

bed, placed it on the property, and remained there until morning to await Mr. Wyler's arrival. Upon seeing this, Mr. Wyler donated and deeded land at 1610 Pio Nono Avenue to establish the Unionville Missionary Baptist Church. Reverend Pollack served as the first pastor of the newly formed church.

Today, the church is under the leadership of Pastor I. Edwin Mack. Having answered the call to lead the church in 1986, Pastor Mack holds the distinction of being the longest tenured pastor in the church's existence. During his tenure, the church membership has increased exponentially and as a result, the Unionville Missionary Baptist Church relocated to a new site at 3837 Houston Avenue. The church then expanded even further with the addition of the I. Edwin Mack Worship & Fellowship Center at 3820 Houston Avenue.

A charismatic evangelical innovator, Pastor Mack's spiritual zeal is both infectious and highly contagious. He has previously served as President of the Sixth District of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia. A native of Cochran, Georgia, he is married to the former Eloise Cliett of Byron, Georgia and has a daughter, Brittany.

The story of Unionville Missionary Baptist Church, which began as a small group of people worshipping together 151 years ago and has grown into an expansive and successful church, is truly an inspiring one of the dedication and perseverance of a faithful congregation of people who put all their love and trust in the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Unionville Missionary Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia for their long history of coming together through the good and difficult times to praise and worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

HONORING MS. BISHOP DR. LOIS J. DELEVOE ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bishop Dr. Lois J. Delevoe on her 80th birthday. Dr. Delevoe has been a pillar in the South Florida community. She has dedicated her life to supporting underprivileged and homeless youth in South Florida.

For nearly a decade, she ran a homeless shelter in Broward County, where she counseled, fed, clothed, tutored and ministered to the needs of homeless men, women, and children. She wrote what is thought to be the first comprehensive book on the homeless in the nation, and it has been used by administrators in metropolitan areas in Broward County and throughout the country.

Dr. Delevoe has also worked to empower youth through a GED program, and by facilitating Christian and political youth seminars, conferences, and clubs. She has taught in the Broward and Dade County School systems, and as a college professor.

Furthermore, Dr. Delevoe has founded or co-founded many women action and political groups throughout the state. She has served on multiple state, county, and city boards as the appointee of the Governor and many county and city officials. She also served as

President of the Reverend Samuel J. Delevoe Memorial Park Civic Association, where she was able to work in conjunction with Broward County Parks and Recreation, Broward County, the City of Fort Lauderdale, and multiple homeowners' associations to positively impact the community.

Above all, Dr. Delevoe loves God and has been a ministerial light in South Florida for many years. Large numbers of pastors and other ministers began their ministry under Dr. Delevoe, and now are working dynamically in God's kingdom across the world. She continues to make a dedicated effort to support underprivileged children worldwide through the support of our foreign missions, missionaries, schools, colleges and orphanages.

Her accomplishments and her influence on our community are unmatched. I cannot thank Dr. Delevoe enough for her dedication to the state of Florida, and for all of the sacrifices she has made.

Mr. Speaker, I am so truly honored to recognize Bishop Dr. Lois J. Delevoe on her 80th birthday. She is such a remarkable human being and dear friend. I wish her many more years of success and happiness.

HONORING THE ASIAN AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with sincere admiration that I recognize the Asian American Medical Association, which hosted its 40th Annual Gala on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at Avalon Manor in Hobart, Indiana. Each year, the Asian American Medical Association pays tribute to prominent, outstanding citizens and organizations for their contributions to the community. In recognition of their efforts, these honorees are awarded the prestigious Crystal Globe Award.

The Asian American Medical Association has been a tremendous asset to Northwest Indiana. Its members have selflessly dedicated themselves to providing quality medical services to the residents of Northwest Indiana and have served their communities through many cultural, scholastic, and charitable endeavors.

At this year's Annual Gala, the Asian American Medical Association will present the Crystal Globe Award to one of Northwest Indiana's finest citizens, Dr. William Forgey. Dr. Forgey serves as Medical Director of the Lake County Indiana Sheriff's Department and Correctional Health Indiana, Inc., and is a family physician with the Community Health Care System.

