

Cwerner, who is also being recognized by the Northeast Jewish Center at their Annual Gala Dinner Dance. Adam is one of two honorees on November 4, 2016.

Adam was born in Brooklyn to Betty and Jacob Cwerner. Along with his sister Gil, he spent many of his formative years in Brooklyn. Adam was a member of East New York Jewish Center which was located across the street from where his family lived.

After moving to Massapequa, Long Island, the family joined the Farmingdale Jewish Center. Adam went on to attend Stony Brook University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics. He continued his education at the State University of New York at Albany where he attained a Masters in Business Administration.

A position at an architectural firm in Westchester led to a move northward, and Adam settled in at Richard Meier & Partners Architects, where he has worked for almost thirty years as the firm's Controller.

After trying out five different synagogues when he moved to Yonkers, Adam decided to attend and eventually join the Northeast Jewish Center, and he hasn't looked back. Adam was soon recruited by Marge Wise, then President of NEJC, for a seat on the Board of Trustees. He continued to serve on the Board for almost a decade, when the then Chairman of the Board suggested he take over the position. To this day, Adam still serves his congregants in that capacity.

Adam has meant so much to the Northeast Jewish Center community, and has been instrumental in the Center's growth and success. He is most deserving of this great recognition, and it is an honor to present him with a CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Thank you again for all of your service to Yonkers.

IN HONOR OF J. TYLER WHITE

### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Justin Tyler White of Lexington, Kentucky who is stepping down as my District Director to take on a new role as the President of the Kentucky Coal Association. Tyler served our nation proudly as a member of the United States Marine Corps. He was deployed in both Iraq and Afghanistan. On behalf of a grateful nation, I thank him for his service and patriotism.

After eight years of service, Mr. White returned to Kentucky. He had great passion for his fellow veterans and was determined to improve the services provided by the Veterans Administration. He came to work in the Sixth Congressional District office, serving as a field representative and then as District Director. In his work in the district office, Mr. White continued to advocate for veterans. He organized a Veterans Coalition that meets regularly and has grown tremendously. He led the way on many successful programs and projects directed at improving the lives of America's veterans.

The leadership skills that Tyler learned in the Marine Corps carried over into private life. He built a strong team in the district office and served as a motivating and inspiring leader. He tirelessly served the people of the Sixth

Congressional District. He leaves a lasting legacy as a servant leader.

I am honored to call Tyler White a loyal and trusted friend. I wish him all the best as he leaves to take on a new opportunity. Thank you to Tyler White for his friendship, his tireless work on behalf of the people of the Sixth District, and his outstanding service to our country.

### HONORING THE REVEREND DR. BOISE KIMBER ON THE CELEBRATION OF HIS 30TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join the congregation of the First Calvary Baptist Church and the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered this evening in extending my heartfelt congratulations to the Reverend Dr. Boise Kimber as he marks his 30th Pastoral Anniversary—a remarkable milestone for this outstanding member of our community.

Over the course of the last thirty years, Reverend Kimber's commitment to service through religious leadership has been unwavering. Under his direction, the First Calvary Baptist Church and its congregation have flourished, and as the former President of the Greater New Haven Clergy Association he brought spiritual growth to the entire community. In addition to his work in New Haven, Dr. Kimber is past immediate president of the Connecticut State Missionary Baptist Convention, an alliance of approximately eighty churches across the state, where he launched the Christian Leadership School, an accredited four-year Christian Education degree program. He has long been an active member of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. serving as an Administrative Assistant for ten years and as the Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors for the past five years. Reverend Kimber also serves as a staff member for the Institute of Church Administration and Management at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

Reverend Kimber has not only been a dedicated religious leader, but a strong voice for social justice, here in Connecticut and across the country. From housing development, police brutality and profiling, to workers' rights and other social issues, Reverend Kimber has stood against discrimination and injustice in its many forms. He is consultant to the office of Multicultural Affairs and the Multicultural Center at Southern Connecticut State University, a Fire Commissioner for the City of New Haven, a Director for Aids Interfaith Network, Inc., an advisor to local labor unions, and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He is also the Director of the National Action Network, Inc., the Conference of National Black Churches, and Executive Director of the Social Justice Initiative.

Above and beyond his work in the church and on behalf of social justice issues, community leadership has always been a driving force for Reverend Kimber. His work to improve the quality of life for New Haven residents led him to political involvement. By en-

couraging citizens to participate and ensuring local concerns are heard by political leaders, Reverend Kimber has given voice to many who may not have otherwise been heard.

