

co-chair for EMU's United Way Campus Wide Drive, helping raise over \$100,000, and served on the EMU Planning Committee for Michigan Women's American Council on Education's annual meeting. She has had a tremendous impact on the direction of higher education in Michigan, and her hard work and expertise will be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Marge Preston for her distinguished career in higher education. Ms. Preston has effectively served the State of Michigan and its students through her work with the state's public universities.

CONGRATULATING LUKE ALLEN
OF THE CALVARY LUTHERAN
LIONS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Luke Allen from the Calvary Lutheran Lions for his first place win in the long jump and triple jump at the 2017 Missouri Class 1 Boys Track and Field State Championship.

Luke and his coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Luke Allen for a job well done.

HONORING WESTERN SPRINGS
VILLAGE MANAGER PAT HIG-
GINS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2017

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Village Manager Patrick Higgins who is retiring after 40 years of service to the Western Springs community.

Pat Higgins began his career in Western Springs as an intern during his time at Northern Illinois University, where he received both a Master of Arts and Doctorate in Public Administration. Over the years he worked his way through various administrative positions and was named village manager in 2000. His 17 years in this top position make him the longest-serving manager in village history.

Pat Higgins has also been active as an educator and has served on numerous public service committees in Chicagoland. Since 2011, he has taught as an Adjunct Professor of Public Administration at Northwestern University. He has served as president of the Chicago Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration and is the current chair of the Cook/DuPage Smart Transportation Corridors Committee and the West Central Municipal Conference's Transportation Committee. Higgins was the recipient of the 2008 and 2015 Northern Illinois University Outstanding Alumnus Award in Public Administration.

Over the years I have had the opportunity to work with Pat both in my role as a Represent-

ative and also as a resident of Western Springs. I have always admired his long dedication to the village and the region, as well as his passion for teaching. He is very thoughtful and knowledgeable person who has given a great deal as a public servant. His leadership has been a major asset to the community. I am pleased to congratulate Pat, and his wife Karon, on his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Western Springs Village Manager Patrick Higgins for his public service. He is well deserving of praise for the energy he has dedicated to improving the community. I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO ERNEST R. GRECCO

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2017

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ernest "Ernie" R. Grecco on being honored for his fifty-five years of service to the labor movement next Tuesday evening, August 15, in Baltimore. I have known and worked closely with Ernie, who serves as President of the Baltimore Metro AFL-CIO, for thirty years. He is one of the toughest advocates for working men and women I've ever met, who has dedicated his life and his career to achieving better pay and conditions for workers and opportunity for their families in Maryland.

Ernie has worked on behalf of labor in Maryland since 1970, when he was elected Secretary-Treasurer of what was then the Distillery Workers Local 34-D. In 1976, he became Committee on Political Education (COPE) Director for the Metropolitan Baltimore Council AFL-CIO. He went on to lead the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO COPE from 1983-1987 before taking the helm in Baltimore. Since that time, whenever working people in the greater Baltimore area have had a challenge to overcome, Ernie's been there, leading the way and bringing to bear the forces of organized labor and its allies. Under his leadership, the Baltimore Metro AFL-CIO has expanded programs for job training, placement, and community service.

Ernie also became involved in making his community a better place by serving as the Secretary of the United Way of Maryland from 1992 until this year. He also received the Samuel Gompers Award from the American Red Cross and the Joseph Birne Award from the United Way of America. In 1995, the International Association of Firefighters Local 734 and Local 964 established the Grecco Labor Award in Ernie's honor.

I'm proud to stand with Ernie and the hard-working men and women of labor to advocate for better wages, better conditions, and greater opportunities for all our people to make it in America. I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Ernie on this well deserved honor and thanking him for his service and contributions to Maryland and our country.

CONGRATULATING MIKAYLA REED
OF THE WASHINGTON BLUE JAYS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mikayla Reed of the Washington Blue Jays for her first place win in the 1600 and 3200 meter run at the 2017 Missouri Class 4 Girls Track and Field State Championship.

Mikayla and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Mikayla Reed on a job well done.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF ELIZABETH CADY STANTON

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2017

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize one of the most influential members of the women's suffrage movement.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton was born in Johnstown, New York in 1815. From a young age, Stanton showed interest in pressing social issues affecting American society, which would eventually drive her to become a force for change. At her father's law office, she witnessed the inequitable laws restricting women's freedom and abilities to inherit property. As a young mother, Stanton advocated for equal education and freedom of expression for all of her children, no matter their gender. Stanton was also heavily involved with the abolitionist movement; however, frustration over the exclusion of women from many of the local meetings and proceedings led her to focus her efforts on a different mission.

Along with fellow reformer Susan B. Anthony, Stanton launched a crusade to ensure that women's rights were brought to the forefront of national debate. While Anthony served as the movement's public face, Stanton remained behind the scenes, guiding the movement's direction and agenda.

Perhaps Stanton's most defining moment was the delivery of her Declaration of Sentiments at the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848, the first women's rights conference ever held in the United States. At the convention, Stanton recited a familiar testimony with a subtle yet resonant sentiment, "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal".

In the years following the Civil War, Stanton continued her work for women's suffrage, serving as the president of the National Women's Suffrage Association from 1865 to 1893. In 1866, she ran for a Congressional seat in New York and received the first votes ever cast for a female candidate.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton passed away in 1902, seventeen years prior to the enactment of the 19th amendment. Her dedication to removing the barriers of gender inequality exists

as an act all women can look to for inspiration and courage. And as Stanton once noted, “the best protection any woman can have . . . is courage.” In New York’s 21st District, we are proud of Stanton’s legacy as an advocate for liberty and equality.

