

HONORING USPTO NATIONAL SUMMER TEACHER'S INSTITUTE ON INNOVATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PARTICIPANT BECKY McDOWELL

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Becky McDowell for being selected to participate in the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO) 4th Annual National Summer Teacher's Institute on Innovation and Intellectual Property (NSTI).

The NSTI is a week-long program designed to provide teachers with a comprehensive understanding of intellectual property, innovation, and entrepreneurship. The USPTO reviewed over 500 applicants for the program and accepted only 44 participants, highlighting Ms. McDowell's unique qualifications.

Representing the schools of Roslyn Road, Barbara Rose, North Barrington, and Sunny Hill Schools in Wauconda, Illinois, Ms. McDowell worked with a group of fellow teachers to come up with their own invention. Ms. McDowell's group invented an animal care app where owners could update key information about their pets for use by kennels and animal caregivers to ensure the safety and well-being of pets.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in recognizing Ms. Becky McDowell for her outstanding service, and congratulate her on being selected to participate in the United States Patent and Trademark Office's 4th Annual National Summer Teacher's Institute on Innovation and Intellectual Property.

IN HONOR OF JIM MCCANN

**HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, and long-serving member of the Westerville Community, Jim McCann who celebrated his 80th birthday on August 18, 2017.

Jim McCann has dedicated his life to service; to his nation as a soldier in the United States Army, to his students as an educator, and to his neighbors as an indefatigable community leader.

After years of teaching at Columbus South East High School in subjects such as journalism and psychology, he was selected in 1975 to become the Assistant Principal at the newly created Westerville North High School. For almost thirty years, he invested himself into fostering academic rigor and community pride in the students, faculty and staff of Westerville North. He served fourteen years as Assistant Principal before taking on a subsequent fourteen years as Principal. During Jim's tenure, he created the Warrior Way—a hallmark of the high school and a philosophy he developed in collaboration with students

and faculty. Upon graduation, students receive a card printed with the Warrior Way as a constant reminder to respect themselves, fellow students, their school, their family, and their community. Jim's Warrior Way can be seen displayed proudly throughout the school, both in writing and in the actions and achievements of students.

In recognition of his tremendous impact, his friends and neighbors renamed Westerville North Stadium in his honor. As a testament to Jim's continued service to his community, the Jim McCann Award for Excellence in Journalism is given to a handful of seniors across the school district who exemplify his selfless style of leadership and passion for reporting.

Time and again, Jim's friends and colleagues have leaned on his wisdom and vision. He has brought these traits to the benefit of the many civic organizations with which he's involved, including the Westerville Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, the American Legion Young Budd Post 171, the Westerville Kiwanis, the Westerville Symphony advisory board, and the Westerville Parks Foundation. In addition to all of this, Jim serves as the chairman of my service academy selection board, helping advance dozens of students into the ranks of our military officer corps.

I am honored to recognize my dear friend, and fellow Buckeye, for his lasting friendship and innumerable contributions to the city of Westerville and Central Ohio. It is with great pride that I join the residents of Ohio's 12th Congressional District to wish Jim a very happy 80th birthday.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2017

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3354) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes:

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of my Amendment No. 19 to H.R. 3354, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018, included in Division A En Bloc 1. My amendment would increase the funding for the Smithsonian Institute Salaries and Expenses by \$2 million with the intended purpose of providing increased resources for the recently launched Smithsonian's American Women's History Initiative.

I strongly support the Initiative and its goal to more completely include the contributions of women throughout Smithsonian institutions by directing resources toward cataloging collections inventory, expanding exhibits, and developing educational programs on American women's history.

I strongly believe that ultimately we need a new Smithsonian museum dedicated to Amer-

ican women's history. Last year a bipartisan Congressional Commission made a strong, unanimous recommendation that our country needs such a museum and that it belongs in the Smithsonian system and should be prominently located on the National Mall. I have introduced legislation that incorporates those recommendations, and I'm grateful for the support of 247 bipartisan members of the House who have cosponsored my bill. I hope there will be broad support for this amendment as well. This Initiative represents the first important step toward establishing a physical Smithsonian Museum on American Women's History and aims to make important improvements in existing museum exhibitions to more accurately and completely tell the story of our nation's history.

