

Ignacio Zaragoza Society, one of the many nonprofits he served during his life, Emilio shaped the lives of countless people in his community.

Emilio Vargas will be missed for his tremendous heart, his sense of duty and his unwavering belief that this land is a land for all.

Mr. Speaker, I honor Mr. Emilio Vargas, Jr. I ask my colleagues to join me in carrying on his legacy.

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SELFRIFFE ANGB 100TH  
ANNIVERSARY

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**HON. SANDER M. LEVIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Selfridge ANGB is home to the Air National Guard 127th Wing, which operates KC-135 Stratotankers and the A-10 Thunderbolt II. The base is also currently home to more than 20 tenant units from all branches of the military, the Coast Guard, and Border Patrol.

Opened in 1917, the base, then called Selfridge Field, was one of only nine military air fields in the United States as we entered World War I. The field remained a training ground through World War II. In 1943, the 332d Fighter Group of the historic Tuskegee Airmen was garrisoned at the base.

After World War II ended, Selfridge expanded its borders to its current size and was renamed Selfridge Air Force Base. The base continued to train pilots and stand ready through the Cold War. For twenty years, Selfridge AFB provided ground-controlled interception coverage for interceptor aircraft and surface-to-air missiles. When the Air Force's mission at Selfridge ended in 1970, the base was transferred to the Michigan Air National Guard, becoming Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Today, Selfridge ANGB continues to be an important member of the southeast Michigan region, and a vital resource in the defense of our nation. The base works to bring aviation themed math and science education to our community through the STARBASE program. Selfridge ANGB also continues to excel at its mission, and was most recently awarded both the Carl A. Spaatz Award and the Air Force Meritorious Unit Award.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in celebrating and honoring the 100th Anniversary of Selfridge Air National Guard Base and the men and women of the 127th Wing who continue to serve our country admirably. As a beacon of community involvement and military excellence, we look forward to Selfridge ANGB's continued service for many years to come.

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HONORING THE HONORABLE  
SAMUEL M. MORRIS

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**HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of the Honorable

Samuel M. Morris of the Third Congressional District of New Jersey, and to express my sincerest condolences to his family and loved ones he has left behind, as well as to recognize his career of public service.

Samuel was known for his unwavering focus on his goals. His talent for advocacy started in high school where he was an active member of the Debating Club at Point Pleasant Beach High School. He was a talented athlete, and was a member of the 1953 "miracle gulls" football team, which won the Group I State Championship.

In 1954, Samuel responded to our nation's call by joining and serving in the armed forces with the Engineers of the 11th Airborne. With a passion for learning, specifically the law, he continued his academic studies while serving his country, taking courses in German and International Law in Munich, Germany. Among his return home to the United States, Samuel completed his Bachelor's Degree in History and Political Science at Monmouth College and eventually received his Juris Doctor Degree from the Seton Hall University School of Law. Samuel went on to lead a successful legal career, first practicing for Mead, Gleason, Hansen, and Pantagesa Firm in Newark, New Jersey, specializing in Workers' Compensation Law. Samuel decided to open his own practice in his hometown of Brick, New Jersey. After years of establishing a successful private practice, Samuel was appointed to become the Brick Township Municipal Judge. He was so successful in that position, that he was called upon by other townships to help them establish their municipal court systems. He was known and well respected in every township that he presided over in the years to come.

Beyond his illustrious legal career, Samuel was a dedicated family man, who married his wife Lynn in 1956. Samuel enjoyed spending time with Lynn, their five children, and many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously honored to have had the Honorable Samuel M. Morris as a selfless and dedicated member of their community who devoted his career to bettering the world around him. It is with a heavy heart that I commemorate his veteran service, career, and life, and recognize the lasting legacy of public service that he has left behind, before the United States House of Representatives.

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RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN CHINESE COMMERCE ASSOCIATION  
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**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the American Chinese Commerce Association (HK) as they celebrate 20 years of exemplary service to the Asian American community.