Tonight, as he marks his 30th pastoral anniversary, Reverend Kimber can be sure that his good work has touched the lives of many. As a spiritual guide, he has nourished the souls of many—often providing much needed comfort in the hardest of personal trials. Religious leader, community activist, mentor, and friend, the Reverend Dr. Boise Kimber has and continues to be an invaluable member of our community—striving to enrich the lives of others and inspiring a new generation to service. I am so pleased to join his wife, Shevalle, his children LaShawn, Sherine, Shevalle and Savion, and his congregation in celebrating this remarkable milestone.

### CELEBRATING THE 12TH ANNUAL NORTHWEST INDIANA INNOVATION INDUCTION CEREMONY

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I congratulate Ivy Tech Community College and its regional partners who recently celebrated their 12th Annual Northwest Indiana Innovation Induction Ceremony. At the ceremony, which reflects the "Spirit of Innovation" in Indiana, eighteen individuals and twenty-one teams were inducted as members of the 2016-2017 Class of the Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana. Of these individuals, several members were inducted as Society Fellows for their exceptional efforts in innovation. These individuals are Jon Groth, Chancellor Thomas Keon, Ph.D., Elizabeth Lynn, Ph.D., Sandra Chimon-Peszek Rogers, Ph.D., Mayor Joseph Stahura, and Barbara Eason-Watkins. Also honored were the recipients of the Society's team awards, Urschel Laboratories, Inc., which received the Accelerating Greatness Award, and the Grand Calumet River Partners in Restoration, which was honored with the Chanute Prize for Team Innovation. For their truly remarkable contributions to the community of Northwest Indiana and their unwavering commitment to cultivate a culture of innovation, these honorees were inducted at Horseshoe Casino, Hammond, on October 20, 2016.

The Society of Innovators of Northwest Indiana was created by Ivy Tech Northwest with the goal of highlighting and encouraging innovative individuals and groups within the not-for-profit, public, and private sectors, as well as building a culture of innovation in Northwest Indiana. The Northwest Region is led by Dr. Thomas G. Coley, Chancellor, Ivy Tech Community College, Northwest and North Central Regions. The importance of innovation in Northwest Indiana, as well as globally, is crucial in today's ever-changing economy.

The fellows selected by the Society of Innovators were chosen for their innovative leadership throughout Northwest Indiana and beyond. Jon Groth is the area director/principal of Porter County Career and Technical Education. Among his many accomplishments, Jon led the repurposing of a historic 1912 Grand Trunk Rail Depot, turning it into a 21st

century classroom. He also initiated the first student-built energy alternative project in Indiana on a school roof. Chancellor Thomas Keon, Ph.D., led the unification of two college campuses into a single university, Purdue University Northwest, which is one of the first innovative educational mergers in Indiana. The merger creates more choices for students, promotes regional identity, and contributes to economic development in Northwest Indiana. Elizabeth Lynn, Ph.D., is the director and founder of Valparaiso University's Center for Civic Reflection (CCR). A truly innovative learning center, the CCR is nationally recognized and applies the use of humanities and civic conversations within communities in America. The center has trained more than 7,000 facilitators and led more than 20,000 people in public, community, and workplace dialogues. Sandra Chimon-Peszek Rogers, Ph.D., is the director of Calumet College of Saint Joseph's Biophysical Chemistry Department and a researcher of Alzheimer's disease. She developed an innovative curriculum combining lecture and hands-on learning that is especially helpful for struggling students. This award winning program has thrived and is a source of pride for the college. Mayor Joseph Stahura, of Whiting, Indiana, led the city's transformation into a flourishing 21st century destination. He has put life back into the community by re-establishing and beautifying the Whiting lakefront, revitalizing the downtown area, and bringing the National Mascot Hall of Fame to Whiting, to name just a few of his major accomplishments. Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins is the Superintendent of Michigan City Area Schools. Under her leadership, the school system has flourished due to the collaboration of the community and county. Among her achievements, she launched the first NIPSCO Energy Academy in Indiana, the first STEM public elementary school, and the first construction technology program in Indiana.

Urschel Laboratories received the Greatness Award for Team Innovation, presented to Rick Urschel, President, for the company's inspiration to create future innovation. Urschel is now owned by its employees and recently completed a new \$100 million, 350,000 square foot manufacturing facility and headquarters.

