

Newcomer Award. Nick is a representative of the Brocker, Karns, and Karns Insurance Agency.

Mr. Harris was selected for this honor because he has lived and worked in the Atlantic area for over two years, leaving an indelible impression by his contributions to the community. He is a leader in the community with undoubtedly, a lasting impact on Atlantic. He is an advocate of supporting local businesses and building relationships in the community. He leads the "Around Atlantic" campaign, introducing newcomers to the community and sharing all the positive things happening in Atlantic.

I applaud and congratulate Nick Harris for earning this award. He is a shining example of how hard work and dedication will affect the future of a community. I urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Nick Harris for his many accomplishments and service to the Atlantic community. I wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OF A HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce my legislation that extends the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in my district. Specifically, this legislation will provide for a commencement of construction deadline extension for the Enloe Dam Hydroelectric Project that is being developed in Washington State by the Okanogan Public Utility District, in partnership with Energy Northwest.

On July 9, 2013, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) granted the Okanogan Public Utility District an original license for the Enloe Dam Hydroelectric Project, which will be located at the existing Enloe Dam that is situated about 3.5 miles northwest of the City of Oroville in the State of Washington. The current Enloe Dam was constructed in 1920 on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land for power generation. However, operations ceased in 1958 when the extension of Bonneville Power Administration's high voltage transmission line into the Okanogan Valley provided a less expensive source of power. The proposed Enloe Dam Hydroelectric Project makes economic and environmental sense as it will convert currently untapped energy in existing flow releases into clean, renewable electricity.

The Enloe Dam Hydroelectric Project will have a footprint that is roughly half the size of the existing facility but will provide approximately three times the generating capacity of the decommissioned plant. Completion of the Project will provide Washingtonians and the Pacific Northwest region with a clean, renewable energy resource that generates an estimated 45,000 megawatt hours per year of carbon-free, renewable power. Additionally, the proposed project will create jobs and needed employment opportunities in a region with an unemployment rate that far exceeds the na-

tional average, underscoring the many positive benefits this project will have for the local community, state, and region.

The legislation will allow for development of this critical hydropower facility to move forward under a realistic regulatory timeline and in a manner consistent with prior Congressional actions on similar projects. By passing this measure and extending the commencement of construction deadline for the Enloe Dam Hydroelectric Project, Congress can help spur hydropower development in Central Washington and ensure the Project's many benefits are realized. For these reasons I urge my colleagues to support this commonsense legislation, which will have a positive and lasting impact on the region's energy supply and economic viability.

IN HONOR OF GEORGETTE WHITE MOON'S PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Georgette White Moon's years of public service.

City Councilwoman Moon was elected in 2004 and will retire this year. She represents District 3 on the Tuskegee City Council in Tuskegee, Alabama.

She was born to the late George and late Carrie White and earned her Bachelor's degree at Alabama State University. Next Ms. Moon earned her Master's degree at Michigan State University and pursued postgraduate studies at Tuskegee University.

She is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Friends of the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site and Bethel Baptist Church.

She received numerous honors as a teacher and taught in schools in Florida, South Carolina, Washington, D.C., Colorado, Virginia, Japan, and Alabama. She was the first African-American to teach at Punaho School that President Obama attended in Hawaii.

She returned to Tuskegee after retiring from her teaching career. As a city councilwoman, some of her accomplishments include: downtown improvements, development of Washington Plaza, increased number of retail stores and sales tax revenues and street paving in several neighborhoods.

She also served eight years on the Utilities Board of Tuskegee and on Head Start Policy Council.

She has a daughter, Antoinette Moon Harlan; a son-in-law, Robert Harlan; and a grandchild, Aspen Moon Harlan.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Honorable City Councilwoman Georgette White Moon and her service to the city of Tuskegee.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL RUBINGER

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael Rubinger, President and

CEO of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC).

Mr. Rubinger will be retiring from LISC later this month after 17 years as its creative and results driven CEO. During his tenure, LISC has grown into one of the largest and most well respected non-profits focusing on community and economic development in distressed neighborhoods throughout the country.

LISC equips struggling communities with the capital, strategy and technical expertise to make change imaginable. Working with local leaders, LISC invests in housing, health, education, public safety and employment—all basic needs that need to be addressed at the same time for communities to succeed.

Michael Rubinger was hired as a LISC program officer shortly after the establishment of the organization. He now completes his more than four decades of service to the organization and leaves in place a reliable, constructive, and innovative partner in community redevelopment made stronger by his stewardship and leadership and the lasting impact that his career has made on the community development field.

Among other notable achievements, Michael oversaw the development and implementation of LISC's Building Sustainable Communities initiative, a transformative approach to investing in communities which focuses on proving a comprehensive framework to meeting the needs of the community, including investments in housing, economic development, income and wealth building, education, health, and community safety.

LISC and hundreds of neighborhoods across the country are stronger because of Michael Rubinger's vision for healthy and robust communities. He knows the importance of hearing the voices of those in the community and of making sure that key local stakeholders come together to find common ground.

Michael is leaving LISC on a high note. 2015 was among the best years in LISC's history, including a record number of program and investment milestones, such as financing 21,000 affordable homes and apartments, opening its 80th Financial Opportunity Center in order to help residents build a more stable future, and establishing new partnerships nationwide. All of that contributed to LISC's \$1.3 billion in program and investment activity for 2015, an amazing accomplishment.

I have seen firsthand his influence in Toledo, Ohio. His comprehensive approach to revitalization was evident when LISC opened its Toledo office in 1989. It was my honor to introduce LISC to Toledo back then, and I am proud to be associated with the organization that has helped distressed neighborhoods across Ohio.

