

The county sits on the southern part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1822 and named for General Daniel Morgan, who defeated the British at the Battle of Cowpens in the Revolutionary War. The county seat is located in Martinsville, famous in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries for the mineral springs located in the region. Early settlers came predominantly from southern states, including southern Quakers who settled near Mooresville because of their opposition to slavery. The county is famous for being the birthplace of the Indiana State Flag.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana's past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are generally, culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the thirteen Legacy Projects throughout the county are: Morgan County Bicentennial Celebration Committee, Morgan County Economic Development Corporation, Mooresville Redevelopment Commission, MSD of Martinsville, Hoosier Hikers Council, Kappa Kappa Kappa, Inc. Delta Iota Chapter, Art Sanctuary of Indiana, Mooresville Public Library, Morgan County Parks and Recreation, Morgan County Soil & Water Conservation District, Delta Theta Tau, Lambda Nu Mooresville Chapter, and the Morgan County Fall Foliage Festival. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Morgan County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present and future of Indiana's history.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for roll call votes on Thursday, September 22, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call votes 542, 543, 544 and 554. I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 555 and 556.

CHINESE PROLIFERATION THREAT

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as China's economic might has grown over the past 30 years, so too has its military prowess. And while many are concerned about China's aggressive behavior in the South China Sea, we must not forget about the threat they pose to nuclear security.

Since 1987 China has increased its military expenditures fivefold. Their military muscle includes upwards of 260 nuclear warheads and roughly 60 nuclear-capable intercontinental

ballistic missiles (ICBMs), not to mention an upgraded ballistic missile delivery system. China may have joined the IAEA and be party to the Non-Proliferation Treaty, but actions speak louder than words and China has a history of supplying nuclear technology to countries of proliferation concern.

We know that in the past China handed over design instructions, including information on warhead design, and fissile material to assist the Pakistanis in the development of their nuclear weapons. Even more recently it was discovered that Pakistan has a new 2,750km range Shaheen III nuclear ballistic missile that was carried on a 16-wheel transporter erector launcher or TEL for short. Pakistan's Shaheen III TEL is uncannily similar to the ones created by the China Aerospace Science and Industry Corporation and a Chinese provided TEL to North Korea's new KN-08 ICBM. If Pakistan's new TEL was acquired from China this demonstrates a highly concerning level of cooperation between the two governments that could directly threaten U.S. national security. Pakistan alone is a dangerous bedfellow, but if China has thrown its weight behind the government in Islamabad we need to remain on high alert for exchanges of sensitive nuclear information.

To compound this threat to nuclear non-proliferation, China's most infamous client and partner in Communism is its neighbor to the east, North Korea. Pyongyang is estimated to have enough plutonium for a dozen nuclear weapons, and it is thought to be continuously producing highly enriched uranium. North Korea has conducted four nuclear tests and numerous test-fires of ballistic missiles, including intercontinental and submarine-launched missiles. The missile launchers used in these tests were made directly from Chinese designs.

In the aftermath of North Korea's belligerent actions, China never fails to articulate its "disappointment" in its neighbor. But this connection between North Korea's nuclear missile capability and the Chinese government shows that what China says publically is fundamentally at odds with its real goals. China never backs up this "disappointment" with real action knowing full well that China is the only country that wields any sort of influence over the DPRK. China refuses to stringently enforce sanctions aimed at curbing North Korea's nuclear program and since China accounts for 70 percent of North Korea's trade volume, these sanctions have little impact without Beijing's enforcement. When it comes down to it, the Chinese government is essentially allowing a dangerous nuclear state to conduct tests unchecked.

China's danger to the nuclear nonproliferation regime cannot go unnoticed. Given China's emerging military power, we must be even more wary of China's actions in the nuclear field. For the sake of our national security we cannot afford to have the state-run communist country pull the wool over our eyes.

And that's just the way it is.