The Chanute Prize for Team Innovation was presented to the Grand Calumet River Partners in Restoration. Collaborating with eight companies and working with regulatory agencies, the clean-up and transformation of the Grand Calumet River has been astounding, with more than 80 percent of the river being revitalized over the past decade.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these noteworthy, inspiring innovators. The contributions each has made to society here in Northwest Indiana and worldwide are immeasurable and lifelong. For their truly brilliant innovative ideas, projects, and leadership, these recipients are worthy of the highest commendation.

## CONGRATULATING THE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ON THEIR NEW FACILITY

### HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 30, 2016*

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an organization in my district, Centers for Children and Families, on the opening of their new facility.

Since 1957, Centers has helped strengthen individuals and families throughout West Texas by providing counseling for those who would otherwise be unable to afford these services. In addition to counseling services, Centers also provides assistance with life management skills, parenting classes, post-adoption support, and programs that help children have safe and positive supervised parental visits.

As a prior Chairman of the Board for Centers, I have been fortunate enough to see firsthand the great work that this organization does for the Permian Basin community. With the opening of their new facility, Centers will have quality space to carry on their long-standing legacy of helping people get through the difficult times they may be facing. I wish them best of luck in their future endeavors.

## UNITED STATES GREEN BERET JAMES "JIMMY" MORIARTY

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 30, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, November 4, 2016, a military base in Jafr, Jordan was attacked. A hail of gunfire suddenly rang out while three American soldiers were returning to base. The reason for the shots fired is still publicly unknown. Three Green Berets from the 5th Special Forces Group were killed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

One of these heroic men was Staff Sergeant James "Jimmy" Moriarty (27). SSgt. Moriarty was a Texas native, one of Houston's own. He was scheduled to come home to spend the holiday season with his family. His chair was empty at the Thanksgiving table this year. His voice was missing from the conversation. But he will not be forgotten.

Jimmy was unquestionably one of the best. Growing up in Houston, he earned his bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Texas and spoke fluent Arabic. As part of the 5th Special Forces Group, based out of Fort Campbell, Ky., he was more than three months into his third tour in Jordan.

Upon graduation from the University of Texas, Jimmy made the choice to serve his nation in the United States Army. Jimmy was a proud member of the United States Army Special Forces. He was a special breed, one of the few who met the requirements to be among the highest ranked military professionals in the United States, the Green Berets.

During his service, he earned the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service

Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon and an Army Service Ribbon.

The brave men of the Green Beret are our nation's warriors. They take on the toughest missions that our nation faces. They are the absolute best that America has. These men are the forces who deter enemies who seek to harm the United States. They respond to terrorist activities to keep the United States safe. Proudly wearing silver wings on their chests they are without question America's finest.

Mr. Speaker, in the words of Marcus Luttrell, "In times of uncertainty there is a special breed of warrior ready to answer our Nation's call; a common man with uncommon desire to succeed. Forged by adversity, he stands alongside America's finest special operations forces to serve his country and the American people, and to protect their way of life." Jimmy Moriarty was one of these men.

Jimmy's father, U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran, James R. Moriarty wrote, "This is a young man who loved serving in the Army, was where he wanted to be, doing what he wanted to do." Moriarty was loved by his two sisters who incessantly saw to it that their younger brother would be a well rounded young man. It is without a doubt that this distinguished soldier will be missed by his family, friends, and community.

We grieve the loss of this American warrior, but we celebrate and honor his life and his service. We are fortunate to have a Green Beret like Moriarty standing in support of our country. We are fortunate that a man like Jimmy served our great nation. He stood for the best of those American ideals and values exemplified in Special Forces. He is a son of liberty. He epitomizes everything that America stands for. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

At noon on December 5, 2016 taps will be played for the last time as Staff Sergeant James Moriarty is surrounded by his family and friends and will be buried in Arlington National cemetery next to thousands of other warriors who died for America.

And that's just the way it is.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ROBERT HURT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 30, 2016*

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote #588 on H.R. 5422, To ensure funding for the National Human Trafficking Hotline, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

## COMMEMORATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY CHARLES OGLETREE JR.

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 30, 2016*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements and contributions that Professor Charles Ogletree Jr. has made to the County of Merced. Professor Ogletree has positively impacted the lives of many people in Merced and throughout the nation. His