

dedicated hardworking workforce of the men and women of the Toledo region, Jeep's home for all of these years. Our national celebration of the Jeep is as much a celebration of Jeep's workforce as it is this enduring vehicle. The hardworking and dedicated men and women of the United Auto Workers Local 12 have carried Jeep forward over the decades. It is the blood, sweat and toil of thousands of auto workers over three quarters of a century that delivered Jeep to its 75th anniversary.

The road has not always been easy: there have been times when the workforce and Toledo were faced with real challenges to "Keep Jeep" in Toledo. The aging Willys Overland factory was replaced with a gleaming state of the art modern complex that now produces the legendary vehicles. The City of Toledo and Jeep's workforce have responded time and again to re-making Toledo's signature vehicle. Their efforts have been rewarded as the company continues its investment in its workforce and in Toledo where work is underway on a \$700 million retooling and the addition of 700 new jobs.

There are Jeep enthusiasts all across our country. They love their Jeeps and the qualities of the vehicle as much as the symbolism. Yet, as its anniversary celebration proved, Toledo loves its Jeep. Its legacy is an important part of our identity as a community.

"I build Jeeps" a United Auto Worker says with pride. The sentiment was eloquently captured in the Toledo Blade's excellent commemorative insert on the 75th anniversary of the Jeep. The story told through the commemorative insert underscores the significance of the phrase "Toledo Built Jeep" to Toledo and northern Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, "It is true that the American people know Detroit as Motor City," but I rise today to declare that my hometown, "Toledo, Ohio is Jeep Country." Congratulations to Chrysler Fiat Corporation and the United Auto Workers Local 12 on their building the signature Jeep in Toledo, Ohio. We look forward to the next 75 years in Jeep City.

TUESDAY'S IN TEXAS: MANUEL T. GONZAULLAS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the year was 1906 when a young, fifteen year old was staying in Texas with his family. He was a forced to watch as both of his brothers were murdered by bandits, and his parents barely escaped with their lives. It was then and there that this young man decided to use his life to fight crime. And that man is Manuel T. Gonzauillas, the "Lone Wolf."

Within the next fourteen years, he trained in law enforcement and joined the Texas Rangers. One look at him and you wouldn't think of him as an intimidating man. He only stood about five foot, nine inches. "He was soft-spoken man," one of his friends said of him. He was known as quite the dresser, always impeccably groomed and styled, loved fancy cars and guns and always carried his pocket

Testament. But don't let his appearance fool you. He viewed all lawbreakers, criminals and felons with an instinctual hatred, granting those who dared to cause trouble no mercy. The legend states that Gonzauillas worked alone. He recalls "I went into a lot of fights by myself, and I came out by myself, too." The dastardly Mexican bandits began to call him "El Lobo Solo" or the "Lone Wolf." The name stuck.

In another famous lore occurring in 1930, Gonzauillas rushed into the town of Sherman, Texas when a field hand brutally raped his employer's wife. When a mass riot broke out and the courthouse was set on fire, Gonzauillas took his position in front of the county jail. Texas Ranger historian Robert Utley writes "With a pistol holstered on each hip, a Thompson submachine gun conspicuous by his hide, and a sawed off shotgun in hand, he confronted the crowds advancing on the jail." His aggressive style and larger than life attitude protected the people of Texas from the lawbreakers of society.

Not to be left out, Texas legend holds that, at the time, the oil-boom town of Kilgore was "the most lawless town in Texas." But when Gonzauillas rode into town on his black stallion, everyone knew he meant business. There were several gangs and bandits running about the town and its new booming oil economy, but within the first few weeks Gonzauillas had already shot three men and was on the road to cleaning up the town. "He'd give you a warning," one Kilgore resident said. "And if you didn't heed it, he'd shoot you." It was said that at one point he had arrested three hundred men suspected of various crimes. He paraded them down town, and had them all handcuffed. He then told them they could all go free . . . if they left town within the next four hours. They were all gone within ten minutes.

