

RECOGNIZING THE TRI-COUNTY  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
UPON THE OCCASION OF  
ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2016*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) upon the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. By offering regional planning advice, technical consulting, and financial assistance, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission has worked to empower communities through long-term livability and vitality. TCRPC has exemplified an unwavering commitment to resolving regional issues facing my constituents in 103 municipalities of Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry counties.

Founded in 1966 as a forum for information sharing, consensus building, and coordination among communities in central Pennsylvania, TCRPC has worked tirelessly to advance quality of life issues across the region. They continue to promote the area's long-term sustainability through resource protection and the adaptation of existing infrastructure to meet today's most pressing economic and social issues.

TCRPC's Regional Growth Management Plan stimulates community development and revitalization by supporting programs that integrate transportation, land use, and economic development efforts as well as environmental practices that protect air, land, and water resources. The Regional Growth Management Plan has contributed to lower energy costs for individual households, increased energy efficiencies, fostered greater availability of transportation options, opened more parks and community spaces, improved individual health, and heightened access to local food supplies.

Mr. Speaker, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission has remained committed to the vision that central Pennsylvania is stronger when we work together. After five decades of committed service, Pennsylvanians in my district and beyond owe a debt of gratitude for the selfless work provided by TCRPC. I wish to congratulate TCRPC on 50 years of meaningful community engagement, and look forward to witnessing firsthand the continued service provided by such a strategic and charitable organization.

HONORING THE CAREER OF  
SISTER DENISE A. ROCHE

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2016*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and legacy of service of Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, Ph.D. upon the occasion of her retirement as President of D'Youville College.

A Buffalo native, Sister Denise is a graduate of Holy Angels Academy and D'Youville College. She went on to earn a master's degree in sociology from Boston University and a doctorate at the University of Massachusetts. Prior to being named President of D'Youville

in 1979, she served as an instructor, acting chair, teaching assistant, assistant professor and associate dean at the college.

Sister Denise was named 14th President of D'Youville when she was just 36 years old, the youngest person ever to serve in that position. During her remarkable tenure lasting over 36 years, she has overseen 400 full-time employees and managed a \$50 million operating budget. Sister Denise led the college to triple its enrollment from 1153 in 1980 to more than 3100 in 2014, created major new academic offerings that attracted a significant number of new students, and achieved fiscal stability.

Under her leadership, the college endowment grew from \$1.2 million to \$34 million. During her presidency \$77 million was invested in the campus including a new library, three academic centers, gymnasium, apartment-style residence hall, athletic fields, and property and parking additions. These investments have improved on-campus life and helped stabilize the dynamic and diverse neighborhood in Buffalo's West Side surrounding the college.

Her strong belief in helping and encouraging all students has seen a multitude of success stories as former students come back to thank her for her faith in them and motivating them to succeed. She has supported "City As School," an alternative program for non-traditional high school students at D'Youville for more than a decade, resulting in young people reaching higher academic achievements and leading more productive lives.

To our community, Sister Denise is much more than president of the college. She is a consummate community leader whose advice and counsel is sought on a wide range of issues affecting the city of Buffalo. Her thoughtful and caring demeanor has endeared her to all whose lives she has touched.

Sister Denise has received many awards and accolades for her work at D'Youville and throughout Western New York, including Citizen of the Year by The Buffalo News in 1994, the Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal from the University at Buffalo, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the WNY Hispanics and Friends Civic Association, and a Special Award presented to her by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. She is a member of the WNY Women's Hall of Fame, and both Canisius College and Niagara University have awarded her honorary degrees.

While a very grateful community extends deep appreciation for Sister Denise's extraordinary leadership at D'Youville College, her work is far from over as she was recently nominated by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo to serve as chair of the Niagara Frontier Transit Authority (NFTA). In this role, she will be responsible for the oversight of Erie and Niagara Counties' public transportation system, including the bus and rail systems, the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport and the Niagara Falls International Airport. As Chairwoman, Sister Denise will bring her decades of experience and expertise to the NFTA to continue serving the public.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor the life and distinguished career of this outstanding educator, leader and devoted Sister of the Grey Nuns, Sister Denise A. Roche. I ask that my colleagues join me in expressing our congratulations on an exemplary career and to commend her for her admirable work to enrich D'Youville

College and the Western New York community and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

COMMENDING CAPTAIN WILLIAM  
KENNETH EARMAN ON HIS OUT-  
STANDING MILITARY SERVICE

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2016*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Captain William Kenneth Earman on his outstanding and exemplary military service.