With 16,000 Toledo homeowners unable to afford the cost of major exterior maintenance, Toledo LISC, the Toledo Fair Housing Center and the Lucas County Land Bank created the Martin Luther King, Jr. Inclusive Communities initiative to help those in need.

In 2015, nearly 150 families were provided with a complete roof and gutter replacement. The roof and gutter replacements have helped individual homeowners, who live at or below 120 percent AMI, to preserve their property while shoring up Toledo's housing stock overall.

These homeowners also participated in financial literacy and homeownership counseling workshops offered by two LISC-backed

Financial Opportunity Centers (FOCs). The FOCs provided counseling and education to 234 homeowners who applied under the program.

I am especially proud of Toledo LISC's work but also know that these efforts are not unique to Toledo—that similar stories have occurred in the 30-plus cities where LISC offices are located, as well as in the over 14,000 rural counties that LISC serves through its national rural program, Rural LISC.

It is with great admiration that I pay tribute to Michael Rubinger and to his legacy of service on behalf of low-income families and communities. His unwavering dedication to making communities better and more viable through economic development initiatives in hundreds of urban and rural areas should be commended.

I know my colleagues in the House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Michael Rubinger on his retirement and in thanking him for his noble choice to spend his most productive years in making America and her neighborhoods better for his efforts.

TRIBUTE TO MAURICE HERR

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maurice Herr of Dallas Center, Iowa, on the celebration of his 100th birthday. He spent a lifetime farming and raising his family in the Dallas Center area. As a farmer by profession, it is only fitting that Mr. Herr is an avid John Deere collector, showing off many of his collectibles and memorabilia at his residence. He is an avid Iowa Hawkeyes fan, as evidenced by his ever-present Hawkeye cap.

Our world has changed immensely during the course of Maurice's life. Since his birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones, and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism, and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Mr. Herr has lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-one Governors of Iowa. In his lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Mr. Herr in the United States Congress. It is my pleasure to wish him a very happy 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Maurice Herr for reaching this incredible milestone and in wishing him nothing but the best.

TRIBUTE TO KEVIN HENDRICK

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Mr. Kevin Hendrick for receiving the Governor's Shine Award.

Mr. Hendrick is the principal of Northeast High School in St. Petersburg and received

the award for his contributions to education at his school. Mr. Hendrick has been involved with schools for eighteen years, and is a past recipient of the Principal of the Year award.

Mr. Hendrick utilizes Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), a program to help diminish the achievement gap for students who are the first member of their family to go to college.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mr. Kevin Hendrick for his commitment to our community and for ensuring students can reach their goals. I ask that this body join me in recognizing Mr. Hendrick for his hard work and congratulating him on receiving the Shine Award. It is most deserving.

HONORING ELISE AND BARRY RICHMAN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two members of the New Rochelle community who this year have the distinct privilege of being named honorees at the Beth El Synagogue Annual Gala, Elise and Barry Richman.

For nearly 30 years, Elise and Barry have been dedicated and active members of the Beth El community in New Rochelle. Elise grew up in Yonkers, where her parents remain members. She attended Hebrew School, celebrated her bat mitzvah, and led Junior Congregation services there. When LPJC started sending its Hebrew School graduates to Beth El's Community Hebrew High School, Elise was in the first group of students to carpool to New Rochelle. After high school, Elise headed to Boston to attend the Boston University where she met Barry. Three years later, they were married. In 1987, expecting their first child, the Richmans decided to move to New Rochelle to be closer to family.

Elise and Barry happily relocated and immediately joined Beth El Synagogue Center, since Elise's older brother Teddy and wife, Beth, were already members, and her former teacher, Rabbi Sirner, was now Beth El's senior rabbi. As Elise and Barry's family grew, it was enriched by Beth El in countless ways. Not only did they regularly attend Shabbat and holiday services with their family, their children benefitted from Beth El's terrific Nursery School, summer camp, Religious School, youth services, and programming.

But Elise and Barry take the greatest pride in their three grown children, Nate, Allison, and Jason, all living in Manhattan. They are the light of the happy couple's lives, and each one is incredibly accomplished and successful in their own right.

The Beth El Synagogue community is lucky to have Elise and Barry, and they are very worthy of this honor. Congratulations to them.

IN HONOR OF 2017 NASCAR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE BENNY PARSONS

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember my friend, the late racing legend, Benny Parsons upon his induction into the eighth class of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

While he was born in Ellerbe, North Carolina, Benny Parsons grew up in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of Wilkes County. After high school he moved to Detroit, Michigan to work for his father's taxi company. After being invited to a local race track by a customer, fate intervened when he was asked to be the driver for the race that night. In that moment a racing legend was born.

In 1970, Mr. Parsons joined the NASCAR circuit full time as a driver and it wasn't long until he won his first championship. A humble victor, he was described by many as an "everyman champion." In his career as a driver he amassed 21 victories and managed to finish in the top ten 283 times, roughly 54 percent of his races. Following his driving career, he seamlessly transitioned to television as a very popular announcer until his death in 2007. I got to know Benny while serving on a YMCA board that he chaired in Concord, NC. I will always remember his integrity, humble nature and infectious humor. While he is sorely missed by the racing community, his legacy will now live on as a member of the Hall of Fame.

This year's class was selected by a comprehensive voting panel that included track owners, retired competitors, industry leaders, members of the media, and a nationwide fan vote. In total, a group of five was chosen to join the ranks of other NASCAR legends in the Hall of Fame. Mr. Parsons is extremely deserving of this honor and will now be enshrined forever for his contributions to the sport.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring Benny Parsons, a 2017 inductee of the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,222,275,711,902.53. We've added \$8,595,398,662,989.45 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.