

I want adults struggling with unemployment to know that they are valuable, important members of community. We as a society will shape our vision of tomorrow through action and service. Tree Trust is an organization that is leading the way, and I am proud to represent them in Congress.

Once again, congratulations to Tree Trust for 40 years of service. I am looking forward to seeing what they accomplish in the next 40 years.

TO RECOGNIZE LORRI KOSTER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of the top leaders of the modern fresh produce industry and a Salinas Valley visionary. Lorri Koster is Chair, CEO and a primary shareholder of Mann Packing Company headquartered in Salinas, CA. Mann is a major grower, shipper, and processor of fresh vegetables on the cutting edge of technical innovation and market development. So while you may have never heard of Lorri Koster, I can guarantee that every member of this House has eaten something grown or shipped by Mann Packing.

Lorri was raised in the agricultural industry and is the third generation of her family to work in produce. Her late father Don Nucci had been a key partner in the company. She started her full time career at Mann in 1990 directing the firm's marketing and communication programs. In 2000 Lorri left Mann to join ProduceOnline.com as vice president of marketing. Lorri then became an associate publisher with Produce Business magazine. After several years of writing, raising two young boys and working for Mann on a consulting basis, she returned to the company full time in 2006 to represent her family's interest and lead the business development, marketing and product innovation efforts.

Lorri's leadership extends beyond Mann to the greater fresh produce industry and her local community. In 2000, Lorri was the International Fresh Cut Produce Association board president and the first woman to chair an American produce trade association. She is a past chair of the Grower Shipper Association of Central California. She has participated on the boards of various leadership committees for several industry organizations, including the United Fresh Produce Association, the Produce Marketing Association, Western Growers, the Grower Shipper Association of Central California, and the Produce for Better Health Foundation. She shares my passion and has been a relentless advocate for creating more access to fruits and vegetables in schools and federally funded feeding programs. Lorri currently serves on the Western Growers Association board of directors and a board alternate for the California Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement. At a local level Lorri serves on the boards of the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership, the Panetta Institute for Public Policy, and on the business advisory councils for Rancho Cielo and CSUMB's Business School.

Lorri has a Bachelor of Arts degree in public relations with a minor in business marketing

from California State University, Chico. A "baseball mom" and "Forty Niner Faithful", she resides in Salinas with her husband Tom where she loves cheering on their two boys, Jack and Sam.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak on behalf of the entire House in thanking Lorri Koster for her outstanding leadership in the produce industry and the Salinas Valley. Our nation is a better place because of her efforts. We wish her and her family many more years of success.

RECOGNIZING THE NORTHERN INDIANA AREA LABOR FEDERATION COMMUNITY LABOR AWARDS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate several of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens. The Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor, American Federation of Labor—Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL—CIO), recognized several individuals and organizations for their dedication and service during the Northern Indiana Area Labor Federation Community Labor Awards Reception, which was held at Wicker Park in Highland, Indiana, on Thursday, October 20, 2016. These individuals, in addition to all Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor members who have served Northwest Indiana so diligently for such a long period of time, are the epitome of the ideal American worker: loyal, dedicated, and hardworking.

At this year's event, several individuals and organizations will receive special recognition. Jeff Chidester, Ironworkers 395, is the recipient of the Service to Labor Award for his many years of service to the labor movement and his outstanding dedication to his fellow union members.

The Union Labor Award was presented to the Women of Steel, United Steelworkers, District 7, for their unselfish devotion to the labor movement through its promotion in all areas: social, civic, educational, and political.

Mayor Pete Buttigieg, South Bend, Indiana, was honored with the Community Services Award for his exemplary service to his community and to the enhancement of the quality of life for the people of Indiana.

State Senator Earline Rogers was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for her many years of labor activism and her commitment to her community. For the exceptional service she has provided to the people of Northwest Indiana, she is worthy of our admiration and respect.

Ray Kasmark, IBEW, and David Blankenship, Sheet Metal Workers Local 73, were presented with the George Meany Award for their significant contributions to the youth of their communities through their involvement with the Boy Scouts of America. Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. These honorees are all outstanding examples of these qualities. They have demonstrated their loyalty to their unions and the Northwest Indiana community through their hard work and tireless service.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated, honorable, and exemplary citizens, as well as all of the hardworking union men and women throughout America. They have shown commitment and courage toward their pursuits, and I am proud to represent them in Washington, D.C.