Despite committing much of his time to his professional responsibilities, Dr. Forgey also selflessly serves the people of his community and beyond through his contributions to various charitable and noteworthy endeavors, including his involvement with the International Society of Travel Medicine, Medical Student Missions, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, and the Wilderness Medical Society, to name a few. For his exceptional leadership and his tireless dedication to the betterment of his local community and society as a whole, he is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in com-

mending the members of the Asian American Medical Association, as well as this year's Crystal Globe Award recipient, Dr. William Forgey. For his dedication and commitment to his remarkable career in the field of medicine, he is most deserving of the honor bestowed upon him and serves as an inspiration to us all.

RECOGNIZING WESLEY D. JONES ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wesley "Don" Jones of Washington, D.C. on his retirement on October 31, 2016, after more than 29 years of dedicated service to the United States House of Representatives.

A native Washingtonian, Wesley Jones was born in Freedmen's Hospital, now known as Howard University Hospital. His early years growing up in the city were spent playing sports and having terrific adventures. As a youth, playing outside is what led to his now infamous nickname "Cadillac." He actually got the name from running into the street between two parked cars, not paying attention, when a Cadillac came barreling down the street and struck him. Gratefully, no major damage was done. Of course his father was grateful as well. So much so that as soon as he completely healed, he was placed on probation and house arrest for a year.

Don's early years were spent doing security work, where he learned from his good friend while working at the nearby Safeway that he could get a job on Capitol Hill. Don's first job on the Hill was working for food services in the Ford House Office Building Café. In 1987, he took a position working logistics for the Clerk of the House and eventually worked for the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

During his early years at the CAO, Don worked for Cosmo Quattrone and Torn Van Dyke in what was then called Property Supply. Following a CAO Reorganization, the department was renamed Logistics and Support (L&S). He worked for several directors and chiefs, including Walt Edwards and Jerry Bennett, and is currently working for Dave Woodburn, Director of Logistics and Tom Coyne, Chief Logistics Officer.

Some of Don's most memorable experiences working with the CAO are his memories of the older crew, teaching him about life and growing up. Some of those same employees are still here and others have departed us too soon. In retirement, Don intends to relax. He plans to watch sports, leisurely read the newspaper, and basically enjoy the pleasures of life. He may even honor us with an occasional visit.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me honoring Wesley "Don" Jones for his service and dedication to the U.S. House of Representatives, and wish him and his family all the best in his retirement years.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize October as National Community Planning Month. This year's theme, "Civic Engagement," acknowledges that thoughtful local planning cannot happen without meaningful community involvement. National Community Planning Month provides an opportunity to recognize the essential role that planning plays in creating communities of lasting value.

Planning is the formal process of envisioning, mapping, and guiding how a community will look, grow, and define itself—its characteristics, attributes, and identity. As our communities continue to change and evolve, planners work to ensure that new developments are designed and built in harmony with existing surroundings. Planners carefully balance the needs and desires of residents against the challenges presented by physical, economic, and social change.

Planners strive to give citizens choices. From the types of homes we live in to how we choose to get around, planning helps ensure that we address the needs of everyone. A diverse and vibrant community is one that offers transportation and housing choices that are equitable and sustainable.

In my home state of Oregon, our commitment to planning became an official part of our state policy structure in 1973 with the passage of Senate Bill 100. We developed a strong planning program with nineteen Statewide Planning Goals, including promoting citizen involvement, stimulating economic development, and preserving ocean resources. Over forty years later, the "Oregon Story" of economic growth, sustainability, and deliberate development is as compelling as ever. I've worked very closely with the planners that have written that story and guided our region's growth, integrating statewide policies with the needs and interests of local communities.

As founder of the Congressional Livable Communities Task Force and Co-Chair of the Congressional Bike Caucus, I've sought to bring that understanding to Congress. From rebuilding and renewing America's infrastructure, protecting natural and urban resources, to supporting programs that enhance public health, we must find ways to improve the federal partnership with those who are engaged in the day-to-day work of creating livable communities. Planners are the gatekeepers of that partnership, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting National Community Development Month.

