

Greenway Work Group. Communities around the country need more people like Mr. Nelson that take pride in where they live and devote their time to better it.

He has also been involved in local politics and helping fellow veterans. He has been an At-Large member of the Camden City Democratic Committee and is the Camden Mayor's representative for the Battleship New Jersey Board of Trustees. He has been active in the VFW as the former Commander of Clarence Hill VFW Post Number 1297—Camden and the current Sr. Vice Commander of Lawnside Post 2003. In his time with the VFW, he has achieved the distinguished honor of being named All-State Post Commander.

Delbert and his wife, Doris, have been married for 66 years and have been blessed with 4 daughters, 6 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. He is also a father figure to many of his nieces and nephews.

Mr. Speaker, Delbert Nelson is a great American whose dedication to serving his country and community is an inspiration. I join with his family, friends, and all of New Jersey in honoring the selfless service of this exceptional man.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANTONIO  
THOMAS JAMES RUGGIERO

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 13, 2016*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in sincere recognition of Antonio Thomas James Ruggiero, a decorated veteran of World War II and a personal friend of mine who passed away on April 14, 2016.

Tommy, as he was known to his family and friends, was born in Plymouth, Massachusetts on August 25, 1920 to Vincent and Lucia Ruggiero. After graduating from Plymouth High School, Tommy enlisted in the United States Army and served in the 2nd Ranger Battalion's D Company during the Invasion of Normandy in June of 1944. On D-Day, his landing craft was hit by enemy fire, leaving him one of the 90 surviving Rangers stranded in the freezing Atlantic for hours before joining the fight. Later in the war, Tommy also fought in the fierce Battle of Hurtgen Forest and the famed Battle of the Bulge. The Battle of Hurtgen Forest in 1944 was the longest and one of the fiercest battles fought on German soil during World War II. His company was integral in securing the strategic Hill 400 during this battle. For his outstanding military service, Tommy earned a Bronze Star and Purple Heart as well as the highest honor from the French Government, the Croix de Guerre and French Medal of Merit.

His exemplary service did not end there, however, in 1947, he joined the Plymouth Fire Department, rising to rank of Captain before retiring in 1975. In addition, he was an active member of the veterans' community in Massachusetts, participating in local, state and even national events with Presidents and First Ladies to highlight and celebrate the efforts of the men and women who served in uniform. Tommy also worked closely with my office over the years to secure unit citations for the extraordinary efforts of D and F Companies of 2nd Ranger Battalion during the Battle of Hurtgen Forest.

Tommy's perseverance and integrity served as an inspiration for all who knew him and he was an outstanding role model for the community. He leaves behind his wife, Mary, of 68 years as well as a loving daughter, sister, brother-in-law, nieces and nephews, and will be deeply missed by all those who knew him.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Antonio Thomas James Ruggiero and his distinguished service for our country. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the life of a dedicated and honorable public servant.

HONORING UNITED STATES AIR  
FORCE COLONEL DOUGLAS J.  
SCHWARTZ'S DISTINGUISHED  
MILITARY CAREER

**HON. JACKIE WALORSKI**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 13, 2016*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize United States Air Force Colonel Douglas J. Schwartz and honor him for a decorated career serving our nation.

Col. Schwartz began his 34-year career in the United States Air Force after receiving his commission through Officer Training School at Purdue University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in management in 1981. Since then, he has gone on to accumulate more than 4,200 flight hours as a command pilot and receive numerous awards and decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters as well as the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

During his distinguished career, Col. Schwartz has been stationed throughout the country, operating in large part at Grissom Air Reserve Base (ARE) in Miami County, Indiana. At Grissom ARB, Col. Schwartz has commanded the 434th Air Refueling Wing, the largest KC-135 Stratotanker unit in the Air Force Reserve Command. Within this role, Col. Schwartz has directed the efforts of nearly 1,900 military, civilian, and contractor personnel as they work to advance the mission of the United States Air Force. In addition, he has also commanded such aircraft as the B-52 and the C-40.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I have seen the impact of Col. Schwartz's work and his commitment to excellence. His passion for serving the greater good is truly remarkable and deserves the praise of many.

