

Jones left off, he continues to improve and grow the church. Pastor Williams added a modern touch, introducing morning devotion via text and email to better keep in contact with the church family. In addition to this, Pastor Williams has implemented more community programs and outreach. The church has an active role in helping to strengthen and improve the community.

In this 126th year of New Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, progress is still being made for the betterment of the church.

Please join me in congratulating them on their 126th anniversary.

#### RECOGNIZING HOWARD UNIVERSITY MIDDLE SCHOOL'S COMMITMENT TO STEM EDUCATION

##### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 21, 2016*

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#### TRIBUTE TO DAVID FULTON

##### HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 21, 2016*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life, legacy and accomplishments of David Fulton of Centerville, Indiana. At the age of 73, David passed away surrounded by his loved ones.

A longtime educator and volunteer in Wayne County, David was the fourth chancellor of Indiana University East and recipient of the IU President's Medal for Excellence in honor of his 36-year-long career of service to the university.

Beginning his teaching career at Earlham College in 1971, David was promoted to an assistant professor in history and political science and held several administrative positions before becoming Indiana University East's chancellor in 1995. Fulton is credited with fostering local partnerships in the commu-

nity as well as managing significant campus growth, most notably the construction of Springwood Hall in Richmond, the Connerville Center and the Danielson Learning Center in New Castle. He held this role until his retirement in 2007.

In addition to teaching, David will also be remembered for his devoted volunteer efforts on behalf of the Starr-Gennett Foundation. David joined the nonprofit foundation's board in 1999, served as president from 2001 to 2003, and then worked as treasurer for 13 years before his passing. The organization tirelessly promotes Richmond's musical heritage, and Fulton's involvement at Starr-Gennett mirrored his passion for showcasing Richmond's musical talent nationwide. Specifically, David had a vital role in the development of the Gennett Walk of Fame, honoring artists who recorded at Gennett's local studio. Additionally, he was heavily involved in generating a working partnership between Starr-Gennett and the Archives of Traditional Music at IU Bloomington, digitizing over 600 songs recorded at the studio.

Fulton also served his community in many other capacities, including his membership on the Wayne Bank and Trust, the Planning Group CEO Roundtable of the Richmond Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, the IU Foundation Development Committee, the Board of Historic Landmarks of Indiana and the Greater Richmond Progress Committee. Further, Fulton served on the Community Services Council, Social Services Planning Board, and he was a member of the Reid Hospital and Health Care Services Board from 2001 to 2004.

I thank David for his steadfast commitment to the community, and I know both the residents of Wayne County and the student body of IU East will always be grateful for his selfless contributions.

Today, it is my privilege to honor the life of David Fulton, who is survived by his loving wife Marilyn. My thoughts and prayers go out to David's family, and may God comfort those he left behind with His peace and strength.

#### RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF ADVOCATING FOR THOSE WITH ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA

##### HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 21, 2016*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letter by Michael Ellenbogen.

I am so thankful to be still here. Many of my friends who were living with dementia have died and others are no longer capable of speaking. I am one of the lucky ones. My Alzheimer's is progressing very slowly. While that is good news it is also bad news. I will be forced to endure the worst part of this disease even longer than most. Knowing what I know now that will be like being tortured until I die. While I try to stay positive these days and live life to the fullest, I am in pain every day from the frustration of not being able to be the person I was once. I continue to decline in to a childlike state.

Dementia, including Alzheimer's, is the most expensive disease we face. It is costing us more than heart disease and cancer. It is

the third cause of death in the United States; more than 500,000 people die from Alzheimer's each year! We all get caught up in the big numbers, so I will break them down so they are more relatable.

41,666 is the average monthly death rate;

9,615 is the average weekly death rate;

1,369 is the average daily death rate;

57 is the average hourly death rate.

This is equivalent to almost three 747s crashing every day. Yet there is much neglect and discrimination regarding funding for Alzheimer's and related dementia research.

Preventative measures for breast cancer, heart disease and HIV have all made tremendous progress since the federal government made significant investments into research. Comparable investments must be made for dementia so we can accomplish the same successes, while saving millions of lives and trillions of dollars.

If we don't act now this disease has the potential to bankrupt this country. This is the most expensive disease in America. In 2016 \$236 billion will be spent on Alzheimer's in terms of care and medication, with Medicaid and Medicare spending \$160 billion. And unless you take action, the cost to Medicare alone will increase 365 percent to \$589 billion by 2050.

Our investment today will lead to huge savings for the government and public, not to mention the lives saved. People with dementia are faced with discrimination at many levels and they lose their civil rights. That must change; we are still people and deserve to be treated as such. A person with cancer would never be treated the way we are. We need you to start making more of an effort to educate the public and restore our rights.

A few years ago I would have said I had no hope, but that has changed to 2.5 percent. I do believe we are closer to a cure today based on what has been learned from all the failures. I am so grateful that the budget has been increased to \$991 million, but that is still far short of the two billion dollars that was said was needed years ago.