In 1942, Mr. Earman joined the Army Air Force Cadet Program in the immediate aftermath of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Like many Americans of the Greatest Generation, Mr. Earman put his life on hold to defend our country against the evils that threatened our convictions, ideals, and existence.

Upon graduating from bombardier school in Big Spring, Texas, as a Second Lieutenant, Mr. Earman was assigned to the Seventh Air Force, which introduced him to the Pacific Theatre. Mr. Earman flew over forty missions in the Central Pacific in a B-24 J bomber named "The Sunsetter." He and his crew received numerous commendations and awards for their valor, including four Air Medals and two Distinguished Flying Crosses.

After his time in combat had concluded, Mr. Earman was promoted to First Lieutenant and returned to Big Spring to instruct incoming Army Air Force cadets, a reflection of his exemplary performance and expertise as a bombardier and navigator. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Earman was promoted and served as Flight Commander of the Ready Reserve Airmen in Rockdale, Texas, where he would eventually be promoted to Captain.

In June of 1961, Captain Earman received an Honorable Discharge from the United States Air Force after nearly twenty years of meritorious service. This would mark the end of Captain Earman's long and distinguished military career.

On May 6th and 7th, Captain Earman will be participating with other World War II veterans in the twenty-ninth Dallas/Fort Worth Honor Flight to our nation's capital, accompanied by his son, William Kenneth Earman, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure to recognize the service Captain Earman has given to this nation. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to rise with me today in appreciation of Captain Earman's remarkable service and sacrifice.

RECOGNIZING MI WINDOWS AND  
DOORS, LLC UPON RECEIVING  
THE MANUFACTURERS EXCEL-  
LENCE AWARD FOR COMMUNITY  
INVOLVEMENT

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to help recognize MI Windows and Doors, LLC

(MIWD) upon receiving the Manufacturers Excellence Award for Community Involvement from the Northeast Pennsylvania Manufacturers and Employers Association. This prestigious award is intended to highlight the charitable commitment of companies in northeastern Pennsylvania that exemplify the balance between private enterprise and public engagement.

Backed by exemplary customer service and product quality, MI Windows and Doors is one of the nation's largest suppliers of vinyl and aluminum windows and doors. MIWD should be proud of their outreach efforts, and by taking personal responsibility in the communities where they manufacture, it's only natural that such success would follow. Through their company-connected non-profit, The MIWD Charitable Foundation, MIWD has been committed to donating both time and funding to numerous local organizations, emergency response teams, and families in need.

Building personal connections with members of the community has consistently been a hallmark of MIWD's outreach efforts. This past fall, MIWD hosted a Friends and Family Day at their Gratz, PA facility in which members of the community were able to spend time within the facility to gain a better understanding of the daily operations and company as a whole. Their support for our nation's veterans has been unwavering as well. By providing in-kind donations of windows for the mortgage-free homes built by Homes for our Troops, MIWD has helped provide severely-wounded, post 9/11 veterans and their families with safe and reliable shelter.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to recognize MI Windows and Doors, LLC as the recipient of the Manufacturers Excellence Award for Community Involvement from the Northeast Pennsylvania Manufacturers and Employers Association. With such pronounced principles and a dedication to community development that permeates all aspects of life in northeastern Pennsylvania, MIWD has come to embody the rewards that come from compassionate investments. I wish MI Windows and Doors, LLC all the best in their future endeavors, and am confident that they will continue to exemplify the positive relationship between a business and its community.

IN HONOR OF THE RETIREMENT  
OF JOHN FOX SULLIVAN

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2016*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Fox Sullivan, who is retiring after four decades as the publisher of the National Journal.

Most in this chamber knows John as the powerful media executive who transformed the National Journal into one of Washington's most respected periodicals. I've had the pleasure of knowing John as my childhood friend from Carmel, California.

The Sullivan family moved next door to my family in Carmel during the 1950s. Thanks to our mothers' shared interest in politics, our two families quickly became friends. Johnny, as we called him back then, and I attended school together—from Carmel Sunset School

to Carmel High School. After graduating, he left to attend Yale University and Columbia Business School.

