

her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all of Palm Beach County because she stepped up to history and honored it with an unyielding commitment to service with strong and positive results.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to honor Maude Ford Lee on her 80th birthday. She is not only an outstanding role model for our community and this nation, but somebody that I am extremely proud to call a good friend. I wish her many more years of success and happiness.

STRONG OPPOSITION TO WALBERG BILL

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the Walberg bill. We must allow the Department of Labor to implement and enforce the Overtime Rule, giving employees a fair day's pay for a fair day's work.

The American people have waited long enough. In 1975, approximately 62 percent of salaried workers were covered by overtime protections—but according to the White House, that is just 7 percent today.

This bill would deny the 4.2 million American workers affected by this rule \$600 million dollars. For working families making under the overtime rule's threshold, six months of lost overtime pay means less food on the table, less gas in the car, less money in the college fund.

We cannot play politics with the incomes of hardworking Americans. The biggest issue facing our country today is that families are not making enough to live on.

The overtime rule is a step to lessen the burden on hardworking but struggling families—it is commonsense and overdue.

According to the Economic Policy Institute, workers who will benefit the most from the new rule include women, African Americans, Latinos, and workers under 35.

The Department of Labor spent more than a year meeting with 200 stakeholders to collect input for the new rule—and collected more than 270,000 public comments, which they took seriously to make significant changes to the rule, making it work for businesses and working families.

I would also add that in 2004, the last time we raised the overtime rule threshold, the Bush Administration used a 120-day implementation period. We are providing even more time, for a rule that is much less complex.

This delay is unnecessary and harmful—and we cannot let it pass. This proposal throws up another unnecessary and shameful hurdle in the way of the overtime rule. We have an obligation to do right by our working families.

IN HONOR OF THOMAS P. TRAYLOR'S THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS WITH BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER AND HIS COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING QUALITY HEALTHCARE TO RESIDENTS OF BOSTON AND MASSACHUSETTS

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Thomas P. Traylor, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the healthcare community in the City of Boston and across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to commend him for thirty-eight years of service to Boston Medical Center.

Throughout Tom Traylor's career, in his roles as Vice President at Boston Medical Center, Vice President of Boston Medical Center's HealthNet Plan, Commissioner of Boston's Department of Health and Hospitals, and Chief Financial Officer of Boston's Department of Health and Hospitals, he was the ever-present, creative force driving health coverage and access for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, dedicating 38 years of service to this mission.

During that time, Tom inspired Massachusetts to participate in its critical first Medicaid 1115 Waiver to expand health coverage to the neediest populations in the Commonwealth. He was engaged in the design of each of the six succeeding waivers, directly impacting Massachusetts Medicaid for over twenty years. Tom was instrumental in creating funding models and mechanisms to support coverage expansion and the ability of Boston Medical Center and other safety net hospitals to continue to provide quality care to low income populations. And Tom's deep commitment to provide healthcare and coverage to our most vulnerable residents inspired him to create the BMC HealthNet plan, now one of the highest rated Medicaid plans in the country serving people in Massachusetts and in New Hampshire.

Tom's successful collaboration with the multiple state administrations, Massachusetts legislature, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and the Congressional delegation helped bring billions of dollars in funding to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for access and coverage for low income populations. For all of his efforts, Tom was recognized nationally as a leader in his field and served as Chair of the National Association of Public Hospitals, and its successor organization America's Essential Hospitals.

Tom's deep understanding of the potential of the Medicaid Waiver, as well as the politics and policy surrounding it, were the keys to success that enabled Boston Medical Center, and other safety net hospitals in Massachusetts, to grow and expand, leveraging federal support for access and coverage for residents of Boston and around the Commonwealth.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to take the floor of the House today to thank Tom Traylor for his remarkable commitment to Boston Medical Center and the people of Boston and Massachusetts. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Thomas P. Traylor's efforts and dedicated service to others.

CONGRATULATING GEIST ELEMENTARY, 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 Geist Elementary in Fishers, 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 Geist Elementary 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.

