

and one sawmill, along with some building materials. Local rumor has it that George Washington once passed down the main road of this Washington County town, and two centuries later, Bentleyville has blossomed into a borough with unique character and beauty—a place I am proud to have in Pennsylvania's 9th Congressional District.

The borough of Bentleyville has benefitted greatly from its location in a strong coal mining region, and as such I am proud to highlight the borough's contribution to the rich history and heritage associated with coal mining. Over the past 200 years, Bentleyville has produced many generations of exceptional citizens, all adding their unique spirit, character, and successes to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

It is thus with great pride that I represent the remarkable citizens of past and present of the Bentleyville Borough and congratulate them on this significant milestone.

HONORING THE CAREER OF ROGER E. MILLER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and legacy of service of Mr. Roger E. Miller, who is celebrating his retirement from the post as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Healthcare Programs. After 26 years of tirelessly serving the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, he leaves a legacy of incomparable dedication to communities across the country.

Roger Miller began his career as HUD's first staff member with a background in healthcare, holding a Master of Hospital Administration degree from the University of Minnesota. Prior to his role at HUD, Miller was Senior Vice President of York Hospital, a large teaching hospital where patient care costs were among the lowest in the nation.

Throughout his career, Roger E. Miller has maintained his devotion to healthcare through assisting in the expansion of Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, and the construction of multiple healthcare facilities around Western New York, such as the Gates Vascular Institute, HighPointe on Michigan and the new Oishei Children's Hospital.

Roger Miller has been an integral part of the HUD Office of Healthcare Programs which administers the Section 232 Residential Care Facilities Program and the Section 242 Hospitals Program, together comprising a \$31 billion FHA portfolio of insured mortgages. Miller has led the OHP to improve its abilities to serve more communities across the nation while maintaining very low claim rates in both programs. In recent years, he has spearheaded a vigorous effort to implement Office-wide Lean Processing quality improvements and process reengineering, enabling OHP to better respond to emergent industry needs. Other notable career and personal achievements by Roger Miller include the launch of a large assisted living facility, a system of community health centers, a preferred provider health insurance company, and becoming a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Additionally, Roger has chaired state hospital association

committees and served as an adjunct faculty member at York College.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor the career of Roger E. Miller. I ask that my colleagues join me in expressing our congratulations on an accomplished career and to commend his dedication to his profession and improving the health of our communities.

RECOGNIZING CAN DO UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Community Area New Development Organization (CAN DO) upon the occasion of its 60th Anniversary. CAN DO is a private, non-profit, industrial and economic development corporation operating in Northeastern Pennsylvania. CAN DO has been doing great work in my hometown of Hazleton, and in fact my office back home is in the CAN DO building at 1 South Church Street. With a mission of improving the quality of life in the Greater Hazleton area through the creation and retention of employment opportunities, CAN DO's presence in Northeastern Pennsylvania has provided my constituents with the resources they need to secure meaningful employment and engagement in their communities.

In 1956, a small group of merchants and professional men believed that they could turn the tide on Hazleton's post-coal mining economic troubles. It was this spirit that fueled Dr. Edgar L. Dessen, the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, and a group of local civic and business leaders to create a community economic development organization, known as CAN DO. The organization's first fundraising initiative encouraged residents to donate a "dime-a-week," which they hoped would raise enough money to invest in new industries across the city. Growing up, I remember hearing stories of red lunch pails displayed around town to promote their fundraising effort, as well as the "Miles of Dimes" event, which saw men, women, and children place their dimes onto a strip of tape on Broad Street in downtown Hazleton. After this successful fundraiser and starting with the purchase of one industrial park, CAN DO now operates one corporate center and three industrial parks in Northeastern Pennsylvania, including Humboldt Industrial Park, which is one of the largest parks in Pennsylvania and an employer for over 10,000 constituents in my district. As mayor, I saw firsthand how CAN DO continued to grow throughout the region. They now offer a wide range of services to the community, such as infrastructure development, financial assistance, and resources for entrepreneurs.

