

wrapped up yesterday, marked a truly special milestone for the dining hall.

Beginning in 1897, a group of women from the Hamline Methodist Episcopal Church Ladies Aid Society decided to raise money for their congregation by hopping in the back of a church member's coal wagon and heading to the Minnesota State Fair to sell sandwiches they had made in their basement. Thus began a great ritual of feeding fairgoers that has continued through two World Wars, the Great Depression, and dramatic demographic changes in Minnesota.

Throughout its 120 years, Hamline Methodist Church has served meals from various locations on the fairgrounds. Its current home site was purchased from the East Immanuel Norwegian Evangelical Church of Saint Paul in 1944. That building was replaced by the current building in 1968, with an addition added in 1983 to accommodate its increasing popularity.

While the physical venue of the dining hall has changed over the years, the heart of the operation has remained its volunteers. Every year more than 60 volunteer servers and food prep workers a day fill over 700 shifts. There, they prepare and serve its signature Hamline Ham Loaf, Swedish Meatballs, famous breakfasts, and bottomless cups of coffee. Delicious food has brought together generations of Minnesotans and other visitors from across the country. It also helped to fund reconstruction of the Church's sanctuary on Englewood Avenue in Saint Paul, after a Christmastime fire destroyed it in 1925. The dining hall remains popular with fairgoers because it offers a place to take a break, sit down, and use real silverware and a plate rather than just food on a stick.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing this proud Minnesota State Fair tradition. I wish the congregation of Hamline United Methodist Church all the best as they plan for the next 120 years of hospitality at the Hamline United Methodist Church Dining Hall.

HONORING CAPTAIN RICHARD A. KIBBEY AND THE AIRMEN ABOARD THE JOLLEY GREEN 05

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, to recognize POW/MIA Day, on September 15, 2017, the Department of the Air Force, 920th Rescue Squadron, will honor the life and sacrifices of Captain Richard A. Kibbey, MIA, by presenting his Dog Tags to his surviving family at Patrick Air Force Base in Cocoa Beach, FL.

Captain Kibbey was one of four aircrew members aboard the HH-3E helicopter, call sign JOLLEY GREEN 05, on a mission to rescue downed pilot Captain Lucius L. Heiskell. On February 6, 1967, despite poor weather and limited visibility, Kibbey and his crew succeeded in picking up Captain Heiskell, but they were hit repeatedly by 37mm AAA fire. The burning HH-3E flew for about a mile before colliding head-on with a limestone cliff.

Of the five men aboard JOLLEY GREEN 05, only one survived—pararescueman Dwayne Hackney, who was found after the incident. The other four airmen were designated

as Missing in Action: Major Patrick H. Wood, pilot, MIA; Captain Richard A. Kibbey, copilot, MIA; SSgt Donald J. Hall, flight engineer, MIA; and Captain Lucius L. Heiskell, 0-1F pilot, MIA.

Although the four men were carried in MIA status for some years, an Air Force review board ultimately determined that all available evidence indicated that they had died in the crash. Captain Kibbey's Dog Tags were recently discovered near the accident site by a local farmer and were transferred to the U.S. authorities.

Captain Kibbey and the crew of the JOLLY GREEN 05, including Captain Heiskell, laid their lives down on the altar of freedom for the benefit of our nation and our way of life. Posthumously, for his actions, Captain Kibbey was promoted to Colonel and awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. On behalf of the United States Congress I would like to express my sincere appreciation for their sacrifices. At my request, on August 30, 2017, the Architect of the Capitol flew the United States Flag over our Capitol Building to further honor the sacrifices of Captain Richard A. Kibbey and his crew.

I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting these brave airmen, and their families, for their commitment to serving our nation and protecting our freedom.

RECOGNIZING EDWIN GILROY

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize—and say farewell—to a member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce staff who has dedicated more than 20 years of public service to the People's House.

Edwin Gilroy began his congressional career on the staff of former Congressman Rod Chandler of Washington, and he would then go on to serve as Professional Staff Member for the Committee. But most of us know Ed for his nearly 16 years of service as the Committee's Director of Workforce Policy.

It was in this capacity Ed led our efforts to expand access to affordable health care for small business employees; provide moms and dads more flexibility in the workplace; protect the rights of workers and employers; and hold officials accountable for how our nation's health and safety laws are enforced.

