

and the religious community represents the essence of the Centennial Institute's mission.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Jeff Hunt for his service.

RECOGNIZING MANN PLUMBING/  
MPI SOLAR

**HON. TODD C. YOUNG**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 27, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, my home state of Indiana is a place where hard-work and innovation are rewarded. The spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation is a long held tradition of Indiana, and the work of Mann Plumbing is evidence that such tradition is alive and well. Today I am honored to highlight their small business and recognize their good work.

Mann Plumbing/MPI Solar is a full service plumbing and solar energy equipment company located in Bloomington, Indiana. The business was started by David Mann and originally began as a full service plumbing company in 1992. During the 2008 economic downturn the company embraced the situation as an opportunity to expand their business and product offerings into a new market. To do so they began offering solar products to customers. Mann Plumbing/MPI Solar is now a regional leader in this industry. Their big risk turned into a success story.

Mann Plumbing/MPI Solar provides their services to countless Indiana businesses, including: apartment houses, businesses, schools, and the Monroe County Government Building.

Mann Plumbing/MPI Solar's transition from a traditional plumbing shop to a full service plumbing and solar company during difficult economic times serves as a model for other businesses. David Mann and his team revitalized their business with new services and products that helped shepherd Mann Plumbing through a difficult economic period, and allowed them to expand and thrive.

Today, Mann Plumbing/MPI Solar offers a wide variety of products and services to their customers. Mann Plumbing/MPI Solar's success is possible in part, because of highly-trained and dedicated staff. Skilled, motivated workers form the backbone of the Hoosier workforce and remain the key to widespread, economic prosperity.

I am proud to represent Mann Plumbing/MPI Solar and hope their willingness to take risk and ability to adapt serves to inspire others. I am pleased to highlight their good work today in this installment of Indiana's 9th Congressional District Small Business Spotlight.

HONORING RUTH FRIENDLY

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 27, 2015*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true leader in the Riverdale community, Ruth Friendly, who has been actively involved in several different neighborhood organizations for many years.

A former school teacher, Ruth was extensively involved in the curriculum development for the Scarsdale public school system before leaving the classroom in 1981 to join her husband, Fred Friendly, to work in media. Ruth served as a researcher, editor, producer, and executive producer for many landmark PBS series, and was an integral part of a team that received countless awards, including several for the series *The Constitution: That Delicate Balance*.

Ruth also produced over 200 non-televised programs for civic, legal, business, and educational organizations, often moderated by Fred. For 16 years, she served as Vice President and Senior Editorial Director at Fred Friendly Seminars.

Yet, in spite of her busy schedule, Ruth always found time to help the community. For the past eight years, she has been an active Board Member of Riverdale Neighborhood House. Ruth has also served on the Riverdale Senior Services Board, the Riverdale Mental Health Board, and the Fieldston Property Owners Association. She has also been active in the New York State court system, where she currently serves as Commissioner of the New York State Commission on Judicial Nomination, Court of Appeals, and as a panel member for the Disciplinary Committee of the Appellate Division, New York Supreme Court.

This year, Riverdale Neighborhood House is honoring Ruth at their 2015 Annual Benefit. I want to congratulate Ruth on this honor and thank her for her years of dedicated service to the community.

HONORING ROBERT T. GRAND

**HON. LARRY BUCSHON**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 27, 2015*

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend Robert T. Grand, who turns 60 this year.

A graduate of Wabash College and IU McKinney School of law, Bob has committed his adult life to public service.

Bob has been a tremendous advocate for Hoosiers through his work with former Indiana Gov. Bob Orr, Senator Dick Lugar, President Bush, Governor Mike Pence, and Senator DAN COATS and his efforts working for common-sense public policy, especially in areas of government regulation.

In fact, the 2016 edition of Best Lawyers in America, named Bob as "Lawyer of the Year" for his work in government relations practice and municipal law.

Bob, congrats on six decades of success and here's to many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING CHANCELLOR LARRY  
NEIL VANDERHOEF

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 27, 2015*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Larry Neil Vanderhoef, a long-serving Chancellor at the University of Cali-

fornia, Davis. On October 15, Larry passed away at age 74. I was fortunate to call him my friend, and he will truly be missed.

Chancellor Vanderhoef grew up from adversity and humble beginnings to be an incredible leader. He was raised in a small factory town in Wisconsin, and became the first in his family to finish high school and one of the few in his small town to go to college. He received his BA and MS in Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and he later pursued and received his Ph.D in Plant Biochemistry from Purdue University.

