

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 21<sup>st</sup> District, we are proud of Stanton's legacy as an advocate for liberty and equality.

IN RECOGNITION OF PASTOR GARTHER ROBBERSON 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 brinkmanship.

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.

Instead, we must employ the full arsenal of America's smart power assets—diplomacy, economic sanctions—to persuade North Korea that it is in its self-interest to turn away from the dangerous path it is traveling.

The United States does not harbor hostile intentions toward North Korea and is seeking to overthrow the regime in Pyongyang.

Mr. Speaker, direct diplomatic engagement with North Korea represents America's best option and holds the promise of a favorable and peaceful outcome, just as was achieved with the JCPOA and the 1994 Agreed Framework reached with North Korea that stopped North Korea's nuclear weapons program for nine years.

On July 16, 1945, after witnessing the first test of the atomic bomb in Alamogordo, New Mexico, Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, the director of the Manhattan Project, remembered the line from the Hindu scripture, the Bhagavad-Gita: "Now, I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds."

Mr. Speaker, for more than 70 years the international community, led by the most indispensable of nations, the United States, has kept the nuclear genie in the bottle.

We have been successful to date in no small part due to the thoughtful, persistent, judicious, restrained application of American power by responsible, sober, determined, informed Presidents of the United States, from Harry Truman through Barack Obama.

When he took the oath of office on January 20, 2017, that torch, and the burden of leadership, was passed to Donald Trump and all Americans are anxiously hoping and praying he can restrain his impulses and rise to the occasion.

CONGRATULATING THE WASHINGTON BLUE JAYS SCHOLAR BOWL 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 con-

gratulating the Washington Blue Jays Scholar Bowl Team for their first place win in the 2017 Missouri Class 4 Scholar Bowl 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 Washington Blue Jays Scholar Bowl team for a job well done.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PITTSFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP FARMER'S MARKET

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 11, 2017*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the organizers and vendors of the Pittsfield Charter Township Farmers Market. For the past five years, the market has provided a forum for the community to come together and offered a wide variety of goods from local producers.

Originally founded in 2012, the Pittsfield Farmer's Market serves the community at large by offering locally produced goods to residents of Pittsfield Charter Township and surrounding areas. Several dozen vendors, all based less than 40 miles away from the market, gather each week on Thursday to offer a variety of goods, including local produce, artisan bread and baked goods, honey, fresh pasta and pasture-raised meats. The vendors are vetted to ensure a wide range of goods are served and to further Pittsfield's commitment to supporting local Michigan growers while providing access to healthy and natural foods. The market also hosts free events each week like live music performances, tips from a certified Master Gardener and public safety demonstrations. These activities, along with the wide variety of vendor offerings, have established the market as a key pillar in the

southeast Michigan community, with over 8,000 guests visiting these attractions in 2016.

The Pittsfield Farmer's Market's growth and development has helped engage the community while supporting local businesses. The success of the market has empowered Michigan growers while providing high-quality produce and goods to visitors, and the gathering space in nearby Prairie Park has served as an important forum for events and presentations hosted by the market participants. Collectively, these have helped create a strong sense of community while engaging and educating visitors. The growth and development over the last five years underscores the value of the services that the market provides, and it is my hope that the market continues to experience success while effectively serving nearby residents in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Pittsfield Farmer's Market on the fifth anniversary of its founding. The market has been a tremendous success through its offering of local products and promotion of community interaction.

CONGRATULATING LAUREN GERLEMANN OF THE NEW HAVEN SHAMROCKS

**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 Lauren Gerlemann of the New Haven Shamrocks for her first place win in the long jump at the 2017 Missouri Class 1 Girls Track and Field State Championship.

Lauren 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 Lauren Gerlemann on a job well done.