CONGRATULATING FELIX'S FAMOUS COOKIES ON ITS GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW MUNDELEIN MANUFACTURING FACILITY

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Felix and Laura Castillo on their grand opening of Felix's Famous Cookies manufacturing facility in Mundelein. As a small business owner myself, I understand the need to always grow and find ways to expand. Laura and Felix did just that.

This family-owned company was founded by six year old Felix Castillo, who shared his mother's passion for baking. It was not until the passing of Grandmother Toni that Felix and Laura were inspired to turn their passion and inspiration into a business.

Felix's Famous Cookies goes beyond maintaining a brand and generating profit. Laura and Felix follow an important family tradition by giving proceeds back to non-profit organizations and to the less fortunate in our local community.

Mr. Speaker, I am incredibly proud to represent Laura and Felix Castillo in the United States Congress. I look forward to working with them as they continue to succeed in their business endeavors and positively impact our community.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT THE PARTHENON MARBLES SHOULD BE RETURNED TO GREECE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce a Concurrent Resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Parthenon Marbles, currently held in the British Museum, should be returned to Greece. Approximately 200 years ago, while Greece was under Ottoman rule, the British nobleman Thomas Bruce, seventh Earl of Elgin removed over 100 pieces of sculptures known as the Parthenon Marbles and transported them to the United Kingdom. The Marbles were part of a frieze that adorned the Temple of Athena. In 1816, the British Parliament voted to purchase the Marbles from Lord Elgin and they now reside in the British Museum. The other half of the Marbles that comprise the frieze are in the New Acropolis Museum in Athens alongside plaster replicas of the Marbles that were taken. Despite years of efforts by the Greek Government to retain the Marbles, it has been unable to negotiate an agreement with its British counterparts to return the Marbles to Greece.

I am pleased that Members of the British Parliament have recently introduced legislation to transfer ownership of the Marbles back to Greece and return these cherished artifacts to their rightful home. The Parthenon marbles

are some of Greece's greatest examples of artistic expression and beauty, and should be on display in their country of origin. They are vital pieces of Greek history that belong to the Greek people. This resolution calls upon the two countries to come to an agreement to finally return these treasures to their rightful home.

I want to thank Rep. GUS BILIRAKIS, with whom I co-chair the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, and Rep. DONALD PAYNE, Jr. for joining me as co-sponsors on this important resolution. Rep. PAYNE's father and our former colleague, the late Rep. Donald Payne Sr., was a great champion in this effort to return the Parthenon Marbles to Greece. I am proud to continue to call for an agreement that will put an end to this centuries-old dispute, and urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

HONORING DR. ROBERT H. SMILEY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dr. Robert Smiley, who for the last 25 years has conducted a Wine Industry Financial Survey and presented his findings at the Wine Industry Financial Symposium.

Dr. Smiley began his academic career at the University of California, Los Angeles where he earned his Bachelor of Science in 1966 and his Master of Science in 1969. He went on to Stanford University to complete his Doctor of Philosophy in Economics in 1973, and then joined Cornell University's Johnson Graduate School of Management as a Professor of Economics and Policy.

Dr. Smiley returned to California to become Dean of the Graduate School of Management at the University of California, Davis in 1989. After serving for 20 years, he became the Director of the Wine Industry Program and Dean and Professor of Management Emeritus. In addition to teaching, Dr. Smiley has contributed to the economics field with research covering market competition, industry regulation and organization, and the wine industry.

Dr. Smiley enthusiastically volunteered to present research and strategic analysis at the annual Wine Industry Financial Symposium in 1992. For the past 25 years, he has conducted a survey of wine community leaders to assess the industry financial and economic status, and his speeches have become a cornerstone of the Symposium. Dr. Smiley has become a true "guru" on wine economics and generously shares his knowledge and enthusiasm for our wine community's future.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Smiley has dedicated his time and expertise to improving our wine community's potential through research and education for 25 years. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING DR. CLAYTON
LAWRENCE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Clayton Lawrence for his philanthropic leadership throughout Washington D.C. and across our nation.

