

Founded in 1922, UNICO National is the largest Italian-American service organization in the nation, with the mission of engaging in charitable works, supporting higher education, and performing patriotic deeds. UNICO Hazleton was formed in 1950 as the first chapter in Pennsylvania, and continues to advance the principle of service to community, over service to oneself.

Ron graduated from Hazleton High School in 1957, and like so many proud Italian-Americans, joined the family business as a fourth-generation employee. R.L. Marchetti Plumbing still operates to this day and is run by his son, Randy. In 1961, Ron felt a duty to serve his country and enlisted in the U.S. Army at the height of the Cold War. After serving for two years, he returned to Hazleton to continue on in the family business. Ron serves as the president of the Hazleton Plumbers Association, a position he has held for the past 28 years, and also sits on the Hazleton Historical Society board.

I've known Ron personally for many years and I can't think of anyone that's had a bigger impact on Hazleton sports throughout the years. Ron started his sports commentary career with two shows on local television, "Trivia Treats" and "Short Shots," and to this day fans and former athletes still request copies of these segments. He then went on to be a sports editor for PANORAMA magazine for 25 years. Ron is the former president of the Hazleton Quarterbacks Club and has been actively involved with the Hazleton Area football program for over 25 years. Many in the community still refer to Ron as the heart, soul, and voice of sports in the Hazleton area, and his induction into the Hazleton Area Sports Hall of Fame in 2012 and the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2015, speak to his distinguished contributions.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Ron Marchetti for his exemplary service to the Italian-American community and the greater Hazleton Area. Ron and his wife, Chris, celebrated their 54th Anniversary this past April, and his four children, Lisa, Robin, Terri, and Randy, and seven grandchildren, can take pride in knowing that his contributions to the Hazleton Area will have a lasting impact for generations to come. I thank Ron for all that he has done for our community and wish him and his family the best in their future endeavors.

A NEW EXHIBIT HONORING A
VIRGINIA HERO

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to congratulate my friend and distinguished public servant, former Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Jr., in the opening of a new exhibit in his honor at the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning. As the longest serving Secretary of the Army, this is a well-deserved recognition of his service and contributions to our country and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Secretary Marsh began his public service at the age of 18 when he enlisted in the United States Army during World War II where he

served with occupation forces in Germany. After the war, Secretary Marsh pursued a career in law while continuing to serve in the U.S. Army Reserve and the Virginia Army National Guard, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1976.

In 1962, he was elected to represent the people of Virginia's Seventh Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives and served honorably for four terms. While serving in Congress, Secretary Marsh graduated from the Army's Airborne Infantry School, earning his Senior Parachutist Badge. In fact, he served during the Vietnam War without mentioning to his fellow soldiers that he was a sitting Member of Congress—a true display of his humble statesmanship.

Following his service in Congress, Secretary Marsh served as Assistant Secretary of Defense and was a counselor to President Gerald Ford. In 1981, he was appointed as Secretary of the Army by President Ronald Reagan. He went on to serve as the Secretary of the Army until 1989, making him the longest serving Secretary of the Army in history. He served during the sweeping reconstruction of our military's organization, and helped implement the joint and more efficient Armed Forces we see today.

Secretary Marsh has received six Department of Defense Distinguished Public Service awards, the Presidential Citizens Medal, the Doughboy Award, the Gerald R. Ford Medal for Distinguished Public Service, and is a member of the Army's Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame and the Ranger Hall of Fame. On September 16, 2016, the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Georgia, opened a new exhibit to honor Secretary Marsh's lifetime of service.

It has been an honor to know Secretary Marsh and his family over the years. He is a native of Virginia and has deep roots in the Shenandoah Valley. As a fellow alumnus of Washington and Lee University, he is a true inspiration. As President Ford once said, "Anyone who can make thirty-eight parachute jumps while serving as a Congressman has to be fairly calm and unflappable."

I congratulate Secretary Marsh on this much-deserved exhibit. Future generations will forever recognize his immense contributions to our nation. I wish him and his family the best.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER
GENERAL JOHN MCGOFF ON THE
OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE INDIANA AIR
NATIONAL GUARD

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 honor Brigadier General John McGoff on the occasion of his retirement from the Indiana Air National Guard. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for John's exceptional service and dedication to our Hoosier state and our great country.

