

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Justice Shirley Abrahamson and congratulate her for being this year's recipient of the Joan Dempsey Klein Award. The citizens of the state of Wisconsin are privileged to have someone of her intellect and commitment to public service working on their behalf for so many years. Justice Abrahamson, I thank you for all that you have done.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for a vote on September 10, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted: On Roll Call No. 491, I would have voted AYE.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL
HAROLD H. DUNWOODY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Brigadier General Harold H. Dunwoody, who passed away last month at the age of 96.

General Dunwoody was a longtime resident of Randolph, New York. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1943 and served in the U.S. Army for 31 years. During his distinguished career, he fought in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. In recognition of his exemplary service to our country, General Dunwoody was awarded numerous medals and commendations, including the Purple Heart, Silver Star, and Distinguished Service Cross.

General Dunwoody hails from a family that has proudly served our country for generations. From the Revolutionary War to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Dunwoody family has fought to preserve our freedom in virtually every armed conflict in our nation's history. This commitment to service was carried on by Mr. Dunwoody's children: his daughter Ann Dunwoody became the first woman to achieve the rank of four-star general in the United States military; his daughter Susan Schoeck became a helicopter pilot in the Army; his son Harold Dunwoody, Jr. graduated from West Point and achieved the rank of first lieutenant in the Army.

General Dunwoody dedicated his life to serving our country. He leaves behind a proud legacy of military service, which will have a positive impact for generations to come. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring and remembering the life of this great American.

HONORING ALBERTUS MAGNUS
COLLEGE ON THE OCCASION OF
ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the New Haven community in extending my heartfelt congratulations to President Julia McNamara and the entire Albertus Magnus family as they mark the 90th Anniversary of Albertus Magnus College. What a remarkable milestone for this outstanding institution of learning!

In 1924, the Dominican Sisters of Saint Mary of the Springs, who are now known as the Dominican Sisters of Peace, purchased an estate in New Haven, Connecticut, in an effort to found a women's college. A charter was signed on July 13, 1925 and the first classes were held on September 24th of that year. Named for St. Albert the Great—Albertus Magnus—the 13th century bishop, theologian and scholar described by a contemporary as a man “so superior in every science that he can fittingly be called the wonder and miracle of our time,” it was the first Catholic, liberal arts, residential college for women in New England and remained such for its first 60 years.

Julia McNamara, the current President of Albertus, having served in that role since 1982, has guided the College through a myriad of transitions which have expanded the institution in countless ways. Albertus became coeducational in 1985 and today boasts an enrollment of 1,550 students. Albertus offers its students a wide-range of programs and services. They currently have 550 students enrolled in the traditional undergraduate program; 720 in accelerated undergraduate programs for working adults; and 280 in graduate degree programs, including the only Master of Arts in Art Therapy degree in the state of Connecticut. At this past spring's commencement ceremony Albertus Magnus College conferred 537 degrees.

Ahead of its time, in the 1970's Albertus Magnus recognized the need for continuing education for working adults. They created a program called “Begin Again” for women who had started college but never completed a degree. In 1985 “Begin Again” became the inspiration for a broader, accelerated evening program serving working adults; evening programs expanded again in 1994 with the addition of business-focused offerings. In 1992 Albertus offered its first graduate degree program: the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies; today there are 10 graduate programs, ranging from accounting to human services and criminal justice, from leadership to writing and education. The College has awarded 2,848 master's degrees. Albertus is also dedicated to assisting our community's veterans in their pursuit of higher education. A participant in the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill Yellow Ribbon Program, Albertus works closely with veterans to help them succeed in accelerated programs. There are Veterans Centers on the New Haven and East Hartford campuses and the Albertus Student Veterans Association is an approved chapter of Student Veterans of America.

Among its 14,255 alumni, Albertus Magnus can claim the first woman named to the Federal bench in Connecticut; the first woman ap-

pointed to the trial court in Connecticut; an eight-term member of the United States House of Representatives, a Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and a United States Ambassador to Ireland; the first woman vice president at Merrill Lynch; and a pioneering pediatric cardiologist whose research has saved countless young lives. On a personal note, I have fond memories of the year I spent teaching International Politics at Albertus—it was a learning experience for me as well as the students!

Over the course of the last 90 years, Albertus Magnus College has helped thousands of students realize their dreams through higher education. By providing both traditional and non-traditional programs and services, Albertus has opened the doors of opportunity to their students and enabled them to pursue their career goals. I am honored to have this opportunity to stand to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Albertus Magnus College, President Julia McNamara, students, alumnae, faculty and staff as they mark this very special occasion. Happy 90th Anniversary and best wishes for many more years of success!

IN HONOR OF LONE STAR COLLEGE
MONTGOMERY'S 20 YEARS
OF SERVICE

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 2, 2015

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I stand to recognize Lone Star College-Montgomery for 20 years of turning today's students into tomorrow's leaders. From opening day in 1995, this Montgomery County college has been changing lives and enriching our community on its beautiful 210 acre campus amid the tall Texas pines.

LSC-Montgomery has come a long way from 1991 when Conroe Independent School District voters approved joining the Lone Star College System. Enrollment for the inaugural fall 1995 semester was approximately 3,200 students. Today, the college is educating four times that number and growing.

The rich history of this college starts before it even opened the doors of opportunity to students throughout Montgomery County. It began with the vision of community leaders like George Mitchell, Dan Hauser, Jon Weisner, Mary Matteson and a host of others who stood as champions, working to gain community support and ultimately the passage of the bond referendum to build the college.

As the Chamber of the Commerce President I had the privilege of working with local leaders to establish the Community College in Montgomery County and as a State Legislator secured \$6 million to fund the startup of the campus.

The commitment of higher education leaders such as former North Harris Community College Chancellor John Pickelman and Montgomery College founding President Dr. Bill Law saw the college through its construction at its current location—a crossroads of east and west, of north and south.

Montgomery College presidents would continue to build upon the early legacy of the school. Dr. Tom Butler oversaw the addition of

a new 72,000 square foot library and classroom building. New programs were added along with expansion of the school's nursing program including a registered nurse program.

In 2008, Montgomery College became Lone Star College-Montgomery. The name had changed but the dedication to students continues.

Dr. Austin Lane's leadership saw the campus through continued rapid growth and its most significant expansion including three new campus buildings and construction of the Conroe Center.

Today, under Dr. Rebecca Riley's leadership, the college offers over 13,000 students the opportunity to pursue 40 different career

programs as well as academic transfer classes in a variety of disciplines. On the Lone Star College-Montgomery campus, students can pursue bachelors, masters and specialized degrees that give them a start on a bright future.

The past has been exciting, but the future is even more so.

The construction of a new Student Services building and a state-of-the-art lab building, expansion of the workforce programs space at LSC-Conroe Center, and a new satellite center in the rapid-growth area of Magnolia point toward a bright future for LSC-Montgomery.

And I look forward to LSC-Montgomery adding to its multiple honors including being named a "Showcase College" by the Consor-

tium for Community College Development, a "Best Practice" college by the MetLife Foundation, a "Hometown Hero" by The Woodlands Development Company and the prestigious "Drum Major Award" sponsored by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration. And finally, being named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement.

These achievements and more will be celebrated Saturday, October 3, 2015 as a new campus space is dedicated in Maverick Square.