CELEBRATING UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-PLATTEVILLE'S SESQUICENTENNIAL

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the University of Wisconsin-Platteville on 150 years of academic excellence. UW-Platteville celebrated its sesquicentennial throughout the 2015–2016 academic year. As this university enters its 150th year of providing quality and affordable education, it is fitting we highlight the academic achievements of the faculty, staff, graduates, and students. Their continued dedication to higher learning has been a great source of pride for me as the university excels year after year. U.S. News and World Report ranked the online learning courses as one of the top in the nation and it is the fastest growing UW System school.

Founded in 1866, the university is located in Platteville, Wisconsin, near Wisconsin's southwest border. It began its storied history as Wisconsin's first state teacher preparation institution as the Platteville Normal School. Its proud engineering heritage has roots with the Wisconsin Mining Trade School founded in 1907 and in 1917 became the first school in the United States to offer a three-year course in mining engineering. The mining school became the Wisconsin Institute of Technology in 1939, which would merge with the Platteville State Teachers College in 1959 to become the Wisconsin State College and Institute of Technology at Platteville. In 1966, the name was changed again to the Wisconsin State University-Platteville. After joining the UW System governed by the board of regents, the school reached its current namesake in 1971 as the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

I have always been proud of the strong and continuous emphasis placed on education by those I represent in western and central Wisconsin. The University of Wisconsin-Platteville is a leading example of this; expanding on its original academic disciplines of engineering and education, it now provides over 42 majors for over 8,000 students. Courses are even offered through an innovative distance education program enabling over 3,000 students the world over to pursue higher degrees. This thriving body of students have banded together under the symbol of a Pioneer. The Pioneers have long established traditions such as the lighting of the "M". Laid in 1936 by mining students attempting to build the largest M in the world, the community now holds a twice-annual ceremony where they light the whitewashed stones in a brilliant blaze. When a tornado caused significant damage to the campus in June of 2014, the Pioneers rallied around their strong sense of community to ensure classes were able to continue for the fall semester.

Throughout the year-long anniversary celebration, alumni, students, and faculty were invited to participate in various events under the theme "Remember the Past. Celebrate the Present. Pioneer the Future." These events included a campus art show displaying generations of student work, featured profiles of alumni and staff, and various forums for sharing their memories. The celebration culminated with a birthday party on October 15th, 2016.

I would like to congratulate all the past and present faculty, staff, and students on 150 years of proud and pioneering years in the pursuit of higher education. It is because of your commitment that UW-Platteville is such a success and it is through you the university will continue to lead the way for another 150 years.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TAYLOR
FORCE

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an American hero, who was taken from us far too soon by an act of terrorism.

Taylor Force was a student at Vanderbilt University, working to obtain his Master in Business Administration, when he traveled on a school-sponsored trip to Jaffa, Israel in March 2016. While there, he was attacked and killed by a Palestinian terrorist. He was 28 years old.

Before going back to school for his master's degree, Taylor attended the New Mexico Military Institute, graduating in 2006. I then had the honor of nominating Taylor Force to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He graduated from West Point in May of 2009 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. As a Field Artillery Officer, Taylor served our country by completing one combat tour in Iraq and another combat tour in Afghanistan.

On behalf of a grateful nation and the 19th District of Texas, which Taylor called home for many years, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring veteran Taylor Force. His courage, sacrifice, and dedication will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
LINDA LAWSON

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I take this time to recognize the 2016 Democrat Woman of the Year Award recipient, as presented by the Lake County Women's Democratic Club. This year's recipient is my good friend, the Honorable Linda Lawson, Indiana State Representative. To commemorate this special occasion, the organization hosted a celebratory event on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at The Patrician Banquet Center in Schererville, Indiana.