Ed has also had a remarkable impact on policies affecting the retirement security of working families. He was instrumental in our bipartisan efforts to strengthen the defined benefit pension system with passage of the Pension Protection Act in 2006, and again with enactment under President Obama of the Multiemployer Pension Reform Act in 2014. And he has played a vital role in ensuring all Americans have access to affordable retirement advice.

He has guided us through countless hearings, markups, floor debates, field hearings, member briefings, round-table discussions, and stakeholder meetings, and through it all, he has been a trusted adviser, dedicated public servant, distinguished colleague, and an invaluable member of our Committee family.

Ed Gilroy, on behalf of my colleagues, we are deeply grateful for his many years of serv-

ice to the American people and the U.S. House of Representatives, and we wish him all the best in the years ahead.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOJOURNER TRUTH HOUSE

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I recognize the Sojourner Truth House as the organization celebrates its 20th anniversary. In honor of this special occasion, the Sojourner Truth House will host an open house followed by a celebration mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels on September 16, 2017. The organization will then conclude its day of celebration with a reception at Avalon Manor in Merrillville, Indiana.

The Sojourner Truth House, a not-for-profit organization located in Gary, Indiana, serves an average of 2,092 homeless and at-risk women and children per month. The outstanding and compassionate employees and volunteers at the Sojourner Truth House assist and encourage their clients to regain their dignity and sense of purpose for themselves, their children, and their communities. The organization's dedication to its four core values—Openness to the Spirit, Community, Simplicity, and Dignity and Respect for all—fosters a safe environment for their clients to identify and overcome the barriers in their lives. Clients are provided with access to resources, classes, counseling, and various activities aimed at healing the mind, body, and spirit. Among the organization's numerous and important contributions, the Sojourner Truth House has clothed over 2,000 clients and has provided meals for nearly 15,000 people in need. Clients of the Sojourner Truth House share their appreciation for the warm, welcoming assistance they receive at the Sojourner Truth House, which only further reinforces the positive and lasting impact the organization has on the community of Gary and the entirety of Northwest Indiana. Recently, they have become a special limited partner in the Village of Hope, a 40-unit apartment building for homeless individuals and families with mental illness and/or addiction.

I would like to take time to mention some of the inspiring leaders in Northwest Indiana who have worked with the Sojourner Truth House to bring about positive, impactful change and to inspire the community. They include Executive Director Sister Peg Spindler, Chairwoman Judith Stanton, and the rest of the current Board of Directors: Leo Barron, Regina Biddings-Muro, Susan Cohen, Denise Dillard, James Donovan, Sister Michele Dvorak, Mike Gluszewski, Jason Griffin, Roxanne Morton, Sister Cathy Schwemer, Vickie Sultzman, Michelle Taylor, Scott Yahne and Pamela Yttri. I am also grateful for the sponsorship of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, who work tirelessly to spread the goodwill and hope the Sojourner Truth House exudes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating the Sojourner Truth House on its 20th anniversary. For the past 20 years, the staff and leadership have touched the lives

of countless individuals through their unwavering commitment to those in need. The ministry is both a beacon of hope and a network of support for so many and serves as an inspiration to us all.

HONORING THE FORT WORTH ASSOCIATION OF FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUBS 100 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fort Worth Association of Federated Women's Clubs (FWAFWC) for its 100 years of service to Fort Worth and the greater Tarrant County community.

The FWAFWC was founded in 1917 with Mrs. Fannie Mae Connally-Winn serving as the first president of the organization. Mrs. Winn created the organization because she wanted the "colored" women of Fort Worth to have the opportunity to be known for their service throughout the community. The organization has lived up to its founding mission and grown substantially over the decades.

The FWAFWC continues its commitment to ensuring that African-American women are aware of their civic duties, social issues in the community, family health matters, and the importance of educating youth for a better future. As part of their mission, FWAFWC members volunteer for the Annual Prom Dress Give Away each year and collect hundreds of donated items for local high school girls.