CAN DO's commitment to the community in which they operate is evident through their receipt of numerous awards throughout the years. In 2006, CAN DO won a Best of Class Award for its 50th Anniversary video and commemorative book, and an Excellence Award for the marketing department's print advertisement placed in *Attaché* magazine. Also in

2006, CAN DO won the U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Award for a property in the CAN DO Corporate Center. In 2008, CAN DO was named Large Agency of the Year by the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association. These various accolades exemplify the superior service and community advancement provided by CAN DO, and I am confident that their continued engagement will be recognized for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, it is with gratitude and admiration that I honor the Community Area New Development Organization (CAN DO) upon the occasion of its 60th Anniversary. Time and again, CAN DO has exemplified the bond between private enterprise and community service through targeted initiatives and a commitment to excellence in Northeastern Pennsylvania. I wish to congratulate CAN DO on 60 years of meaningful community engagement, and look forward to witnessing the continued service provided by such a selfless and strategic organization.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI MARVIN M. GROSS

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rabbi Marvin M. (Marv) Gross, who will be retiring as Chief Executive Officer of Union Station Homeless Services in June 2016.

Born in 1947, Marvin M. Gross was raised in Evanston, Illinois. He received his education from Amherst College, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and the Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

In the late 1960's, Marv began his lifelong service to the community by volunteering at the dairy of Kibbutz Givat Chaim, Israel for one year. He worked as an organizer for various political campaigns and the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, and as an organizer for the Jewish Council of Urban Affairs in Chicago, where he organized a ground-breaking conference on the mortgage and insurance industry and low-income and minority neighborhoods.

Mr. Gross began his studies at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York in the 1970's to become a Reform rabbi, and after his graduation, moved to California. He began serving as a congregational rabbi, leading congregations at Temple Sherith Israel in San Francisco, and later at Temple Sinai of Glendale. In his volunteer capacity, Rabbi Gross served as Social Action Chair of the Board of Rabbis of Southern California, as Co-Chair of Clergy United for Prophetic Action, a Black-Jewish clergy alliance, and played a key role in the organization of religious congregations in California to support California's Bilateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze Initiative. In addition, Marv was asked by the Government of Israel, along with a fellow rabbinical student, to visit the Soviet Union for one month in an effort to promote solidarity and contact with Soviet Jews who had submitted applications to emigrate to Israel.

In 1995, Marv Gross accepted the position of Executive Director of Union Station (now

called Union Station Homeless Services (USHS) in Pasadena, California, becoming Chief Executive Officer in 2008. USHS is dedicated to helping homeless and low-income families through their outstanding service programs operating throughout the San Gabriel Valley. The programs provide food, shelter, medical care, rehabilitation and job training for homeless and low-income families and individuals, assisting them through each step of the process, so they can become thriving members of society. Under Rabbi Gross' stellar leadership, USHS has expanded from a 36-bed shelter on Raymond Avenue to a successful homeless service institution that serves over 2,200 people each year.

In his more recent volunteer capacity, Marv has served on many boards and committees, including Flintridge Preparatory School, the Pasadena Police Foundation, and he is a staunch member of the Pasadena Rotary Club. A longtime Sierra Madre resident, Marv has three children: Becky, Daniel, and Tara.

Rabbi Gross has tirelessly committed his working life to profoundly improve the lives of the homeless community. His generosity, compassion and leadership have deeply benefited the lives of thousands of homeless individuals and families.

I ask all members of Congress to join me today in honoring Rabbi Marvin M. Gross for over two decades of extraordinary and unparalleled service to Union Station Homeless Services.

HONORING EILEEN SMITH

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Eileen Smith of Marin County, California, for her selection as the Educator of the Year at the 2016 Golden Bell Awards Ceremony, presented by the Marin County Office of Education in collaboration with the Marin County School Board Association and other local civic organizations. Director of a California Math and Science Partnership (CaMSP) project that works with teachers across the county, Ms. Smith has nearly two decades of experience that have greatly benefited the preparedness and success of Marin County's students.

Ms. Smith has served in a variety of leadership roles in our community. As principal of Loma Verde Elementary School in the Novato United School District, she was recognized by several awards, including Principal of the Year in 2010 by the Marin County School Administrators' Association. In her current role as director of a CaMSP project, "Marin's Next Generation Collaborative for Science & Math," she has worked with more than six dozen teachers from 8 districts countywide, coordinating and providing intensive, ongoing professional development in math and science. The project is set to expand next year.

Throughout her career, Ms. Smith has been known and respected as an effective leader with a gift for educating teachers. She has pushed for increased and improved STEM

education at an early age, and has fostered relationships with leading scientific and educational institutions including the Exploratorium, Dominican University, the College of Marin, the University of California, Berkeley, and more.