Since it began, the American Chinese Commerce Association (HK) has been a voice for Chinese immigrants and Chinese Americans living in New York City and around the globe. As one of the largest chambers of commerce in the United States, the association is com-

mitted to providing business opportunities in the American and Chinese business sectors. By assisting immigrants as they develop successful business enterprises, the association is a bold advocate for local small businesses and entrepreneurs.

When it comes to maintaining business and trade relationships between the U.S. and China, the American Chinese Commerce Association works to protect the best interests of both parties.

I sincerely congratulate American Chinese Commerce Association (HK) for its proud history and many achievements. The future is bright for many more years of successful and even life-changing work.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. JAMES B. RENACCI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 410, YEA on Roll Call No. 411, YEA on Roll Call No. 412, and YEA on Roll Call No. 413.

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IN RECOGNITION OF LARRY  
GREENE

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**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, today I stand to recognize Mr. Larry Greene's retirement from the position of Executive Director of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Greene and his outstanding dedication to cleaner air in my hometown of Sacramento.

Mr. Greene served our region for twenty-two years, helping to produce cleaner air, prolong lifespans, and protect the environment. He was a two-term president of the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA), and holds a permanent seat on its Board of Directors. Larry's public service also included a term as President of the National Association of Clean Air Agencies. Before he delved into clean air policy, Mr. Greene served our country in the United States Army for 25 years, specializing in logistics management. Clearly, Larry Greene is the epitome of a public servant.

Since 1990, the Sacramento region has benefited from a 66 percent drop in nitrogen oxides, largely thanks to Mr. Greene's efforts. He has been the main proponent for many clean air programs, including the "Spare the Air" and "Check Before You Burn" campaigns. His success can be attributed to his methods of working as a partner for elected officials and community organizations that seek out solid, incentive-based solutions for businesses. Communities across our country that wish to improve their air quality should look no further than Larry for the model of what a clean air advocate can do.

Mr. Speaker, I stand to honor Mr. Larry Greene today and to wish him the best of luck

in retirement. I ask all my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Mr. Greene for his unwavering dedication to the air quality of the Sacramento region.

**CELEBRATING THE EXPANSION OF THE SCIENCE BUILDING AT SUNY ADIRONDACK**

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the ribbon cutting for the new expansion of the science building at SUNY Adirondack.

SUNY Adirondack is a regional leader in education. Their dedicated faculty and motivated students share the college's interactive and community-oriented mission. Since its founding in 1961, SUNY Adirondack has created opportunities for growth and excellence in the North Country.<sup>1</sup>

In service of this educational mission, SUNY Adirondack has been constructing two additions to its current science building. On one side, a new science wing features redesigned classrooms, increased laboratory spaces, and a greenhouse. These modernized and expanded facilities will house the nursing, science, technology, engineering, and math programs at the college. On the other side, a new Workforce Readiness Center is scheduled to be finished by the end of the year. The enlarged and renovated building, renamed 'Adirondack Hall,' embraces the dynamic and innovative learning style of the college.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate SUNY Adirondack on their new facilities. We are grateful for their commitment to educating our community, and hope that this expansion serves them well for many years to come.

**CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH IN HARLINGEN, TEXAS**

**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Queen of Peace Parish as they celebrate 50 years of service.

Located in the South Texas city of Harlingen, Queen of Peace Parish was founded in 1967 when the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary ventured from Fairhaven, Massachusetts, to Harlingen to establish their presence in the newly formed Diocese of Brownsville. Since its formation, the parish has focused on families, and that continues to be a cornerstone today. For 50 years, its members have volunteered time and energy to helping those most in need.

The parish, through Fr. Regis Kwiatkowski SS.CC., inherited a tract of land designated for low-income housing development. The land was then sold to purchase a corner lot where the first rectory was built, originally just a farm house. Today the church building sits on that same piece of property, and September 2017

marks the anniversary of the congregation's presence in the community.

Queen of Peace Parish has made a lasting, positive impact in our community, and they will continue to play a role in the improvement of South Texas. I rise today to congratulate them for their half-century of success.