Linda Lawson was born and raised in Hammond, Indiana, where she graduated from Donald E. Gavit High School. Later, she attended Indiana University Northwest in Gary before embarking on what would be a lifelong career in public service. Linda has made her community proud and has the distinction of being the first female police officer with the Hammond Police Department, from which she retired as a captain after 24 years of service. In her continued pursuit of bettering her community, Linda was elected to the Indiana General Assembly in 1998, as the representative for House District 1, a seat in which she proudly remains today.

Throughout her illustrious career as a state representative, Linda served as chair of the House Judiciary Committee, as well as on many legislative committees including Environmental Affairs, Courts & Criminal Code, Family Affairs, Education, and Labor. In 2012, Representative Lawson was elected Indiana House Democratic Floor Leader. Holding true to her commitment to protect and serve, she has been a tireless advocate and leader in the push for essential domestic violence legislation. Representative Lawson has received numerous honors and accolades for her exemplary service and dedication to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond, and she is an inspiration to us all.

Linda Lawson selflessly and passionately gives her time to various community organizations and civic activities for which she is very proud. These organizations include Haven House, the Hammond Historical Society Board, the Whiting-Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce, the League of Women Voters, the Humane Society of the Calumet Area, and the Boys & Girls Club.

Linda's excellence in her field and commitment to charitable endeavors throughout the community is exceeded only by her devotion to her amazing family. She has two beloved daughters, Laura and Jennifer, and one cherished granddaughter, Genavive.

I am proud to call Linda Lawson my friend. Throughout the years, she has been an outstanding advocate for the community of Northwest Indiana, as well as our state. She epitomizes what it means to be a public servant. I am grateful for what she has done for so many for so long.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring the Honorable Linda Lawson for her lifetime of leadership and outstanding service to the community. Her continuous effort to improve the quality of life for the residents of Indiana is remarkable, and she is worthy of the highest praise.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE
SOUTHEAST CAMPUS

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. BARTON. Mr. Speaker, this week the Tarrant County College Southeast Campus will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary. The Southeast Campus opened in 1996 with an enrollment of 3,993 under the guidance of founding President, Dr. Judith J. Carrier, along

with 44 other full-time faculty members. The long-awaited campus quickly exceeded capacity, serving about 10,000 students face-to-face, as well as in dual credit courses at nine area high schools. In 2012, Dr. William Coppola became President and soon added a Collegiate High School to the campus. He currently is joined by 140 full-time faculty members serving a face-to-face student population of more than 11,000, and an additional 3,500 dual credit students in 11 area high schools.

The Southeast Campus has developed a strong relationship with both the Arlington and Mansfield ISD's, maintaining a vibrant and successful Dual Credit Program in which students can earn up to as many as 42 transferable college credits. In addition, the campus works with these ISD's to develop Career and Technical Certificate options for the students. The campus has partnered with both ISD's to open Collegiate High Schools, serving first-time college students and those from low socio-economically disadvantaged families.

The Southeast Campus faculty, staff, and student populations are diverse, and the Campus has built strong relationships with the various ethnic chambers in the community. Scholarship programs, cultural programs, and business/economic development events on campus have been attended by various members of the Tarrant County Asia American, Pan Asian American, Arlington Black, and Arlington Hispanic Chambers of Commerce.

As the campus celebrates its 20th anniversary, the campus will remain "the Spirit of Southeast", which is exemplified in service to the community and forward thinking by the faculty, staff, and administrators who work tirelessly to promote student success at all levels. I am pleased to recognize the Tarrant County College Southeast Campus on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF UNIONVILLE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S
151ST ANNIVERSARY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the congregation and leadership of Unionville Missionary Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia as the church celebrates a remarkable 151 years. The congregation of Unionville Missionary Baptist Church celebrated this very significant anniversary on Sunday, October 16, 2016.

Tracing its roots back to the Civil War era, Unionville Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1865. Prior to that time, black and white people of the Baptist and Methodist faiths worshipped together. When the white believers decided they no longer wanted to worship with the black believers, the black believers were left without a place to worship.

Later in 1865, Mr. Wyler, a wealthy landowner, decided to donate land for a black church to be established. He stipulated that the first black Baptist or Methodist to place timber on the land and sit on it all night would be awarded the deed to the land. Thus, two enterprising black Baptists, Lee Buckman and John Josey, retrieved the timber from their