These, and many of his other bold brave deeds earned him the reputation in the Texas country side of riding into town on his black stallion Tony. Then he would singlehanded rid the town of outlaws, bandits and troublemakers. Although he was usually outnumbered by the bad guys, he fearlessly fought hard to keep the Texas land safe for law abiding citizens. In a time when the oil boom was bringing all types of people to the Texas frontier, Texas Ranger Manuel Gonzauillas—The Lone Wolf—was making sure they followed the Law, or face unpleasant consequences.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING MARTY HELPERS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Marty Helpers as he retires from a long and fulfilling union career.

Marty Helpers began his distinguished career in the building and construction trades as a gas serviceman in 1979. Later working as a steamfitter and project manager, his leader-

ship ability earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues. In 2007, he was selected to be the Executive Director of the West Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council. Representing the interests of 17,000 workers across 13 counties, he skillfully improved the relationships between labor, owners, developers, and contractors. He recognized the fact that strong and healthy labor organizations are fundamental to a thriving middle class.

In addition to his work for the Trades Council, Marty has made career opportunities in the building and construction trades more accessible for young workers as a certified instructor of apprentice plumbers, steamfitters, welders, and service technicians and also as a chair of the Peoria Construction Career Expo. He is an active member of Steamfitters Local 353 and sits on the Heart of Illinois United Way Board of Directors, the Tri-County Construction Labor-Management Council, the Peoria Area Management Council, the West Central Illinois Labor Council, and the Illinois Prevailing Wage Council.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Mr. Helpers once again for his commitment to organized labor and the community alike. I wish him the best in his well-earned retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF PASTOR DONNELL RIGGINS AND THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEL PASO UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 70th anniversary of Del Paso Union Baptist Church and Pastor Donnell Riggins. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring their important roles in Del Paso Heights and in the larger Sacramento community.

As lead pastor of the Del Paso Union Baptist Church, Pastor Donnell Riggins has demonstrated outstanding dedication to his community. Through his work with the Shoulder to Shoulder organization, he has empowered at-risk local youth and fostered their development into excellent citizens. Following the inspirational example set by Pastor Donnell Riggins, the congregation of the Del Paso Union Baptist Church Sacramento Community makes community service a priority, regularly volunteering with the Sacramento Food Bank and St. John's Program for Real Change to provide necessary goods and services for Sacramento's less fortunate. The commitment of Pastor Donnell Riggins and the Del Paso Union Baptist to the people of Del Paso Heights has been nothing short of exemplary.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to pay tribute to Pastor Donnell Riggins and the Del Paso Union Baptist Church. As the congregation of Del Paso Union Baptist Church gathers to celebrate their 70th anniversary and the service of Pastor Donnell Riggins, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Pastor Donnell Riggins and the Del Paso Union Baptist Church for their invaluable contributions to Del Paso Heights and the Greater Sacramento community.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREAT FALLS PARK

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the 50th anniversary of Great Falls Park. Established in 1966, this pristine natural reserve is situated on 800 acres along the banks of the Potomac River in northern Fairfax County. Great Falls Park has been home to many relaxing hikes, peaceful picnics, and family getaways throughout the years, and it will continue to be a destination for visitors from all over.

The hard work done by the men and women of the Great Falls Park Service has helped ensure an amazing outdoor space for many of my constituents to escape the pace of metropolitan living and reconnect with nature. The hiking paths allow countless people access to an enjoyable and healthy activity. Our coexistence with nature is a vital component to a sustainable ecosystem, and I am proud to have such a remarkable park in my District. The close collaboration of the constituents of Virginia's 10th Congressional District is crucial to preserving the diverse wildlife population located in Great Falls Park.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join in recognizing the 50th anniversary of Great Falls Park and thanking the many men and women who keep the park clean and enjoyable for the countless tourists who visit on a yearly basis. I know the park will continue to provide a natural escape to all who seek one.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH RANDLEMAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Ruth Randleman, community leader and Mayor of Carlisle, Iowa for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 17 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Randleman has devoted her life to confronting challenges which many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or non-profit organization and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Ruth Randleman has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does and her exemplary work with her leadership for the city of Carlisle where she has been active on the City Council for 16 years. She serves on many area boards and commissions including past service as president of the Iowa League of Cities and the Warren County (Iowa) Economic Development Corporation. In

