

Katherine was born on September 30, 1929 in the Pueblo of Laguna. She went to Albuquerque Indian High School and attended Sage Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in neighboring state, Arizona. In 1951, she moved to California and started a family. She later moved back to New Mexico.

Katherine started her career at the Presbyterian Hospital Center, where she worked for 29 years. After retiring, she continued to work at the Indian Health Service at Acoma-Cañoncito-Laguna Hospital in San Fidel and the Albuquerque Indian Hospital. She also worked at the Albuquerque Tribune and the Roundhouse newspaper.

During the past 22 years, Katherine has volunteered her time with numerous organizations, helping neighbors and friends throughout the community.

She was on the Committee of the Ancient Living Village, Vice-President of the Laguna Colony of Albuquerque, served on the Council of Elders at the New Mexico Geriatric Education Center, and was a member of the Environmental Health Community Advisory Committee.

She traveled around the world to promote her favorite projects—Friendship Force of New Mexico and Sister Cities of Albuquerque.

I wish Katherine all the best with her future endeavors. Her work has and will continue to influence those in her community. Thank you and congratulations, Katherine.

TRIBUTE TO SENIOR AIRMAN LACEY K. MILLER, THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, Senior Airman Lacey Miller's recognition stems from her dedication to her country. Airman Miller bravely enlisted into the United States Air Force Reserves in February 2012. While she was in the reserves, she was attending Materiel Management School. Upon completion of technical training, she was assigned to the 911th Airlift Wing in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She was then assigned to the Logistics Readiness Squadron supporting the C-130 Hercules aircraft mission set. After a year of serving the squadron, she transitioned to her current position in the Florida National Guard as a Materiel Management Journeyman assigned to the 290th Joint Communications Support Squadron at MacDill Air Force Base. Airman Miller has deployed in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel where she was assigned as a logistics liaison for nine forward operating bases in Afghanistan areas of responsibility, directly supporting Special Operations Forces in combat operations.

Airman Miller can be described as a leader—considerate, courageous, and compassionate. At a young age, Lacey took part in helping her community, as a volunteer at a Young Life Group where she mentored troubled youth. She also cares profoundly for her planet and traveled to Sweden to promote eco-friendly farming. In the fall, Senior Airman Miller will be attending the University of Florida pursuing a bachelor's degree in forestry.

Airman Lacey Miller is a phenomenal example of service and sacrifice. She is truly deserving of the recognition that the United States Air Force has bestowed on her as Airman of the Year and we thank her for her service to our great nation.

TRIBUTE TO HENRY VARGAS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Henry Vargas of Davenport, Iowa for being inducted into the 2017 Class of the Iowa Latino Hall of Fame.

The enduring qualities of Iowa Latino Hall of Fame Inductees include: significant contributions to their respective field of work, impactful changes in the social, cultural, economic or political well-being of the community, and inspiring others through their efforts. Henry is the embodiment of these qualities. He has dedicated his life to uplifting others and making sure they have the same opportunities he has had to make an impact on his community. Henry is the founder of the Davenport Civil Rights Commission that is now called the Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs and the Office of Latino Affairs.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders like Henry in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize him today for receiving this esteemed designation. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on receiving this award, and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF UPPER MERION SENIOR SERVICE CENTER ON THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Upper Merion Senior Service Center of King of Prussia, PA for its twentieth anniversary. Caring for our senior citizens is a challenging yet immensely rewarding experience to which those at UMSSC have dedicated their lives.

The Center enables seniors in the Seventh District to live life to the fullest. They facilitate activities that allow seniors to engage in physical, educational, and recreational activities. This social environment and steadfast care helps seniors enjoy their retirement and stay healthy.

I hope UMSSC continues to provide their services for many years to come. The senior citizens of our district deserve the best care we can provide and UMSSC is a treasured place that does just that.

I congratulate UMSSC for their twenty years of service to our community and I wish them well in their efforts to provide top quality care for Philadelphia area seniors.

TRIBUTE TO CHRIS TEACHOUT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Chris Teachout of Shenandoah, Iowa for receiving the 2017 Iowa Conservation Farmer of the Year Award. The award is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation. Chris is a 5th generation Iowa farmer.

Chris received this award for his use of cover crops on his farm. The cover crop practice is a popular conservation technique which reduces erosion and improves soil and water quality. Chris is always willing to learn something new and has a proven track record of experimenting with different ideas to continuously improve the soil and water on his farm. Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey said, "Iowa farmers continue to take on the challenge of better protecting their soil and improving water quality. This award is an opportunity to highlight and recognize a farmer that has gone above and beyond in their conservation efforts and serves as a model of land stewardship."

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Chris for earning this award. He is a shining example of how hard work and dedication can have a positive impact on the land. It is with great pride that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF BARBARA JONES, CONSUL GENERAL OF IRELAND

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Consul General of Ireland Barbara Jones. Barbara has a long history of service to the Irish people. Her career as an Irish diplomat began in 1983 after receiving a graduate degree in education from University College, Dublin as well as a graduate degree in computer science from the National Institute of Higher Education at the University of Limerick.

Her posting as Consul General for the New York Consulate of Ireland concludes this month after three years of promoting Irish-American relations. I also thank the Irish Immigration Center of Philadelphia for working closely with Barbara during her tenure to ensure a positive and productive relationship between Ireland and the Philadelphia region.

Irish-American relations have never been stronger. This bond is due in no small part to Barbara's tireless efforts to foster meaningful connections between U.S. localities and Ireland. I hope she leaves the United States with fond memories, as I know she leaves her many friends and colleagues with their own fond memories of Barbara. I wish her well as she returns home and moves on to her next venture.

TRIBUTE TO PAULINE JONES

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Pauline Jones on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Pauline's life. Since her 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. Pauline has lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-three Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the

population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Pauline in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Pauline on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.