The Golden Bell Awards celebrate public education in Marin County by recognizing outstanding teachers and supportive community partners. Each year, they select an exemplary educator, classified employee, teacher, and trustee for recognition.

Mr. Speaker, it is therefore fitting that we honor and thank Eileen Smith for her contributions to students and public education in Marin County and California.

IN MEMORY OF GREG CONNELL

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Greg Connell, a stunt pilot from South Carolina, who unfortunately passed before his time while performing several weeks back in the Good Neighbor Day Airshow in Atlanta. Accordingly, I want to take a moment to offer my condolences to his wife, Ginger, as well as the host of additional family and friends he leaves behind.

It was the inventor Leonardo da Vinci who once said, "Once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return."

Greg's eyes indeed always looked up. The heavens were his domain, and it is to them that he has returned.

He followed in his father's footsteps and started flying back in 1989 at the young age of 13, and his love of flight was obvious in the way that he lived life. Indeed, he flew at the Annual Water Festival down in Beaufort, South Carolina on numerous occasions, and my brother, John, flew with him many times. At a personal level, I spent New Year's down at the farm watching him do what he loved best: fly.

And that he could. He made the impossible look all too easy. With grace and flair, he was mesmerizing in the way he took to the sky.

Greg's story is that of pursuing with passion a quest for excellence, and I think there is a lesson all of us can learn from within those pages. In his memory, I would ask that we take a moment today for reflection, and pause in asking how we live up to his model of excellence in all we do. For those of us who knew him, we will miss him. I look forward to our reunion in the heavens above.

A FAIR PROCESS FOR ALL: VOTER
INEQUALITY IS A PROBLEM

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge today as Restoration

Tuesday and once again, to speak on behalf of those whose voices have been silenced by the refusal of Congress to fully restore the federal protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Two weeks ago, I was honored to stand beside fellow colleagues Rep. MARC VEASEY of Texas and Rep. BOBBY SCOTT of Virginia and other Members of Congress to launch the Congressional Voting Rights Caucus. The Caucus is committed to restoring the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to its original state and restoring the vote to all the suppressed voices in this great nation. We will continue to stand together until we achieve our goal and make our election process fair for everyone once again. The right to vote should be easy for all eligible voters and not made more difficult for some of this country's most disenfranchised members.

It is a sad day in this nation when there are eligible Americans who cannot take part in the democratic process that we as Americans are all promised, just because they are unable to attain a photo ID. To some, this may not seem like a hard request or even a major problem. However, to the people in rural Alabama and in many rural areas all over the country—it is a tough request and it is a big problem. When your district closes over 30 DMVs—the most common location to receive a photo ID—this is a problem. When the nearest courthouse or DMV is 20 miles away and you don't have gas money, a car, or any public transport—this is a problem. When you do not have a birth certificate because you were delivered by a midwife and are told you are not able to vote, even though you are an American, born and raised—this is a problem. What is crystal clear is that these new suppressive voting laws are crippling the democratic process. This is an election year and the right to vote is under attack. An essential element of our democracy is corroding, and we indeed have a problem.

When a county systematically shuts down voting polls from 400 in 2008 to 200 in 2012 and then plummets to only 60 in 2016, the problem is clear. Maricopa County in Arizona forced voters to endure long lines and an arduous process to simply have their vote counted—to have their voices heard. To my fellow colleagues, I say maybe your district doesn't have long lines wrapped around the streets and maybe your elderly constituents can easily access their birth certificates. But my district and so many others do have real problems accessing the ballot box. If one person is denied the right to vote, it undermines the integrity of the entire voting process. We cannot forget about the millions of Americans who suffer from new suppressive voting laws around the country. We cannot sit back and simply say, "This is not my problem." When Americans are being suppressed and silenced, it is an American problem. This is still the United States of America, and we cannot stand strong when a significant portion of our country suffers in silence. A democracy means inclusion, not exclusion—America stands for equality, fairness and justice for all.

It is time we make the democratic process, democratic once again. Until every voice in this great nation is allowed to speak freely, without suppression, I will stand on this floor and speak in support of our Constitutional right to vote. I urge my colleagues to join me and 168 other members in support of H.R. 2867, the Voting Rights Advancement Act. It is time Congress restores the VRA.