After receiving a United States Army scholarship to attend the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor in 1991, Dr. Lawrence began a medical career that has led him to being recognized as a leader in the District's medical community. Dr. Lawrence has worked in the Pentagon Clinic as a flight surgeon and is a distinguished veteran with international work experience, including successful deployments to the Middle East, Central America, Europe, and Asia, providing direct medical support for a variety of U.S. peace-keeping operations abroad. In all, Dr. Lawrence has accumulated more than 20 years of experience in surgery, family, and emergency medicine.

In 2009, Dr. Lawrence established LEAP Foundation DC with a guiding mission to provide underserved citizens in the greater Washington D.C. area with health and wellness educational opportunities and programs. Driven further by a sense of urgency to help mentor and build the next generation of leaders, the foundation has been engaged in providing financial support, scholarships, and fellowships for high-achieving students from low socioeconomic backgrounds to pursue post-secondary education.

LEAP Foundation DC has also participated in many activities with our office, including the Congressional Art Competition, Senior Legislative Day and Covenant House's annual Christmas Party on the Hill for Disadvantaged Youth. Since its inception, LEAP Foundation DC has contributed approximately a quarter of a million dollars to philanthropic work. In the last three years alone, LEAP Foundation DC employees have donated more than 6,000 volunteer hours and more than \$75,000 in donations and scholarships to individuals and charities around the nation. In 2014, LEAP Foundation DC was awarded its first prestigious award, the Non-Profit award by the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Furthermore, since 2011, in his passion for endurance sports, Dr. Lawrence, on behalf of LEAP Foundation DC, has participated in over 80 marathons and run more than 10,000 miles to bring awareness to the following organizations: American Cancer Society, St. Jude Foundation, American Red Cross, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, Inheritance of Hope Foundation, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Semper Fi Fund, Demand Cures and Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Dr. Clayton Lawrence, through his leadership as CEO of Lawrence Executive Alliance of Professionals (LEAP), LLC, has also been recognized as an outstanding community leader as the DC Chamber of Commerce's 2015 recipient of the Small Business Person of the Year Award. Since its inception in 2007, LEAP, LLC, has helped create jobs, impacting the national economy and representing job growth in 11 different states. Dr. Lawrence was also recognized as the 2014 Washington

Business Journal's Minority Business Leader Award Winner and the 2015 Valedictorian of the Small Business Administration's Emerging Leaders Initiative.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Lawrence, who has made an indelible impact on the lives of D.C. citizens through his charitable, civic, and guiding servant leadership.

RECOGNIZING JANE ORANS

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Jane Orans, who is being honored by Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic for her work on behalf of women and children throughout Westchester County, New York, and the Hudson River Valley.

Jane has dedicated herself to advocating on behalf of women's health so that every woman has the right to determine her own healthy timing and spacing of pregnancy. It is for this reason that she has been so involved in Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic. Her tireless work with the organization has helped empower women, men and young people to determine their own reproductive rights and futures.

In addition to her work with Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic, Jane has spent much of her life educating children. She was a nursery school teacher and for fourteen years was a member of the Mamaroneck, New York School Board. In this capacity, she has worked hard to ensure children have the necessary support to become healthy, successful adults.

Mr. Speaker, Jane's tireless advocacy on behalf of women's health is an inspiration to us all, and I urge my colleagues to join me in applauding her work and her recognition by Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic.

THE FOUNDER OF THE "LUNG
CANCER MOVEMENT"

HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 26, 2016

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheila Ross, a two-time lung cancer survivor who has devoted her entire career to public service and advancing better outcomes for those affected by lung cancer.

I wish to pay special tribute to Sheila in light of her pending retirement at the end of the 114th Congress from the Lung Cancer Alliance, a non-profit guided by Sheila's unstoppable and indefatigable force to support anyone diagnosed with lung cancer. The organization provides patients with information and guidance and advocates for advanced life-saving research for the lung cancer community.

It has been said that Sheila is the founder of the "lung cancer movement," the first advocate ever to elevate her voice and walk the halls of Congress to bring attention to a public health imperative and to demand a more coordinated and compassionate response to the leading cause of cancer death.