The Chancellor was a true visionary and academic diplomat, not just for the University of Davis but also for the wider Davis community. His extraordinary dedication is best described by the legacy he leaves behind. He devoted more than a quarter-century of his life to UC Davis, first as Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor from 1984 to 1994, and then as Chancellor for fifteen years after that—finally retiring in 2009. He was an academic servant who had a vision for UC Davis, and today the campus is one of the top leading research universities in the nation.

Throughout his life, Chancellor Vanderhoef was a tireless advocate for higher education whose passion and dedication transformed UC Davis. Almost every aspect of the university was impacted by his efforts to improve the education system, including the university's national rankings, student population, faculty, and research initiatives and facilities. Under Chancellor Vanderhoef's leadership, student enrollment grew from 22,000 to more than 30,000, the faculty increased by 44%, classroom, lab, and office space expanded by 6 million square feet, and the National Science Foundation ranked UC Davis in the top 10 in the nation for research funding among other public universities.

He was a visionary leader who made great strides toward bettering not only the university, but also the community of Davis. He held a strong passion for music and the arts, and advocated for the construction of what is now the Shrem Museum of Art. His promise to build a world-class performing arts center was realized in 2002 when doors opened to the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, placing the university on the world stage. The performing arts center also serves as a beautiful new south entrance to the campus, making it more accessible to the public.

During his tenure as Chancellor, UC Davis was admitted into the Association of American Universities, a prestigious organization with only 62 members in the United States and Canada. Chancellor Vanderhoef's support of the sciences and medical research was reflected in his many initiatives on campus such as the creation of the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science. He also transformed the Sacramento County Hospital into what is known today as the highly renowned UC Davis Health System, providing patients with the highest of quality care. The health system includes the UC Davis Medical Center, UC Davis School of Medicine, The Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, and the UC Davis Medical Group. Not only does the UC Davis Health System conduct innovative research, but it stimulates Sacramento's economy by creating more than 20,000 jobs and generating \$3.4 billion annually in economic output.

In addition to the arts and sciences, Chancellor Vanderhoef was a firm believer in the

power of academic diplomacy. While at UC Davis, he promoted study abroad programs and the importance of international engagement in the Middle East. He believed that being exposed to new cultures and new ways of thinking can foster dialogue and greater understanding. Currently, students are able to participate in numerous study abroad programs such as the UC Davis Quarter Abroad or Summer Program, a Seminar Abroad Program, or even hold an internship abroad. Today, the Larry N. Vanderhoef Scholarship for Study Abroad, named for his legacy, continues to make these unforgettable opportunities open to Davis students.

Due to his many accomplishments in the Davis community, Chancellor Vanderhoef was granted numerous awards for his dedication and commitment to higher education. The Chancellor was named Sacramento of the Year in 2004 by the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, and in 2006, he was presented with the Northern California International Leadership Award and was elected as an honorary member of the World Innovation Foundation.

I am deeply honored to have known Chancellor Larry Neil Vanderhoef and to pay tribute to a great visionary who dedicated his life to public service and to the people of Davis. There is little doubt that Chancellor Vanderhoef's presence was felt throughout the entire community. He left a remarkable legacy, which will not soon be forgotten. It is my sincere hope that the students and faculty at UC Davis will embody the Chancellor's spirit and continue to carry his legacy with them throughout their lives. It is leaders like Chancellor Vanderhoef who inspire change and make the most impact on those around them.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 27, 2015*

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I was necessarily absent from the House on October 23, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on H.R. 3762 (Roll Call 568). I would like the record to accurately reflect my stance on this issue.

#### HONORING PORTUGUESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER 85TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 27, 2015*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the city of Yonkers has been privileged for 85 years to be graced with strong community commitment from the Portuguese-American Community Center. With gratitude, it is an honor to congratulate them on their anniversary.

The Center was inaugurated on October 5, 1930 under the name "Clube Social Portugues." Originally, the "Centro Social Portuguese-American Citizens & Yonkers Portuguese American Club", the PACC dignified the lives of Portuguese immigrant families

throughout Yonkers, weaving families into a strong community. On the 30th Anniversary of its founding, the Center settled on "Portuguese American Community Center, Inc."

Early in the club's existence, under the presidency of the Ambassador of Portugal, Dr. Joao Bianchi, a language school called "Escola Joao de Deus" was opened to help the local children.