Additionally, FWAFWC has sponsored an annual cotillion for over 10 years, which provides young ladies with the skills to be successful later in life. The Cotillion also serves as a scholarship fundraiser event aimed at empowering young women to pursue their higher education aspirations. Along with volunteering throughout the community, the group makes monetary donations to numerous local charities and community service organizations throughout the year, including a \$500 college scholarship to graduating African American high school seniors.

I honor the Fort Worth Association of Federated Women's Clubs and its century of service to the Fort Worth and Tarrant County community.

RECOGNIZING BRUNO VIDAL

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Detective Bruno Vidal, as he retires after 25 years of law enforcement service.

Det. Vidal began his law enforcement career in 1992 as a Police Officer with New York City's Finest, the NYPD. In 1993 he was assigned to the 90th Precinct in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. In 1995, he joined the Community Patrol Officer Program (CPOP). A program designed to promote collaborative problem solving efforts between the community and police

department. This program enabled Det. Vidal to patrol a dedicated geographic location within the community where he successfully worked with residents in identifying areas with serious quality of life conditions. As the CPOP Officer, his approach, mannerism and ability to communicate with the public, young and older, was instrumental in fortifying the trust between the 90th Precinct and the greater community.

This achievement led to his appointment as the precinct's Community Affairs Officer. In this capacity, he worked extensively within Williamsburg community. Det. Vidal established strong relationships with schools, faith-based and local organizations, small businesses, housing leaders and elected officials. He has earned numerous awards and the respect of the community and members of the service. In 2007 he was promoted to the well-deserved rank of Detective. And in 2015, he earned the new rank of Detective Specialist 2nd grade.

For twenty-five years, Det. Bruno Vidal has been an exemplary role model and dedicated public servant who served with pride and honor. I am proud to know and have worked with him on local issues. He is a loyal representative of New York's Finest. I also want to thank his family, Mrs. Arisleida Vidal-Abreu and their three children Matthew, Carolyn and Adam for supporting his career. Please join me in saluting Detective Bruno Vidal from the 90th Precinct in New York City.

RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST INDIANA'S NEW CITIZENS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who took their oaths of citizenship on Friday, August 11, 2017. This memorable occasion, presided over by Magistrate Judge John E. Martin, was held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On August 11, 2017, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, took their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Feda Izzedin Aljobeh, Mahmoud Ibrahim Almakharza, Mosa Maher Awad, Roberto Barraza, Manuel de Jesus Castaneda, Maria Arminda de Leon, Jose Jorge Garcia, Lucio Chan Gudmalin, Wendy Lane Harris, Nora Ibrahim, Delia Ruiz, Ma Olivia Avila de Torres, Eduardo Torres, Victor Hugo Vargas Sanchez, Jose Jesus Vargas, Cayetano Ontiveros Rodriguez, Silvia Andrea Alvarez, Guijuan Niu, Shanqin Chen, Hamida Brkovic, Eric Kwadwo Ofori, Ling Zhou, Jose Luis Castro Vazquez, Julio Alvarez Gonzalez,

Hong Tuyet Thi Nguyen, Juana Irma Diez de Sollano Garcia, Ruth Mwihaki Chege, Jose Martin Hernandez, Hannah Rose Babbini, and Prabhakar Himatram Jani.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country ". . . of the people, by the people, and for the people." They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who became citizens of the United States of America on August 11, 2017. They, too, are American citizens, and they, too, are guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation.

Whereas on January 13, 2013, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world; and

Whereas the Sorority was founded in 1913 by 22 students at Howard University and these young women wanted to use their collective strength to promote and provide academic excellence; scholarships; support to the underserved; education and participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities; and

Whereas Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated is a sisterhood of more than 200,000 predominately Black college-educated women and the Sorority currently has over 1,000 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan, Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, the Republic of Korea, and here in Dane County, Wisconsin; and

Whereas the Madison Alumnae Chapter was chartered on August 27, 1977 by twenty-two bold and visionary women who saw the urgent need for a chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated in Madison, Wisconsin to create a collective shift in thinking for African American residents; to cultivate and educate the minority community in political, educational, cultural, economic and social spheres; and has continued to thrive, empower, and lead for forty years using sisterhood, scholarship and service as the guide; and

Whereas the Madison Alumnae Chapter has participated in Delta Days in the nation's capital to meet with me and my staff to discuss