From my time working with him, I know Col. Schwartz epitomizes the ideal of servant leadership. Not only that, but he has invested substantially in the Grissom community and has spent his entire career working for the betterment of our country. On behalf of Hoosiers in the Second Congressional District, it is my honor to thank him for his service and sacrifice for our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. J. RANDY FORBES**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 13, 2016*

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, due to the recent passing of my mother I was unable to

cast my vote today for an important piece of legislation. Had I been in the chamber, I would have voted YES on the House amendment to S. 524, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016. This legislation will help to strengthen a variety of different treatment and prevention programs to combat heroin and opioid addiction.

DR. JULIA M. McNAMARA, PRESIDENT OF ALBERTUS MAGNUS COLLEGE ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 13, 2016*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to join the Albertus Magnus College community as they pay tribute to the woman who has led this outstanding institution for the last thirty-four years, Dr. Julia M. McNamara. Over the course of her tenure, she has guided Albertus Magnus through a myriad of transitions which have expanded the college in countless ways. Her vision, dedication, and seemingly endless energy have ensured that Albertus Magnus has continually met the changing needs of its students and faculty.

To say that Julia has left an indelible mark on this institution would be an understatement. For perspective, just last year Albertus celebrated its 90th Anniversary which means that for more than one third of its existence, Julia has been at its helm. Shortly after she was appointed President, Albertus Magnus became coeducational after sixty years as a women's college and in that same year, an innovative and highly successful Accelerated Degree Program for adult students was established. Julia oversaw the completion of a \$6 million capital campaign, the largest in the school's history, as well as the construction of state-of-the-art indoor and outdoor athletic facilities that has allowed the College to join the NCAA-Division III. Ensuring that all of their student's needs were being met, Julia was also instrumental in the College becoming a participant in the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill Yellow Ribbon Program, where Albertus works closely with veterans to help them succeed in accelerated programs.

Under Julia's direction Albertus expanded opportunities for its students with the establishment of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program, the first post-graduate degree in the College's history, and New Dimensions, a degree completion program for adult professionals, was begun in 1994. Today, the College also offers a Master of Science in Management degree, Master of Arts in Art Therapy—the only one in Connecticut—Master of Business Administration, a Master of Arts in Leadership, Master of Science in Education, Master of Fine Arts in Writing and Master of Science in Human Services, Master of Science in Accounting and the Master of Science in Criminal Justice.

Julia's contributions to our community extend far beyond her work at Albertus Magnus. She is a past Chair of the Yale-New Haven Hospital Board of Trustees and currently serves as Vice Chair. She has also served on the Board of Directors of The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, the International Festival of Arts & Ideas, the United

Way of Greater New Haven and the Shubert Theatre. In 1990, she became the first woman to serve on the Committee of the Proprietors of the Common and Undivided Lands, which oversees the use of the New Haven Green and she currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

The Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce's Community Leadership Award, the New Haven YWCA's Women in Leadership Distinguished Service Award, Columbus House's Outstanding Service to the Community Award, the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Luralton Hall's Claven Award, and the New Haven Business Times' Women in Business Lifetime Achievement Award are just a sampling of the myriad of awards and recognitions with which Julia has been honored for her service to the community.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to extend a personal note of thanks and appreciation to Julia for her many years of friendship and support. In addition to being a constant resource on higher education challenges and policies, she has served on the Ted DeLauro Scholarship Committee, a scholarship given to high school seniors for service to the community which I established in my father's name, since its inception in 1991. Julia is an extraordinary woman and I, like so many others, consider myself fortunate to call her my friend.

Today, as she reflects on her career with Albertus Magnus, family, friends, and colleagues gather to pay tribute to unparalleled leadership and commitment, not only to Albertus Magnus, but to higher education and our community. I am proud to have this opportunity to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to Dr. Julia M. McNamara for her invaluable contributions. I wish her, her husband, Dick, as well as the apples of their eyes, their three dogs, Kerry, Fiona, and Nova, all the best for many more years of health and happiness as she enjoys her retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following Roll Call vote on April 12, 2016 and would like to reflect that I would have voted as follows: Roll Call Number 139: YES.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WOUND CARE CENTER AT CAROLINAS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM NORTHEAST FOR RECEIVING THE ROBERT A. WARRINER III, M.D., CENTER OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

#### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Wound Care Center at Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast, located in Con-

cord, North Carolina, for earning the Robert A. Warriner III, M.D., Center of Excellence award from Healogics. The dedicated team at the Wound Care Center should take pride in this significant achievement, and the people of Cabarrus County should take comfort in knowing they have such a distinguished group of individuals providing high-quality healthcare in our community.