Following a five-year career at Newsweek, John joined the still relatively young National Journal in 1975, where he would go on to serve as Publisher, President and CEO. Under his leadership, the National Journal would change the face of Washington journalism.

Shortly after John joined the National Journal, I reconnected with him at the Democratic National Convention in New York City in 1976. I was attending as a delegate and John noticed my name on the press roster. When my old high school friend found me in the Madison Square Garden crowd, I just happened to be sitting next to Jane Fonda. We shared a good laugh when he thought Jane and I were there together.

After reconnecting at the convention, John and I managed to stay in touch. He and his wife, Beverly, would come and visit in Carmel. It was a joy to catch up on family news and to discuss politics. My father often joined those discussions and I believe he became the first subscriber of the National Journal on the West Coast.

When I first came to Washington, the Sullivans returned that hospitality. Anyone who has ever had the fortune of dining with John and Beverly walked away with fond memories. Dinner parties in their beautiful home are known to be filled with charming people engaged in the most interesting conversations.

History will remember the role their Georgetown rowhouse played in the leadership bid of the first woman to become Speaker of the House. John and Beverly always made their home available to anyone to discuss politics. One evening, I brought Representatives George Miller and NANCY PELOSI and a few members of Congress who had not yet agreed to support her leadership campaign. Thanks to that dinner, commitments were made that solidified her leadership bid that eventually led to her Speakership.

Being a respected leader in one Washington wasn't enough for John. After moving to "Little" Washington, John was elected mayor of the historic Virginia town in 2010. He easily won reelection in 2014 with 28 of the 29 votes cast. Who in this chamber can boast about receiving 97 percent of the votes cast? That's how much people like and respect John.

From our youth spent in Carmel to our friendship here in Washington, I have always admired the way John and Beverly celebrated the lives of others.

Mr. Speaker, it is only fitting on the day of John Fox Sullivan's much deserved retirement that we get to celebrate his life and all the good that has come from his service.

HONORING THE CAREER OF JOAN  
EASTLUND

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2016*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Joan Eastlund on her retirement from Black Hawk College in Moline, Illinois. For 37 years, Joan has demonstrated a strong commitment to education and activism, influencing the lives of thousands of students

throughout her career. In fact, Joan has served as a mentor and inspiration to several staff members in my office.

Joan began her distinguished career at Black Hawk College in 1979, where she helped former manufacturing workers train for new careers. As a professor of Political Science, Joan introduced thousands of students to politics, inspiring many to pursue careers in the field themselves. To many students, Joan has been far more than just an educator, but also an incredible mentor and role model. She has shown her students the importance of fulfilling their civic duties, serving their communities, and working to advance causes that truly better our country.

In addition to her work as a professor, Joan has been an active figure in the fight for women's equality. She is a founding member of the Quad-Cities chapter of the National Organization for Women, a group dedicated to supporting women's rights all across the United States. During the 1970s and 1980s, Joan joined thousands of other activists as they marched to support landmark legislation to advance women's rights and equality.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Joan Eastlund for her commitment to inspiring the next generation of students and women in our region. Joan has undoubtedly made a difference in the lives of her students, and her retirement will be a significant loss to Black Hawk College.

I congratulate her on a well-earned retirement and wish her the very best in her future endeavors.

COMMENDING JOSEPH SCIACCA

**HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2016*

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Staten Island resident Joseph Sciacca for his positive contributions to our community. Joseph was born in the Little Italy neighborhood and moved to Staten Island at the age of four. He grew up in Grant City and graduated from Tottenville High School in 1937. Joseph began a business career in his early adult years, but had to put this on hold when he was drafted into the military in 1941, serving until 1946. Joseph has been an outstanding model of success and humility in our community.

In the private sector, Joseph had a long career as a sales executive, but has remained involved with other causes throughout his life. In the mid-1960s, then-Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller named him a deputy commissioner of the State Athletic Commission, which issued regulations on boxing matches in New York. Later on, Joseph was named as a research assistant to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly.

Joseph has shown support for health care throughout his life. He is a former trustee of and currently on the advisory board for Bayley Seton Hospital. Additionally, Joseph has been co-chairperson of the Seton Society, the hospital's fund-raising arm. Joseph is also a trustee of St. Elizabeth Ann's Hospital Care and Rehabilitation Center and is an honorary member of the American Cancer Society's Staten Island Chapter, as well as the Staten Island Chapter of the American Red Cross.