I strongly urge the passage of this amendment and the en bloc.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF EVELYN SOMMERS

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Evelyn Sommers, who passed away on August 25, 2017.

During her tenure as Executive Director of the District of Columbia Nurses Association from 1980 to 2002, Evelyn Sommers touched many lives. After obtaining a journalism degree from the University of Texas at Austin, Ms. Sommers went on to obtain a Master of Business Administration from Southern Methodist University. During that time, Ms. Sommers recognized her passion for helping others, which led her to the District of Columbia Nurses Association.

After Ms. Sommers retired from the District of Columbia Nurses Association, she went on to volunteer for the YWCA National Capitol Area in a number of leadership capacities, including president, vice president, and as a member of the board of directors. Aside from her time spent as a volunteer with the YWCA, Ms. Sommers and her husband volunteered their time and talents to other organizations, such as the Mid-County United Food Bank, the Homeless Project Advisory Board and the Voluntary Action Center. Additionally, Ms. Sommers and her husband assisted with the construction of St. Bernard Secondary School in the village of South Kinangop, Kenya, after they had toured the country and fell in love with its culture. The school continues to graduate many students and have a significant positive impact on the village and its surrounding communities.

Ms. Sommers leaves behind her husband of 50 years, John Sommers; her brothers, Jack Dugan, Fred Sommers, Martin Sommers and James Sommers; and countless nieces and nephews, as well as their spouses.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Evelyn Sommers and remembering her selfless dedication to others.

## HONORING ZENNIE HERRING

## HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the honoree of the Molina Healthcare of Illinois' 2017 Community Champions Awards Ceremony and Dinner, Zennie Herring.

Zennie, who is from my hometown of Collinsville, has dedicated her life to improving the world around her. After retiring from her career as an elementary school teacher, Zennie volunteered at the Cahokia Mounds Visitor Center for 20 years. In addition, she served as director of the local Meals on Wheels program.

She is also a remarkable and avid tailor. Zennie has sewn thousands of reversible dresses for her church's mission team at Meadow Heights Baptist Church, and she has sent hundreds of her dresses abroad to little girls in Mexico and Haiti. She also sewed dog beds for the local shelter, dresses for children's toys, and lap robes and clothing protectors for nursing home residents.

The Community Champions Awards Ceremony and Dinner, created in honor of Molina Healthcare's founder Dr. C. David Molina, brings together people whose civic and faith-based leadership, volunteerism, and public advocacy embody Dr. Molina's legacy of service. There is no doubt that Zennie embodies the very spirit behind this award.

I applaud Zennie Herring for her service to her community, and I would like to thank her for representing my constituents so wonderfully both in Illinois and abroad.

## HONORING 2017 PRESIDENTIAL INNOVATION AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS HONORABLE MENTION RECIPIENT AMY SCHWARTZ

## HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Amy Schwartz for being named a 2017 Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators (PIAEE) honorable mention recipient.

The PIAEE recognizes elementary school teachers who employ innovative approaches to environmental education and use the environment as a context for learning for their students. The PIAEE reviewed hundreds of applicants for the award and selected only 12 recipients, highlighting Ms. Schwartz's unique qualifications.

Representing Edison Middle School in Wheaton, Illinois, Ms. Schwartz coordinated a project in which student, faculty, parents and Wheaton Park District staff worked together to transform an area behind the Edison Middle School into a native tallgrass prairie. Students complemented this hands-on project with a field trip to Fermilab, a local physics laboratory, to learn more about energy and ecosystems.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in recognizing Ms. Amy

Schwartz for her outstanding service and congratulate her being named a 2017 PIAEE honorable mention recipient.