A lifelong Hoosier, John was born and raised in the Broad Ripple area of Indianapolis. He attended St Pius X Catholic School, where his parents were founding members,

and where he has been a lifelong parishioner. Growing up, John volunteered at Wishard Hospital Emergency Department in his free time. Through this volunteer work he developed an interest in emergency medicine. After graduating North Central High School in 1977, John attended Indiana University to study biology. Graduating early from college, John then went on to attend Indiana University School of Medicine to pursue his dream of becoming a physician. During his third year of medical school he joined the Medical Officer Training Corps with the Indiana Air National Guard. Following the conclusion of his degree program, John completed his three-year residency in Emergency Medicine at the esteemed Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

John's commitment to public service and dedication to his Hoosier home is evident. After finishing his residency in 1987, John returned to Indiana and began working in the ER at Community Hospitals in Indianapolis and has continued to work as an Attending Emergency Room Physician, where he has served thousands of Hoosiers. In addition to his civilian medical career, John is a decorated Iraq War Veteran.

He served for more than three decades with an aeronautical rating of Chief flight surgeon and has logged over 600 hours of flight time in many aircrafts, including the F-16 and F-4 fighters. He was the Chief of Emergency Services at the 332nd Expeditionary Medical Group, Joint Base at Balad, which was the busiest trauma center in Iraq in 2008–2009. He was the Assistant to the Surgeon General for U.S. Air Forces in Europe and he has been deployed extensively around the world with operational tours in Turkey, Jordan, Bahrain and Germany. John is also the Chief of Staff for the nearly 2,000 members of the Indiana Air National Guard, where he serves as an advisor to the Adjutant General on matters pertaining to the 122nd Fighter Wing in Fort Wayne, the 207th Weather Flight in Indianapolis, the Air-to-Ground Gunnery Ranges at Atterbury, Jefferson Proving Grounds, and the 181st Intelligence Wing in Terre Haute. With the 181st he served as the Medical Group Commander, Chief of Flight Medicine, Flight Surgeon, and Hospital Administrator. During his tenure as commander, the unit received "Excellent" ratings on their Health Services Inspections in 1993, 1997, 2001, and 2005. They also won the Theodore Marrs Award, the highest Air National Guard Medical Award, in 1997 and 2006. Additionally, they also received the prestigious Schaeffer Trophy in 2006 for the best medical unit in all of the reserve components.

John has received many awards and decorations during his time in the National Guard and his active duty. Those awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, the National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star), the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon (with Gold Frame), the Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with M Device and Numeral 2), the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, and the Air Force Training Ribbon.

John has also given his time and talent to a number of boards and advisory roles. He served as a healthcare policy advisor for Governor Mitch Daniels' campaign and was a part of the Indiana State Department of Health Transition Team for the then-incoming Governor Daniels. John also sat on the Marion County Forensic Science Commission, the board of the Indiana Donor Network, the board for Community Hospitals of Indiana, was formerly the President of the Indiana Leadership Forum, was previously President of the Indianapolis Medical Society, and is currently an Ex Officio Board Member of the American College of Emergency Physicians, presently the Vice President for the Indiana Medical Licensing Board, and is now the President of the Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) and served as their Speaker before his selection as President. Additionally he is a member of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, the Aerospace Medical Association, the Alliance of Air National Guard Flight Surgeons, the National Guard Association of the United States, and the National Guard Association of Indiana. He was also twice elected as Coroner of Marion County where he implemented cost saving measures and overhauled the office to be a more efficient and effective government service for the constituents of the city of Indianapolis. John has served our community and our country in a local, national, and international capacity.

John has devoted himself to a life of service, whether in the Emergency Room, on the battlefield, or as a public official. I am extremely grateful for all his hard work. And on behalf of all Hoosiers and all Americans, I'd like to congratulate John on his remarkable military career and extend a huge thank you for all of the wonderful contributions he has made to our community, our state, and our nation. I wish the very best to my friend John, his wife Karen, daughter Ava and the rest of the McGoff family as he enjoys a well-deserved retirement from the Indiana Air National Guard.

HONORING MRS. DIANE GLASSER
ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE
TAMARAC CITY COMMISSION

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my very dear friend, Mrs. Diane Glasser, Vice Mayor of the City of Tamarac, Florida, and an active member of the King's Point Community. Diane recently announced her retirement from the Tamarac City Commission, the end of a more than 40-year career serving her community.

Originally from Mill Basin in Brooklyn, Diane went to college and high school in New York. In 1973, Diane and her husband moved to the City of Tamarac. There, she worked for twelve years in the construction industry.