In my opinion we need a czar for dementia just like Vice President Joe Biden is to cancer and it sure worked for HIV. We are definitely at the tipping point. You have the power to make this happen. Please, I implore the House of Representatives, the Senate and the respective appropriations committees: Make the hard choices; increase funding for Alzheimer's disease by at least one billion dollars. Do everything necessary to ensure that Alzheimer's disease gets the exposure, commitment and funding necessary to change the course of the disease.

If you have not yet been touched by this devastating and debilitating disease it's just a matter of time.

Regards,

MICHAEL ELLENBOGEN,  
(Advocate for all of  
those living with de-  
mentia, who can no  
longer speak, write,  
or have passed).

#### TRIBUTE TO JANET AND ROBERT KESSLER

##### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 21, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Janet and Robert Kessler on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Janet and Robert were married on August 27, 1956 and make their home in Creston, Iowa. Their lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. As the years pass, may their love continue to grow even stronger and may they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many more years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this lovely couple on their 60 years of life together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO KARLA LOUISE  
GRIESER

**HON. KEN BUCK**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 21, 2016*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of Karla Louise Grieser on August 26th, 2016. A longtime resident of Colorado, Karla was well known in her church and community.

Karla was born in Wauseon, Ohio on April 18th, 1944. In 1965 she married her sweetheart Merle Grieser, and they moved to Colorado together in 1969. Karla worked as an accountant for KLZ Radio and Television for several years, but her family always remained her number one priority.

From a young age Karla devoted herself to helping others. She went to school to be a nurse, an education focused on healing the sick, caring for others, and ministering those in need. I have seen the passion in Karla's heart for nurturing, supporting, and protecting those who couldn't defend themselves.

Karla was a leader in the pro-life movement. She started the life chain in Greeley, where hundreds of volunteers lined the streets to pray and support the sanctity of human life. I have seen firsthand how Karla's fight for the pro-life movement was not only God's calling, but her way of protecting the most vulnerable in our society.

The life chain was just the beginning for Karla's commitment to protecting the unborn. She led the monumental task of founding The Genesis Project of Northern Colorado, a faith based non-profit in the Greeley area. This organization provides shelter, support, and spiritual guidance for numerous women and children to this day.

It was clear Karla cared about more than providing basic necessities; it was about helping those women and children become an asset in their community. I sat in many Genesis board meetings, and it was clear Karla was giving these single mothers a second chance at life.

Karla held many other prominent positions in her community, all of which helped improve the lives of those around her. She was President of Weld County Right to Life, actively involved with the Weld County Republicans, and helped at several children's ministries. Due to her continued work to better the community, Karla was invited to help revise the Comprehensive Plan for Weld County. Karla devoted her life to improving Colorado, and she left a positive influence on everybody she met.

It is the values Karla embodied throughout her life that makes Colorado the best place to

live in the country. I extend my deepest condolences to Karla's friends and family for their loss.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Karla Louise Grieser for her commitment to Jesus Christ, family, and Colorado. She will be sorely missed.

HONORING BYRON KENT  
MAXFIELD

**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 21, 2016*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a dear friend and a distinguished Hoosier and army veteran. I have been honored to be a part of his family for decades now.

Mr. Kent Maxfield passed away on Friday, September 9. Mr. Maxfield was a veteran of the U.S. Army where he served with the "Big Red One" 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam from 1967 through 1968. Mr. Maxfield often talked of the bible he carried throughout his time in combat and how reading it helped him get through the daily mortar attacks and fire-fights.

Kent worked for many years in corporate real estate working for such companies as Arby's, Applebee's, Pizza Hut, and Sonic Restaurants. He was a 1981 graduate of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis where he earned a degree in Business Administration. Since retiring in 2007, Mr. Maxfield spent time volunteering with the "Warriors-Hope" Group which provides peer support from a biblical perspective.

Last year, Kent, along with his 3 daughters; Laura, Lisa, and Cheri, traveled back to Vietnam. Through the Global Ministries People to People Mission, Mr. Maxfield was able to return to the country he had not seen for 47 years, but this time he had love in his heart. During his trip, Mr. Maxwell visited several orphanages and provided \$5000 in scholarships for Vietnamese youth to study social work.

Mr. Maxfield's passing is a loss for the State of Indiana and our nation. We are grateful for his service and his leadership. I look forward to seeing those same characteristics in his grandchildren. I pray for his family and all who knew Kent.

ANDREW GANDY WINS THE NA-  
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JUNIOR OLYMPICS

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 21, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Andrew Gandy of Katy, TX for winning the national championship at the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Junior Olympics.

Andrew's winning time of 9 minutes, 12.46 seconds in the 3,000 meter run earned him the prestigious national championship title. However, a couple of weeks later, the Seven Lakes High School junior won yet another national championship at the Cy Woods XC Invi-

tational in the 3,200 meter race, with a time of 10 minutes, 29.68 seconds.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Andrew Gandy for his national championship win at the AAU Junior Olympics. We are proud of him for bringing this win home to Katy and wish him luck with his future cross country career.

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TRIBUTE TO BETTY AND PAUL  
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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Betty and Paul Shomshor, Sr. of Crescent, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on July 17, 1966 at Fifth Avenue Methodist Church in Council Bluffs.

Betty and Paul's lifelong commitment to each other and their children and grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.