After decades of success, in 2012 "Escola Joao de Deus" joined the "Instituto de Cames," an entity of the Portuguese Government, which oversees the teaching of Portuguese abroad. To this day, the school plays a huge role in the Portuguese-American Community Center's role in the neighborhood.

Faithful to its founding principles, the Center continues its independent streak of focus towards the community rather than towards political organizations or religious sects. It also keeps the youth physically active by having a soccer team department, "Portuguese Stars," with over 65 children enrolled.

On October 3rd, the Portuguese-American Community Center will be hosting its 85th Anniversary Gala-Diamond Jubilee. I congratulate them on the occasion and wish them another 85 years of great success in Yonkers.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BANNING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES ON AIRPLANES ACT OF 2015

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 27, 2015*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Banning the Use of Electronic Cigarettes on Airplanes Act of 2015. The bill prohibits the use of electronic cigarettes and vaping devices on commercial airplanes by including use of these devices within the definition of smoking. Smoking tobacco products on commercial airplanes has been banned for years, but with the increase in use of electronic cigarettes and vaping devices in their place, it is necessary to update our laws to reflect this new nuisance and health risk on airplanes. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in 2011 ban the use of these devices, but four years later, no progress has been made. Therefore, Congress should step in to legislatively resolve the issue.

Electronic cigarette use has increased over the last decade with the increased education of the general public about the dangers and public health threats caused by traditional cigarettes to smokers and nonsmokers alike. For example, between 2010 and 2011, e-cigarette use among adults doubled. Researchers and public health experts have voiced concerns over the use of electronic cigarettes because there are still so many unknowns about the chemicals these devices can produce. The American Lung Association (ALA) has cited many concerns about the lack of regulation of e-cigarettes because they are on the market while the potential harm from secondhand e-cigarette emissions is unknown. ALA has identified two studies that show formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, benzene, tobacco-specific nitrosamines, and other harmful irritants coming from e-cigarette emissions. In addition, the

temperature of an e-cigarette can affect how many harmful the chemicals are, but with no configuration standards, it is too difficult to uniformly assess the health effects of smoking e-cigarettes. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a proposed rule in 2014 that would extend new regulatory authority to e-cigarettes by subjecting e-cigarettes to registration and product listing requirements, restrictions on marketing products prior to FDA review, and a prohibition on providing free samples like with traditional tobacco products.

This year we celebrate 25 years since legislation was passed banning smoking on domestic flights in the United States. In the 1960s, the U.S. Surgeon General identified smoking as a cause of increased mortality and by 1986, the U.S. Surgeon General had named secondhand smoke a serious health risk. The National Academy of Sciences, in its report "The Airliner Cabin Environment: Air Quality and Safety," recommended a ban on smoking on all domestic commercial flights. The Association of Flight Attendants can be credited with urging the smoking ban due to the negative health impacts flight attendants suffered working in cramped, closed-off spaces when a third or more passengers smoked in-flight. Congress used this information to include an amendment authored by then-Representative DICK DURBIN (D-IL) in the Federal Aviation Act that made domestic flights of two hours or less smoke free. By 1990, this smoking ban was extended to all domestic flights of six hours or less, and, in 2000, the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act made all flights to and from the United States smoke-free. All of this was done even in the face of the strong tobacco industry's opposition because of the undeniable health impacts of cigarettes and cigarette smoke. Many flyers do not remember a time without "No Smoking" signs located throughout a commercial airplane.

In 2011, the U.S. Department of Transportation issued its NPRM to prohibit the use of e-cigarettes on U.S. airplanes. Under current FAA policy, battery-powered electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, vape pens, atomizers, and electronic nicotine systems are prohibited in checked baggage, and the FAA recommends that such devices only be carried in the aircraft cabins because of safety issues. It is up to individual airlines to ban their use. Some airlines have already taken the initiative to institute a ban on the use of electronic cigarettes, but legislation is necessary to make this update applicable to all airlines, and permanent.

The current smoking ban applies to the smoking of tobacco products on all scheduled passenger flights and on scheduled passenger flight segments on foreign air carriers in the U.S. and between the U.S. and foreign countries, unless a waiver is granted based on bilateral negotiations. The Banning the Use of Electronic Cigarettes on Airplanes Act of 2015 will amend the statutory definition of smoking located in 49 U.S.C. 41706 to include the use of electronic cigarettes, defined as "a device that delivers nicotine or other substances to a user of the device in the form of a vapor that is inhaled to simulate the experience of smoking."

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill.