams to the Youngstown Civil Service Commission, where he served as Vice-President. Alfred was also the recipient of the Crisis Intervention Unit for Domestic Violence Award.

Alfred was preceded in death by his parents; an aunt and uncle, Naomi and John Carpenter, who reared him; and a sister Darlene Carter. He leaves behind the love of his life Verlene "Sweet Verl" Coward, his wife of nearly 46 years; the pride of his life, his three children, Alfred D. (Nicole) Coward II of Youngstown, OH; Teri J. Coward of Austintown, OH; and Aaron (Veronica) Coward, of Boardman, OH; the joy of his life, nine grandchildren, Kandace Coward, Kamille Coward, Ashley Joseph, Kayla Coward, Courtney Joseph, Gabrielle Joseph, Alfred Coward III, Aaron Coward and Addisyn Coward; a sister, Brenda Townsend of Tulsa, OK; and a host of loving family, church family, and friends.

I am deeply saddened by Alfred's passing, and extend my most heartfelt condolences to his entire family. Reverend Coward was an exemplary spiritual and civic leader who, through his unwavering dedication and service to his community, left Youngstown and Northeast Ohio a better place than when he found it.

IN HONOR OF SAINT JUNIPERO SERRA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of myself and my California colleagues, Rep. ANNA ESHOO, Rep. JANICE HAHN, Rep. JARED HUFFMAN, Rep. NANCY PELOSI, Rep. MIKE THOMPSON and Rep. JUAN VARGAS, to welcome His Holiness Pope Francis to Washington and to celebrate his actions yesterday in canonizing Father Junipero Serra.

Yesterday we were all witness to a sacred ceremony validating the holiness of Father Serra as a leader of the Catholic faith in early

California. But Father Serra is also a major historical figure in California's settlement and expansion. As important as his contribution to the faith is, his effort to unify and connect north and south California laid the groundwork for the state it came to be.

As most people know, Father Serra is responsible for establishing the first 9 of what would eventually be 21 missions up and down the coast of California all the way from San Diego in the south to north of San Francisco. In today's world, those 21 missions are tantamount to social media. They represented a network of community and connectedness that brought order to a wilderness and established common links between myriad towns and villages. Those missions were so important to the framework of community, commerce and government that eventually coalesced into a state, that every school child in California must construct a mission diorama in the 4th grade as part of his/her history lesson. The majority of those missions still stand today and are still vibrant centers of faith and community. They also serve as strong tourist attractions and bring to life the story of California's early settlers to millions of visitors every year. So pivotal was Father Serra to the rise and prosperity of California that the state elected to have his statue exhibited here in Statuary Hall of the U.S. Capitol.

Father Serra's presence is especially felt strongly in Carmel, California where he established his headquarters and actively administered the expansion of the Catholic faith in California. From here he also helped manage relations between local peoples and Spanish government officials in Mexico as well as with the local military officers who commanded the nearby presidio in Monterey. Father Serra is buried at the mission in Carmel and neighbors of the mission, city residents and all who visit the mission venerate his beneficence to the people and the state.

During Pope Francis' visit to Washington this week my California colleagues and I were happy to welcome a good number of Californians to the city to celebrate the Pope's visit and Father Serra's canonization. In particular I was proud to have nearly 100 constituents from the Carmel area come to town to honor our "home-town saint." Among the distinguished visitors was Bishop Richard Garcia, Bishop of the Diocese of Monterey and his predecessor, Bishop Sylvester Ryan. I was pleased that they could be with us as for this momentous occasion.

Mr. Speaker, I believe the House was moved this week by the Pope's visit and his actions regarding Father Serra. I am sure the House joins me in thanking the Pope for his leadership, his holy presence and his blessing of Father Junipero Serra.

TRIBUTE TO JEFF LARSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jeff "Huck" Larson for his recognition as Citizen of the Year in Casey, Iowa.

Jeff was awarded Citizen of the Year at the Casey Fun Day celebration on July 11, 2015.

He was recognized for his leadership at the Casey Fire Department, where he's served for 25 years—10 years as fire chief and 13 years as assistant chief. Jeff also led efforts to establish a food pantry in the area and helped organize the Adair-Casey Food Pantry, where he volunteers each month.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in recognizing Jeff for his service to Casey and congratulating him for receiving this award. It is an honor to represent him in the United States House of Representatives, and I wish him nothing but the best moving forward.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAMUEL IRVING NEWHOUSE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AT SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Samuel Irving Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York. The creation of the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications began in 1964 with the support of Samuel Irving Newhouse, who had a vision to build a communications school where “the best and the brightest” would come to study.