**RECOGNIZING LA SOUPE**

**HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the story of La Soupe, a local non-profit here in Cincinnati, with the rest of the country and to recognize them for their contributions to our community.

La Soupe is a non-profit organization run by a local chef, Suzy DeYoung. They take the food-waste donations of local grocery stores—food that would otherwise be thrown out at the end of the day—and turn it into delicious soups, that are then given to people who are hungry.

In 2016 alone, La Soupe successfully rescued 125,000 pounds of food from going to the landfill and donated over 95,000 servings to people living in food insecurity.

La Soupe's impact in the Greater Cincinnati area should be shared with the country as we work to address poverty, and the challenges that Americans experiencing poverty face every day. La Soupe is a prime example of why the federal government needs to focus on empowering local poverty and hunger initiatives to thrive. They know the community best—and are positioned to provide the local solutions that are needed to help their neighbors.

Thank you to Suzy, and the staff at La Soupe, for their dedication to the wellbeing of all members of our community. I look forward to watching the further success of La Soupe, and the impact it makes on Ohio's Second District, and the country.

**RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF DR. GARY OBERG**

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated public servant from Crystal Lake, Illinois, Dr. Gary Oberg. Dr. Oberg has been a school board member for the past 30 years and this past April he concluded his service to Crystal Lake School District 155.

Since joining the board in 1985, Dr. Oberg has seen 36,000 students graduate from Community High School District 155, worked with six superintendents, and witnessed the transition from blackboards and overhead projectors to tablets and high-tech whiteboards.

During his tenure, Dr. Oberg has been an exemplary leader and public servant. Dr. Oberg played a key role in building Prairie Ridge High School. While on the Building and Grounds Committee during that time, he helped incorporate principles of good environ-

mental practices in its construction. He also oversaw the expansion of educational programs and schools including Cary-Grove High School's D and E wings, media center, and fine arts center, expansions at Crystal Lake South in 2003 and 2006, and the opening of Haber Oaks alternative high school in 2008.

Dr. Oberg has represented his community well and has been a strong voice for the City of Crystal Lake throughout his time in office. His long service to the students and families of Crystal Lake and to McHenry County is truly commendable. Although he is retiring, Crystal Lake will continue to benefit from his involvement as a member of the community.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in congratulating Dr. Gary Oberg on 32 years of public service and in wishing him all the best for the days ahead.

**FLORIDA INVENTORS HALL OF FAME 2017**

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the eight inventors who have been recognized as the 2017 Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame. In order to be named as an Inductee, these inventors were nominated by their peers nationwide and have undergone the scrutiny of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame Selection Committee. As a result, their innovations have been identified as significantly impacting the quality of life, economic development, and welfare of their communities, the citizens of Florida, and the United States.

The Florida Inventors Hall of Fame was founded in 2013 by Paul R. Sanberg, Senior Vice President for Research, Innovation and Knowledge Enterprise, and Judy Genshaft, President, at the University of South Florida. It was recognized by the Florida Senate with Senate Resolution 1756, adopted on April 30, 2014. Its mission is to encourage individuals of all backgrounds to strive toward the betterment of Florida and society through continuous, groundbreaking innovation by celebrating the incredible scientific work that has been or is being accomplished in Florida and by its citizens.

Nomination to the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame is open to all Florida inventors (living or dead) who are or have been residents of Florida. The nominee must be a named inventor on a patent issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The impact of the inventor and his or her invention should be significant to society as a whole, and the invention should have been commercialized, utilized, or led to important innovations.

The 2017 Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame are:

Issa Batarseh, director of the Florida Power Electronics Center at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, for inventing low cost, high efficiency micro-inverters for photovoltaic (PV) applications that led to the creation of the first compact single solar PV panel;

Michael J. DeLuca, electrical engineer and intellectual property counsel for NextEra Energy, Florida Power & Light, in Juno Beach, for his groundbreaking technology known