

Top Micropolitan Community in the United States by Site Selection magazine, the official publication of the Global FDI Association and the Industrial Asset Management Council.

The magazine ranked 576 of the nation's micropolitan areas, cities with populations ranging from 10,000 to 50,000 that cover at least one county. While Findlay has ranked well for many years, placing fourth in 2013, this is the first time the city has topped the list.

The City of Findlay has focused its efforts on economic development within the community, and this year's recognition is a testament to the collaboration among local, county and state leaders, the Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development office and the city's community partners. Their efforts continue to make Findlay a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Findlay's future remains bright for the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the City of Findlay, Ohio, on being named the 2014 Top Micropolitan Community in the United States. I am extremely proud of the growth and investment that have occurred in Findlay over the past year, and am excited about the potential this development brings to the city's residents and businesses who are proud to call Findlay home.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MR.
ALEXANDER E. "AL" TEODOSIO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Mr. Alexander E. "Al" Teodosio, 90, who passed away on Tuesday, February 10, in the presence of his loving family.

Al dedicated his life to spending time with his family and friends, showing compassion to others, and while serving his country in the armed forces. Al honorably served during World War II as a Private First Class in the Army Air Corps Squadron in the Pacific Theater and demonstrated tremendous strength and courage throughout his tenure. After his service Al returned to the states and became a widely respected attorney and practiced for many years in the city of Akron, Ohio with his late brother, Ernie. In 1950, Al married the love of his life Anna and the two shared over 64 years of love and happiness together. Regardless of his official title, Al aimed to make his community a better place to call home; and he undoubtedly succeeded. From 1976 to 1990, he served as Chairman of the Summit County Democratic Party, and made it a priority to inspire and mentor other local public servants.

Al was preceded in death by his loving parents; dear siblings; son, Alan; and granddaughter, Andrea. He is survived by his loving wife Anna Marie; children, Mary Anne, Thomas, Carol Anne, Robert, Alex; grandchildren, Christine, Kathleen, Joseph, Christopher, David, Lexi, Nicholas, Joseph, Ellen, and Alice. Perhaps the most fitting tribute to Al was written by his own children commemorating the Teodosio's 60th wedding anniversary in 2010. "Thank you mom and dad," it read, "for teaching us the meaning of love, commitment, and family." My dear friend Al

helped to make the world a brighter place and he will be dearly missed.

A TRIBUTE TO SANDRA
CARAVELLA—28TH CONGRES-
SIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF
THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Sandra Caravella of Atwater Village, a unique neighborhood in Los Angeles, California.

Born and raised in the Atwater Village area of Los Angeles, Ms. Caravella attended Atwater Elementary School, Irving Junior High School and John Marshall High School. With the exception of a few years when she and her husband, Joe, also an Atwater Village native, resided in Michigan, Sandra has been a lifetime resident of Atwater Village, where she and Joe raised their family. While a young mother, Sandra volunteered at her sons' school, Atwater Avenue Elementary School as a teacher's aide, and became involved in the Parent Teacher Association. When her youngest son was six years old, she took a part time job at the Los Angeles Convention and Visitors Bureau working as a registration supervisor at conventions, seminars and trade shows, where she remained for over two decades.

Well regarded in her community, Ms. Caravella is a passionate and dedicated volunteer. She is a founding member and current Board member of the Friends of Atwater Village (FAV), whose first venture was to successfully save the historic Van de Kamp Bakery building. As a FAV Board member, Sandra has been instrumental in attaining grants for community beautification projects that include murals illustrating the area's history, flower containers, and a decorative gate at the Los Angeles River and Acresite Street. With three other FAV Board members, she produced calendars featuring local history and a book entitled: Images of America: Atwater Village. Ms. Caravella is a member of the Atwater Village Chamber of Commerce, was the chamber's project manager of the sign committee, and serves on the Tree Lighting and River Committees for the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council.

Married for nearly half a century, Sandra and her husband, Joe, have two sons, Jeff and Brian, two grandsons, Vincenzo and Nico, all of whom live in Atwater Village.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Sandra Caravella.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for votes on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, due to my attendance at the funeral of my close friend, John Rainey. By any account he lived an extraordinary life based on the lives he touched, the difference he made and the degree to which he was a great friend to all those blessed to call him just that. I was one of those so fortunate, and accordingly I will miss him dearly. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Roll call no. 116: Previous Question on H. Res. 138—Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1029—EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015 and consideration of H.R. 1030—Secret Science Reform Act of 2015: Yea

Roll call no. 117: Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1029—EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015 and consideration of H.R. 1030—Secret Science Reform Act of 2015: Yea

Roll call no. 118: H.R. 1191—Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act: Yea

Roll call no. 119: McKinley Amendment: Yea

Roll call no. 120: Motion to recommit H.R. 1029 with instructions: Nay

Roll call no. 121: H.R. 1029—EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015: Yea

THE BATTLE WAGES ON: SECUR-
ING EQUAL VOTING RIGHTS IN
THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this year, we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. It is an historic piece of legislation that was signed with the pride, humility and blood of brave men and women whose courage has watered the soil of our nation's democracy. For decades, it has been revered as a pillar of America's transformative society. It represented the promise of our forefathers.