IN RECOGNITION OF PASTOR GARTHER ROBERSON JR. FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE YPSILANTI COMMUNITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pastor Garther Roberson Jr. for his decades of service to the Ypsilanti community. Pastor Roberson has provided spiritual guidance as leader of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church and community assistance through his involvement with local nonprofits and advocacy groups.

As a lifelong resident of southeast Michigan, Pastor Roberson has been a critical leader in the community throughout Ypsilanti’s growth and development. Prior to becoming a pastor, he was involved with the Second Baptist Church in Ypsilanti, where he directed youth activities and served as a deacon from 1967 to 1977. After being ordained as a Reverend by Pastor B.T. Hopkins at Second Baptist Church in 1979, Roberson was named Pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Ypsilanti, where he has served since. Under Pastor Roberson’s leadership, Mount Olive grew to become a pillar of the Ypsilanti community, offering support and guidance to its congregation and other individuals in need. Additionally, Pastor Roberson has been active in local charitable and religious organizations, including the President of the Minister’s Alliance of Ypsilanti and the President of the Huron Valley District Congress of Christian Education, where he has utilized his experience as a faith leader to provide assistance to the city at large.

Pastor Roberson’s work and moral leadership has helped revitalize the Ypsilanti community. Through his time as head of the Mount Olive Baptist Church, Pastor Roberson has become known as a friendly and welcoming presence dedicated to service and building a future for the city and its residents. He is recognized for his leadership, having served as a board member of local organizations including Hope Clinic, Students and Friends of Washtenaw Community College, and the regional branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Pastor Roberson has been an effective advocate for the city and its residents, and I wish him well as he retires from his position in the ministry.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Pastor Garther Roberson Jr. for his work in the Ypsilanti community. Pastor Roberson’s has impacted countless lives through his leadership and efforts.

CONGRATULATING NATALIE BASHAM OF THE CAMDENTON LAKERS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Natalie Basham of the Camdenton Lakers for her first place win in the 100 Meter Hurdles at the 2017 Missouri Class 4 Girls Track and Field State Championship.

Natalie and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Natalie Basham on a job well done.

CONGRATULATING ARTHUR AND JULIA BULLARD ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2017

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Arthur and Julia Bullard on their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Bullard’s are beloved members of the South Florida community. They met at Roosevelt High School in West Palm Beach and married at the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, where they remain important leaders of their congregation. Together they have three children and six grandchildren.

Both Julia and Art have dedicated their working lives to serving the public. Julia is a highly respected educator. She worked for the Palm Beach County school district for 30 years and was the Principal of Roosevelt Elementary school for 20 years. Art worked for the U.S. Postal Service for over 30 years and was a West Palm Beach City Commissioner. He capped his hard working career as Assistant to the Mayor during my eight years as Mayor of West Palm Beach. His friendship and guidance was invaluable to me and will always be cherished.

It is my honor to recognize Arthur and Julia today, and to join with their friends and family in celebrating this milestone.

CONGRATULATING THE NEW HAVEN SHAMROCKS GIRLS RELAY TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2017

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the New Haven Shamrocks Girls Relay Team on their first place win in the Class 1 4x400 meter relay at the 2017 Missouri Track and Field State Championship.

This team and their coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the New Haven Shamrocks Girls Relay Team on a job well done.

REFLECTIONS ON THE 72ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBINGS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 11, 2017

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in remembrance of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki that ushered in the nuclear age 72 years ago this week.

The atomic bombs that devastated Hiroshima on August 6, 1945 and Nagasaki on August 9, 1945 thankfully represent the only instances where the awesome destructive power of nuclear weapons were unleashed.

While it is true that the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki helped to bring a speedy and decisive end to the conflict in the Pacific theater during World War II, it is also true that devastation and carnage wrought by those explosions was a vivid reminder and compelling reason for the international community to work in concert to prevent the proliferation and use of nuclear weapons.

And for 72 years, the international community, led by the United States, has deterred every nation on earth from using nuclear weapons although it has been less successful in deterring several nation-states from developing their nuclear weapons capability.

So while we pause to remember the victims who perished in, and the lives that were saved by, the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, it is critically important that we take this moment to redouble our commitment towards nuclear nonproliferation and banishing the threat of nuclear annihilation from the earth.

Mr. Speaker, since 1945 preventing the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology has been a pillar of the U.S.-led, rules-based international order that has brought an unprecedented era of peace and prosperity to the United States and its allies in Europe, Asia, and the Pacific.

It is this commitment to nuclear non-proliferation that has led the United States to work with the international community to keep rogue nations from developing their own nuclear arsenals, the most recent achievement in this regard is the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) negotiated with the Iranian government in 2015.

Multilateral efforts like the JCPOA were made possible by responsible, level-headed leadership that did not needlessly engage in brinksmanship.

Today, the world faces a grave threat from the rogue and hostile regime in Pyongyang in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

Mr. Speaker, it is imperative that we continually seek to reduce the risk of war, and this is not accomplished through the use of overheated, reckless, and bombastic rhetoric.

It is vitally important that the Trump Administration understand the importance of using restrained and judicious rhetoric in trying to diffuse this delicate situation.

Mr. Speaker, blustery statements and bombastic tweets will not defuse the tense situation on the Korean peninsula or frighten the regime in North Korea.