Throughout her long career, Diane became a powerhouse in Broward County politics. She began as a volunteer, tirelessly dedicating her time and effort to the Broward County Democratic Party. She was also elected to the Democratic National Convention as a Delegate to the last six Democratic National Con-

ventions. Diane is a "graduate" of the Electoral College; she cast a vote on Florida's behalf for Former President Bill Clinton in the Electoral College in 1996; and then for Former Vice President Al Gore in the highly-contested 2000 election. In 2004, the Florida Democratic Party appointed Diane as their First Vice Chair. She has served on a number of advisory boards, including the Broward County Human Rights Board and the Broward County School Board's Senior Citizens Involvements Task Force, and since 2008, brought her tremendous energy to local politics as a member of the Tamarac City Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot thank Diane enough for everything that she has done for not only Florida, but for the Democratic Party. She is truly a remarkable individual, who I have had the privilege to call my dear friend for so many years, and for that I am so grateful. I am so pleased to honor Diane, and wish her a wonderful and restful retirement.

IN HONOR OF PASTOR DANIEL
SIMMONS

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 sincerest congratulations to Pastor Daniel Simmons, leader of my church home, Mount Zion Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. Pastor Simmons celebrated 25 years of outstanding ministry to Mount Zion Baptist Church on Sunday, October 9, 2016.

A native of Cairo, Georgia, Daniel Simmons was born to Mrs. Pinkie Norwood Simmons and the late Reverend Perry Simmons, Sr. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Albany State College (now University) in 1977. He went on to earn a Master of Arts degree in Counseling from the University of Georgia in 1985 and a Doctorate of Ministry from Bethany Theological Seminary in Dothan, Alabama in 1991. Pastor Simmons worked as a Rehabilitation Counselor with the Georgia Department of Rehabilitation Services for seventeen years. He also worked as a Community Development Specialist.

Pastor Simmons began preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in June 1984. He pastored Mountain Grove Baptist Church in Dawson, Georgia and Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Shingler, Georgia. In 1991, the Lord called him to lead Mount Zion Baptist Church. In his 25 years of leadership, Mount Zion has expanded its ministry services, increased its membership tremendously to the point where a second worship service was added, and moved into its new state-of-the-art facility on 109 acres of land at 901 South Westover Boulevard in 2010.

But most importantly, Pastor Simmons has led Mount Zion Baptist Church to become a pillar in the community, known for ministering to those in need. Pastor Simmons welcomes anyone and everyone into the church and its members make it their duty to ensure that every soul is taken care of and prayed over. With a congregation of over 3,000 members and 54 ministries, including radio, television, and live-streaming, Mount Zion is truly "reaching the world for Christ through evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, and missions."

Mount Zion Baptist Church celebrated another happy occasion—its 151st anniversary. The church was founded in 1865, the same year that the Thirteenth Amendment abolishing slavery was passed by Congress and ratified by the States. Nearly a century later, many of the rallies during the Albany phase of the Civil Rights Movement were held at Mount Zion. To commemorate those struggles, the church donated the building to the Albany Civil Rights Museum which is currently housed there. Mount Zion has seen many ups and downs but God's will and our members' perseverance have shaped it into the expansive and successful place of worship it is today.

Jeremiah 3:15 says, "Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding." Pastor Daniel Simmons is one such shepherd and a man of integrity who exudes the genuine principles and values of Christian discipleship. Over the 20 years I have been a member of the church, I am proud to call Mount Zion my church home and Pastor Daniel Simmons my pastor. As an ordained Deacon and Trustee, I have personally witnessed the unshakeable faith Pastor Simmons has for the Lord and the profound exegesis he conveys in his sermons. My wife Vivian and I are grateful that we can always count on Pastor Simmons' wise counsel and sage advice.

Pastor Simmons has achieved many things in his life but none of this would have been possible without the love and support of his wife and First Lady of the Church, Diane Davis Simmons, and his two children and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife Vivian, and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in thanking Pastor Daniel Simmons for 25 outstanding years of service to Mount Zion Baptist Church and a lifetime of service in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

IN HONOR OF OLIVIA PARISH

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. FLORES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Olivia Parish, of Calvert, Texas, who celebrated her 100th birthday on October 27, 2016.

Ms. Parish was born in Calvert, Texas, to Willie Harris and Pankie Carson-Harris. As a young girl, she developed a passion for helping others and would continue her service to others throughout her life. In 1932, she married Melvin Parish Sr. The two of them were blessed with thirteen children, forty-one grandchildren and seventy-four great grandchildren.

Ms. Parish has been a faithful member of the New Magnolia Baptist Church and the Bethel Grove Baptist Church. In addition to her devotion to her family and church, Ms. Parish loved working in the yard, especially her flower garden, and won numerous yard of the month awards.

At my request, on October 27, a United States flag was flown over the United States Capitol to celebrate and honor Ms. Parish's 100th birthday.

Ms. Parish has led a remarkable life that is grand in accomplishments through her hard