HONORING THE CROATIAN SONS LODGE NUMBER 170

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 the Croatian Sons

Lodge Number 170 of the Croatian Fraternal Union on the festive occasion of its Golden Member banquet, which will take place on Sunday, October 16, 2016.

The Croatian Fraternal Union will hold its gala at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Traditionally, the celebration entails a formal recognition of the Union's Golden Members, those who have achieved fifty years of membership. This year's honorees who have attained fifty years of membership include the following individuals: Lorraine Ackerman, Stephen Boskovich, Maria Cohen, Mildred Dobrinich, Pamela Ann Donlon, Carol Ann Gainey, Frank Gorski, Susan Grasham, Sally A. Kegley, Jo Anne Marzowski, Shirley Mertz, Joan Milosevich, Margaret M. Moore, Rudolph Dennis Mrak, Jeannine Barbara Pavic, Cheryl Kay Povlock, Thomas George Rykovich, Stephen Simatovich Jr., Robert Stipancic, Paul Mason Struble, John Anthony Tadey, Linda Ann Vukovich, and Louise Alice Wolotka.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Lodge President John Miksich and all members of the Croatian Fraternal Union, Lodge Number 170, for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. The Croatian community has played a key role in enriching the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed prosperity for all members of the Croatian community and their families.

CONGRATULATING UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an outstanding school in my district that is being honored as a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School. It is a pleasure to congratulate Union Elementary School in Zionsville, Indiana in celebration of this special occasion.

The National Blue Ribbon designation, given by the United States Department of Education, is awarded to both public and private schools across our great nation. Started by President Reagan and given annually since 1982, the award celebrates great American schools that achieve very high learning standards or are making significant improvements in the academic achievements of their students. In my district and across the country, the award recognizes the great educators, students, and parents who have worked so hard to ensure Indiana's children reach their full potential and achieve academic success.

For all of these reasons and many more, I am so proud that Union Elementary School is receiving this prestigious designation. It is a wonderful acknowledgement of the school's commitment to providing young Hoosiers an exceptional education. While hundreds of schools nationwide were nominated, only 329 schools were designated as 2016 National Blue Ribbon Schools, making this recognition all the more impressive.

Union Elementary School provides students with a caring environment where both teach-

ers and parents collaborate with students to meet their full potential. Through a rigorous curriculum, including early literacy intervention and the integration of technology, students achieve academic excellence. Additionally, students have the opportunity outside of the classroom to participate in extracurricular activities to enhance their knowledge and interest in foreign languages, STEM fields, the arts, and many more disciplines.

As an advocate for education and youth, I also want to acknowledge how important it is to our nation's future to encourage and raise a new generation of Americans who have the skills and knowledge to succeed both in and out of the classroom. Students like those at Union Elementary School give me hope that we will accomplish this vital mission. Their outstanding work is an inspiration to students, educators, and parents across the nation. Once again, congratulations to Union Elementary School. I am very proud of you.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN RICKY CRISP

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Ricky Crisp of the McDowell County Sheriff's Department. On behalf of the people of Western North Carolina, I would like to thank Captain Crisp for his 24 years of service in McDowell County.

Captain Crisp began work with the McDowell County Sheriff's Department in 1992 and soon became a full-time Deputy. He went on to serve as Patrol Deputy, Patrol Sergeant, and Detective. He was part of the McDowell County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard, a member of the Multi-Jurisdictional Highway Interdiction Team, and has also given his time as the Treasurer for Region C Criminal Justice Committee. By 2007, he had risen to the rank of Patrol Lieutenant and subsequently left to work as an investigator for the McDowell County District Attorney. In 2008, Captain Crisp returned to the McDowell County Sheriff's Department and served as Patrol Captain until his retirement.

For his decades of service, Captain Crisp was awarded numerous citations of appreciation and was nominated as the Law Enforcement Executive of the Year. Captain Crisp and his wife Tracy have been married for 30 years and have one daughter. In retirement, Captain Crisp leaves behind a long legacy of dedicated service to his Department and community.

Captain Crisp is highly regarded and appreciated by the citizens of McDowell County, and by the broader Western North Carolina community. He has truly embodied the Sheriff's Department's spirit of integrity and service. I am honored to express the sincere congratulations and best wishes of the people of North Carolina on his retirement.