## HONORING THE WORK OF THE WASTE NOT OC COALITION

## HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the notable contributions and meaningful progress made by the Waste Not OC Coalition (WNOC) towards ending hunger in Orange County.

Food insecurity is a serious public health issue. It is linked to malnutrition, obesity, and other negative health consequences. For children, inconsistent food access can adversely affect their mental and physical development. Unfortunately, more than 300,000 Orange County residents—including one in five children—experience food insecurity each month.

A conversation between Orange County Public Health Officer Dr. Eric Handler and Orange County Food Bank Director Mark Lowry concerning the disconnect between the food insecurity of residents and the food waste of local restaurants led to the creation of WNOC.

Established in November 2012, as a public-private partnership, WNOC offers a simple yet innovative model for food recovery. WNOC facilitates the donation of wholesome surplus food from local restaurants, groceries, and other food-producing establishments to local pantries while reducing the amount of food waste destined for area landfills.

WNOC does more than just redistribute food; the organization uses county health inspectors to educate operators about food donation during routine inspections and uses food industry partners to safely and efficiently connect recoverable food sources with distribution agencies throughout the county. WNOC has facilitated a dual city-wide effort between Anaheim and Orange to identify food sources, partnered with community hospitals and clinics to implement a food insecurity screening tool, united with the Anaheim City School District to implement food recovery programs, and worked with local universities to establish campus pantries.

WNOC partners are working with hundreds of Orange County facilities to address food insecurity. Through these collaborative efforts, the Coalition has successfully recovered over 3,700 tons of excess food this year alone, or the equivalent of more than 6 million meals, to provide much needed sustenance to numerous residents. WNOC performs a vital function within my district. In recognition of that significant work, the National Association of City and County Officials named WNOC as a Model Practices Program in 2016.

Sometimes hunger feels like too big of an issue to tackle, but WNOC is proving there is meaningful work we can all participate in. The organization's work is remarkable not only for the strides they have made in Orange County, but also for the resources they provide for the greater community such as their willingness to work with any community interested in replicating the Waste Not OC Coalition Model for food recovery to end hunger and reduce food waste.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Waste Not OC Coalition for the profound impact it has had in our community these past five years and I look forward to its future contributions to Orange County.

## TRIBUTE TO BART FORSYTH

## HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Bart Forsyth, who recently left Capitol Hill after serving in many capacities over the past 13 years.

After graduating from Hofstra University and receiving his law degree from Washington and Lee School of Law, Bart began his career on Capitol Hill as a staff member on the Foreign Affairs Committee. He then went on to serve on the House Science Committee as investigative counsel, as my chief of staff on the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, a staff member of the House Judiciary Committee, and as my chief of staff in my personal office. In the more than 10 years I have known Bart, he has never lost sight of what brought him here—to solve problems and make a positive difference in peoples' lives.

Bart's extensive knowledge, foresight, and drive made him a force on Capitol Hill. He has championed a number of causes related to government surveillance, law enforcement, privacy and civil liberties, and European relations. In June, 2013 when it was revealed that the National Security Agency (NSA) had overstepped its authorities, he immediately began work on a legislative response that would eventually be known as USA Freedom Act. He also spearheaded work on the Judicial Redress Act of 2016, which ensures data is protected in the strongest possible way with our privacy laws. His achievements have not gone unnoticed. Twice, Bart has been recognized by European leaders as one of the Hill's top policy influencers. Additionally, he was admitted into the prestigious U.S. Supreme Court bar in 2014.

Too often, working long hours can take its toll on one's personal life. Not so with Bart. Whether it was running marathons, competing in an Ironman competition, including qualifying for the world championship in Kona, Hawaii, or more importantly taking on the role of devoted husband and father, Bart continuously sought out new challenges and did so with strength and determination.

Bart has been a true asset as a trusted advisor, effective facilitator, and respected leader. I'm thankful for his distinguished service and wish him, his wife Mindy, and daughter Tiana, all the best as Bart begins this new chapter.

## HONORING THE LEGACY OF SARKIS TATIGIAN

## HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

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Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me