The S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications is widely regarded as one of the nation's leading school of communications. The Newhouse School has gained this reputation over the past fifty years due to its wide embrace of virtually every known form of information dissemination—including print and broadcast journalism, social media and online communication, advertising and public relations, as well as photography and film.

The roots of the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications are founded in Syracuse University's former School of Journalism. In 1934 the School of Journalism was founded at Syracuse University and has developed into a nationally renowned educational institution. In 1964 the first of three buildings, “Newhouse 1,” was opened and dedicated by President Lyndon B. Johnson. In 1971 the School of Journalism merged with the Department of Television and Radio and was re-named the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

I am proud to recognize the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University and congratulate the School on the achievement of its 50th anniversary. I am confident that the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University will continue to grow and educate talented, rising professionals in public communications and it is my honor to congratulate the Newhouse School on behalf of the entire Central New York Community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROSEANN M. SCHAEFFER

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Roseann M. Schaeffer, daughter of Rosario and Rita Levero Frandanisa who passed away peacefully on July 28, 2015, in her home. Roseann was a 1958 graduate of Niles McKinley High School and a 1962 graduate of Youngstown College, with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She was employed for over 40 years as a teacher at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School in Niles, retiring in 2005. Roseann was a steadfast fixture in the Mt. Carmel community as a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, taking on such roles as church lector, member of the Liturgy committee, Parish Anniversary committee, festival volunteer, Pep Club and Year Book advisor, and Monday Rosary group. She was also one of the original founders of S.I.G.N. (Service in God's Name), a preparatory program for confirmation students.

She will be deeply missed by two brothers, Anthony Frandanisa and his wife, Theresa, of Niles and Angelo Frandanisa and his wife, Rosemarie, of Kirkland, Wash.; her nieces and nephews, Ann Genovese and her husband, Robert, Tony Frandanisa, Rita Kanareff and her husband, Kevin, Joseph Frandanisa and his wife, Karen, Renee Charawell, Jimmy Frandanisa and his wife, Carrie, and Bobby Frandanisa and his wife, Kelley; and many great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

The residents of Northeast Ohio are known to be compassionate, community oriented individuals. Whether it was engaging in her Mt. Carmel Parish community, or cooking and playing cards as she so loved, Roseann was certainly no exception.

HONORING LIESL SCHMIDT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Liesl Schmidt a community leader, and one of my district's 2015 Women of the Year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Liesl Schmidt was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the Year.

Whereas, Liesl is a Northern California native and is the Regional President for US Bank's Northern California Community Bank. She is the wife of a rice farmer, mother of a son who serves in the US Coast Guard and a daughter who attends CSU-Sacramento.

Whereas, Liesl is an active Board member and Treasurer for the Yuba Sutter Chamber of Commerce, a Past President of the Yuba City-Marysville Soroptimists, and a Rotarian. She is active in many local organizations including the American Red Cross, Cornerstone Church, and the Yuba Sutter United Way.

Whereas, a founding member of Girls on the Run in Sutter County, Liesl is committed to

advocating for women at her place of work and throughout the banking industry by actively participating in women's leadership groups. Liesl's goal is to ‘pay it forward’ by mentoring, sponsoring, or advocating for women at US Bank and in the community for those who have a desire to be in more senior roles.

Whereas, Liesl's priorities are ‘faith, family, friends’. She is a born leader who brings life, love, and enthusiasm to everything she does.

Resolved, that I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Liesl Schmidt.

PEARLAND SAINTS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pearland Saints for being selected to represent Texas at the annual Special Olympics North America Softball Championship.

The Pearland Saints are a softball team through the Special Olympics Texas (SOTX) organization. SOTX uses the power of sports to empower people with intellectual challenges. Through SOTX children and adults can experience the joy of being part of a team and realize their full potential. This all-star team of thirteen players, led by Coach Raymond Rocha, will compete against 31 other teams from across the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, and Latin America. We are excited to cheer the team on in Wichita this weekend.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, best of luck to the Pearland Saints at the Special Olympics North America Softball Championship and congratulations on being selected to represent our great state.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM C. “BILL” LUOMA

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember and honor the life of William C. “Bill” Luoma, a native of Warren, Ohio, who passed away on the 17th of August, 2015 at his daughter's home, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Warren, Ohio on April 11, 1939, to Wilmar and Maxine Luoma Bill lived a full life of service in the United States military and as a Union leader in the steel industry.

After living in Tucson, Arizona as a child, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Air Force at the age of 18 and attended Amarillo AFB Jet Engine School in Amarillo, Texas. Bill also served two years with the United States Marine Corps before starting a 30 year career with Republic Steel Corporation. Bill exemplified the life of a workman's ally by serving as a Worker's Compensation representative and later in retirement as President of the Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees, Chapter 1-28-5. A