To be chosen for the Blue Ribbon designation, schools must rank in the top 15 percent of all schools on ISTEP assessments in both reading and mathematics. Teachers work to meet kids at their needs and find what students need to be successful. Geist Elementary provides students with a nurturing learning environment that allows them to build meaningful relationships and academic self-confidence that they can carry on throughout the rest of their lives. Students are encouraged to engage with their school and the real world, through the support of teachers and staff for many student generated projects. Through the dedicated efforts of teachers and hard work of their students, Geist Elementary has truly earned this recognition. Geist Elementary equips students with valuable relationships, support, and never-ending opportunities to learn.

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 Geist Elementary 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 Geist Elementary. I am very proud of you.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN TOLEDO, OHIO

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a milestone in the life of Wesley United Methodist Church in Toledo, Ohio. I was privileged to participate in the congregation's celebration this weekend.

In 1891, the Reverend Homer Hood found a church building on the corner of Spring Street in Toledo. He established a Sunday school class there, and the church community grew. A decade later, women of the WTCU began selling ten cent doughnuts to raise funds to build a church of their own.

In 1924, the cornerstone of Wesley United Methodist Church was laid at 2934 Stickney Avenue in the heart of Toledo's North End, the oldest part of the city. The church was raised and Wesley United Methodist Church has been firmly planted at this location ever since. Even in the dark days of America's Great Depression, the congregation grew. Notably, John G. Kingsley made the mortgage payments, at the cost of his own business. Fortunately, he was able to restart his business later. Throughout the 1940s the church continued to grow. As World War II carried on in that decade, many members were part of the war effort, with some giving the ultimate sacrifice in battle. The 1950s and 1960s saw continuing growth, mission work, choirs and a junior church with two active youth groups.

The 1970s and 1980s brought change, but the church remained an anchor in the neighborhood and provided outreach. The church welcomed its first female minister to the pulpit, with Dr. Margaret Mallory's installation in her first congregation. The 1990s brought further change and a partnership with Broadway United Methodist Church that lasted briefly. The congregation also celebrated a glorious 100th anniversary in 1991.

The dawn of the congregation's life in a third century brought Pastor Waverly Earley, whose service continues to this day. The congregation is committed to being "the hands and feet of Jesus" in our community. Parishioners describe themselves as a "caring family, closely knitted together and striving to serve God in all ways that are possible." Living Jesus Christ's message described in Matthew 25:40 that "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me," the church is committed to active ministry and is involved in the North Toledo Citizens Circle for ex-offenders, host of Camp Toledo, and Toledo Area Ministries' Feed Your Neighbor's largest site. The church's Mary/Martha Circle continues its behind-the-scenes mission efforts to help support the congregation. The church offers a participatory youth group and youth choir and recently added a Men's Group and a men's chorus. Family is the focus with family movie nights, ice cream socials, harvest dinners, outdoor services, Vacation Bible School and milestone celebrations of faith.

Wesley United Methodist Church congregants declare that they are "serving God and mankind with our SWEAT." That is, "Service, Worship, Evangelism, Alliances, and

Teachings." For more than a century, its members have brought that zeal to its neighborhood in North Toledo, serving as a beacon of hope and light. As the congregation celebrated 125 years of rich history, it looks forward with faith continuing its journey with Jesus.

IN RECOGNITION OF SACRAMENTO'S HONORABLE VETERANS

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize some of the many veterans who risked their lives serving Sacramento and the United States. Each of the below veterans were nominated by their organization and Post leaders in recognition of their outstanding dedication to their country. Mr. Speaker, as these veterans and their families gather to celebrate their invaluable contributions to our community, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the following veterans for their commitment and the sacrifices they have made for their fellow veterans and our region.

Tino Adame, Theodore E. Adams, Michael G. Andrade, James M. Armstrong, Renee Bickerstaff, Melvin M. Bisgay, Phillip Blanco, Nigel "Tony" Boucher, James A. Brashear, Garren W. Bratcher, Carol L. Brush, John A. Buck, Melvin R. Buzzard, Jenny "Leilani" Callison, Chuck G. Carter, Selso A. Cavazos, Christine Chalmers, Sherry Lou Chavez, Naraya Comeault, Jon Cornett, JoAnn C. Coughlin, Raymond J. Coughlin, Anthony R. Creel, Hugh E. Crooks, Jr., Lewis Derfuss, Erma "Tootsie" Dougherty, Dale E. Esperante, Sister Libby Fernandez, RSM, Edward L. Ford, Fred Gagliardini, Esq., Victor Michael Garcia, Charles "Chuck" Gardner, Steven Goch, Frank Goehringer, Patrick A. Graham, Joseph Handy, Bobby Hanks, Don Harper, Jason Henry.