all aspects of her life, Ruth Randleman is an example of hard work and service who makes lowans proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Ruth Randleman in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Ruth Randleman on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Randleman a long and successful career.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF BLAKE G. KRIKORIAN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Blake G. Krikorian, a Silicon Valley icon who was taken suddenly from his family at the young age of 48, after an afternoon of surfing in the majestic Pacific Ocean south of San Francisco.

Blake and his brothers Adam and Jason grew up in the Bay area, and Blake attended UCLA where he played water polo. He was well known as the CEO of Sling Media, which he founded with his brother Jason, and he worked with many other companies. Blake's brother, Adam Krikorian, is the coach of the United States Women's Water Polo Team.

Blake Krikorian can be described in superlatives . . . savvy, ebullient, and friend to countless people. He was a mentor, a tinkerer, a supporter, an entrepreneur and an angel investor.

He's been described as a man with a near artistic capability to make unobvious connections among widely diverse things and ideas. He had a wonderful laugh, he was an amazing friend, a terrific man with child-like curiosity, brilliant, wise, creative, warm, personable, and always helpful.

Blake Krikorian adored his family and worshipped his wife Cathy and their two daughters.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our most sincere condolences to the entire family of Blake Krikorian and in honoring his extraordinarily productive, generous, and all too brief life. We are a better people and a better country because he walked with us.

HONORING THE MARTINEZ BEAVER FESTIVAL

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Martinez Beaver Festival, which for the past nine years has commemorated the broad public support and civic action that saved our local beaver population from trapping. This annual festival not only emphasizes the importance that beavers hold for our creeks and wildlife, but also is a celebration of our community and local government working together for this worthy cause.

The Martinez Beaver Festival is hosted by Worth a Dam, a local nonprofit dedicated to maintaining the beaver population in Martinez. Their many contributions to our community involve education, advocacy, and local events. The organization also aims to teach other cities about the importance of coexisting with this important species. Furthermore, Worth a Dam has increased public awareness on the importance of beavers to the ecological health of urban streams by providing exploration tours, promoting ecotourism in Martinez through various events, and awarding Beaver Scholarships to other cities learning to deal with their own beaver-related issues.

During its history, Worth a Dam and the Martinez Beaver Festival have provided exhibits and presentations to wildlife groups across our state, as well as in Utah and Oregon. Thanks to Worth a Dam's website dedicated to beaver information, people across our nation have access to data and resources needed to solve wild beaver issues and to develop a stronger appreciation for the importance of beavers to their local ecosystems. Worth a Dam has recently worked internationally with beaver advocates in Canada and Scotland to educate stakeholders and their communities to help resolve various beaver-related issues.

Mr. Speaker, the Martinez Beaver Festival is of tremendous value to our community, and its success has brought awareness to our community's wildlife conservation efforts. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor the Martinez Beaver Festival here today.

THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS NORTH CAROLINA JOINING THE NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of the Town and Town Council of Granite Falls, North Carolina, to express their support of observance of the 15th Anniversary of September 11th.

The Town Council of the Town of Granite Falls passed a resolution that affirms that, together as a Nation, ceasing all work or other activity for a moment of remembrance beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2016, in honor of the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks committed against the United States on September 11, 2001.

Nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the heinous attacks of September 11, 2001. Tens of thousands of individuals narrowly escaped the attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center and, as witnesses to this tragedy, are forever changed. Countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, governmental officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events.

Fifteen years later, the people of the United States and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day; and, thousands of men and women in the United States Armed