Yet, fifty years after its passage, the laws' promises are unfulfilled. And, reflective of the nation's climate during the civil rights era, we are witnessing divisive political forces rally to resurrect the abhorrent practices of racial discrimination and disenfranchisement.

Fifty years after the passage of the Voting Rights Act, minorities across the country are fighting against state voter i.d. laws for the right to vote. Despite the Supreme Court's erroneous holding that "[o]ur country has changed," and there is no longer a need for federal preclearance for changes in voting laws, minorities are facing increased barriers to the ballot box.

While there have certainly been great progress, we still have a long way to go. In the 1960's, our nation was marked by moments of crises, war, poverty and mass social

injustices. Fifty years later, our nation bears the same markings. We met the challenges then. It is time we rise to that challenge once more. Despite the current climate, when it appears that we are fighting a lost cause, we must remember that it is our patriotic duty to continue to fight. We must fight to honor the legacy of those who fought for us. Not only is it our duty to vote—it is also our constitutional right: one that should be protected and restored by Congress.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MARIE PULLIN

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman, Dr. Marie Pullin, who gave of herself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, her legacy of dedicated service to enrich the children and others in her community through her volunteerism, creative ability and unwavering advocacy for the youth, the elderly, the poor and the arts are present in DeKalb County, Georgia for all to see; and

Whereas, this remarkable, positive woman with a beautiful smile gave of herself, her heart and her talent; never asking for fame or fortune but only to uplift, expose and inspire those in need; and

Whereas, she led by example from behind the scenes, as well as front and center for the state of Georgia, DeKalb County and the City of Atlanta, multiple ministries, homeowner associations, the Atlanta Edgewood-Kirkwood Neighborhood Center; and in her beloved church, Israel Baptist Church; and

Whereas, this virtuous Proverbs 31 woman was a mother, a wife, a daughter, a friend, a warrior, a matriarch, and a woman of great integrity; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional recognition on Dr. Marie Pullin for her leadership, friendship and 50 years of service to all of the citizens in Georgia and throughout the Nation; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 114th Congress that Dr. Marie Pullin of DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor" Dr. Marie Pullin, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 14th day of March, 2015.

IN RECOGNITION OF RUTH HYMAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Ruth Hyman as she is honored by the Visiting Nurse Association Health Group at their Ruth Hyman Spiritual Support in the Jewish Tradition Hospice Program Tree of Life Donor Wall Dedication.

A lifelong resident of Long Branch, New Jersey, Ruth Hyman continues her philanthropic endeavors to improve the well-being of New Jersey's residents. As the recipient of a generous donation by Ms. Hyman, the Visiting Nurse Association Health Group has named its hospice program's special services for Judaic pastoral care in her honor. The Ruth Hyman Spiritual Support in the Jewish Tradition program will continue to provide important spiritual and pastoral care and comfort to individuals and their families. The Visiting Nurse Association Health Group's mission to make the community a better place reflects Ms. Hyman's passion for helping others.

The largest non-profit visiting nurse association in New Jersey, the Visiting Nurse Association Health Group provides an invaluable service to our communities through compassionate home health care and support services. Its skilled health aides continue to meet the needs of over 120,000 individuals in the comfort and security of their homes each year.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in thanking Ruth Hyman and the Visiting Nurse Association Health Group for their immeasurable contributions to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF MONSIGNOR JOHN BENDIK, RECIPIENT OF THE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE GREATER PITTSBURGH FRIENDLY SONS OF SAINT PATRICK

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Monsignor John Bendik, who will receive the Achievement Award from the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

Monsignor Bendik was ordained on May 27, 1967, by Bishop J. Carroll McCormick, after studying at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Indiana. His first assignment

was to St. Matthew's Parish in East Stroudsburg. He taught at Notre Dame High School and served as Director of Campus Ministry at East Stroudsburg University. In 1970, he was assigned full-time to serve the University students where he developed an ecumenical and inter-faith United Campus Ministry.

In 1981, Monsignor Bendik was assigned as Chaplain at Misericordia University in Dallas where he organized student, faculty, and staff programs to outreach to the needy. His first assignment as a pastor was in 1986 at the parish of Our Lady of the Snows in Clarks Summit. Today, Monsignor Bendik is the pastor of St. John the Evangelist in Pittston.

In addition to serving as the current pastor for St. John's, Monsignor Bendik is also on a variety of boards within the community. He is the Dean for the priests and deacons of Northern Luzerne County. Monsignor Bendik and his parishioners also operate Care and Concern Ministries. Care and Concern provides the Greater Pittston Area with a free health clinic and a food pantry.

It is an honor to recognize Monsignor Bendik for his many accomplishments. I commend him for his service to our local communities throughout his career. I offer my deepest congratulation on receiving the Achievement Award from the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick.

A TRIBUTE TO MINDY BOCKEWITZ

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Mindy Bockewitz for being named a 2015 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2015 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.