Elva O. Herrera, Tobrin S. Hewitt, Nellie Hill, Phelps Hobart, Wendy Van Houten, Michael R. Hughes, Vito Imbasciani, M.D., David L. Jackson, Deborah K. Johnson, FL Johnson, Robyn A. King, Renee M. Kuznik, Ben Lapolla, Elwood "Bud" Lee, James J. Lim, Shing Long, Kenneth Lusk, Buford Lee Maples, Brian J. McGuinness, Dennis A. McKey.

Michael Allen Mellow, Toney Meredith, Diana Russell-Milton, James Milton, Larry Steven Minasian, Silvia Moseley, George Moses, Peter Muse, Dana Nichol, John Otero, Rebecca S. Overby, Garry L. Overby, Col. Steven R. Painter (Ret.), Bobbi J. Park, Charles W. Peterson, Jerome "Jerry" Quint, Dr. Mariana M. Raba, Greg Raffa, John H. Reece.

Mark E. Reichert, Sanford Earl Ross, James "Jim" Rounsavell, Terry Sandhoff, Patricia "Patty" H. Schumacher, Gene Ag Shropshire, Cheryl R. Shropshire, Dale E. Smith, Randy B. Smith, Mark "Coach" Soto, Paul Sullivan, Rick J. Sutter, Anna M. Sutton, Ray Tarango, Wallace Allen Taylor, Roger G. Van Tassel, Justin P. Turner, Joe Velasquez, Suzanne "Suzi" Vinci, Melissa A. Washington.

Rhett W. White, Howard R. Williams, Baldwin Y. Wong, Michael S. Wong, Juanzelyn Charice Wright, Wayne A. Wright, Wayne W. Wright, Eduardo Yanez.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Bisgay, Dimples McCray, Willie McCray, Jr., Ruben C. Ramos, Gary E. Ross,

Malenda E. Smith, Valentino L. Soto, Ewing Bruce Townely, Robert Wayne Turner, Robert V. Welch.

HONORING PROFESSOR LYLE ROSENBERGER OF BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Professor Lyle Rosenberger of Bucks County Community College. Professor Rosenberger is the 2016 recipient of The National Society of the Daughters of The American Revolution Historic Preservation Medal. The Washington Crossing Chapter is pleased to present this award in recognition of Professor Rosenberger's accomplishments in the area of historic preservation.

In 1991 Professor Rosenberger established and directed the Historic Preservation Program at Bucks County Community College. This was an innovative achievement for a community college in the United States. He went on to lead this effort across the country.

Professor Rosenberger founded the ETA chapter of Sigma Pi Kappa, a national honor society for historic preservation students as well as the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) celebrating teaching the subject.

Many organizations have recognized Professor Rosenberger's achievements including Bucks County's Heritage Conservancy. And today, Mr. Speaker, I recognize Professor Rosenberger's achievements.

HONORING THE MARTINEZ HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Martinez Historical Society, which is celebrating the 40th anniversary and the reopening of the Martinez Museum.

The Martinez Historical Society was established in 1973 with the ambitious goal of preserving a historical cottage dating to the 1890's so that future generations could appreciate our community's heritage. That cottage became the Martinez Museum in 1976, and it now serves as a cornerstone for community history and engagement. The museum has exhibits that encourage visitors to learn about the rich history of Martinez and offers tours to students and groups to encourage their curiosity and desire to learn about our diverse and cultured community.

In addition to operating the Martinez Museum, the Martinez Historical Society provides services to our community such as maintaining the Local History Library and the Archive of Martinez. These services are made even more notable when considering the organization operates with an all-volunteer staff. Furthermore, the Historical Society serves as a champion for education by offering school