The Wound Care Center opened its doors in July of 2012, and has been providing excellent care to the people of our area ever since. In order to earn the Robert A. Warriner III, M.D., Center of Excellence award, the Wound Care Center had to achieve an average patient satisfaction rating of 92 percent, as well as a healing rate of at least 91 percent within a 30-day period. In addition to reaching these high standards, the Wound Care Center had to maintain their performance over a 12-month period. Earning this award is truly a reflection of the staff at the Wound Care Center who are able to provide such exceptional service on a consistent basis.

What is even more impressive is the fact that this is the third consecutive year the Wound Care Center has earned this honor, which is an astonishing feat. By continuing to focus on the patients they are serving, the Wound Care Center at Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast is able to continually provide the highest quality of care and customer satisfaction in the field of wound healing. Each member of the team is fully invested in developing a personal connection with patients on their road to recovery. This patient-centered approach should be championed as a model for all medical centers in North Carolina and across the country. With nearly six million people affected by problem wounds across the country at any given time, wound care centers remain an important part of our health care system. There is no doubt in my mind that Wound Care Center at Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast will continue to be a leader in this crucial field.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating the entire team at the Wound Care Center at Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast for earning the Robert A. Warriner III, M.D., Center of Excellence award.

#### SAVING A LIFE WHILE ON A SUNDAY JOG

#### HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas Stolee of Duluth, Minnesota for intervening and ultimately thwarting a suicide attempt.

Thomas's usual Sunday afternoon jog around the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Campus became a life-saving experience after he spotted a woman standing at the edge of a bridge over the Mississippi River. She appeared ready to jump, and when Thomas asked if she was in trouble, she ordered him to leave.

Despite his best efforts at persuasion, the woman proceeded with her attempt to leap from the bridge. At that moment, Thomas jeopardized his own safety as he lunged forward and pulled her back from the precipice.

Following the incident, a passing campus security patrol stopped to provide assistance. Thomas saved the life of a total stranger that day. However, those close to him were not surprised by the college freshman's compassion and heroism.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Thomas Stolee for his courage in saving the life of a desperate person in need.

IN HONOR OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOHAVE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

#### HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 70th anniversary of the Mohave Electric Cooperative (MEC).

MEC is a locally-based, member-owned, not-for-profit electric distribution cooperative that provides electricity to several communities in rural Arizona. When MEC was originally incorporated in 1946 it served just five miles of line and 90 meter locations. Today, under the watchful eye of its Chief Executive Officer, Tyler Carlson, it serves over 1,500 miles of line and more than 39,000 electric meters in the communities of Mohave Valley, Hackberry, Fort Mohave, Peach Springs, and Wickieup, Arizona.

MEC was established using a loan from the Rural Electrification Administration. These loans were made available to create energy distribution systems for isolated communities that for-profit power companies considered unprofitable. This program brought electricity to communities across the country that may not have received it otherwise—including communities in rural Arizona. In this manner, MEC has brought modern amenities to rural Arizona at affordable rates. It is a true accomplishment and an infrastructure milestone.

Because MEC is a member-owned not-for-profit their rates reflect their expenses—they are not increased to achieve profitability. This has allowed MEC to establish a history of providing excellent service at competitive rates. I am very grateful for their efforts to supply reliable and affordable electricity to my constituents. I look forward to seeing their continued success over the next 70 years.

#### TITAN ROBOTICS

#### HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2016

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Titan Robotics from Trinity School at Greenlawn in South Bend. Next week, they will travel to California to compete in the Legoland North American Open Invitational Championship.

I recently had the opportunity to speak with these students about their project, in which they were challenged to find new ways to help the environment. They discovered that recycling labels on plastic wrappers were often hidden or unclear, making consumers less