

CONGRATULATING JOE AND ELAINE GIALLANZA UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 60th wedding anniversary of Joseph and Elaine Giallanza, which will be celebrated on September 21, 2017.

Born in the 1930s Depression-era times, Joe and Elaine were married on September 21, 1957. Once married, Joe and Elaine employed a tremendous professional and personal work ethic, eventually founding the Giallanza Corporation, which developed and built residential housing throughout Western New York.

But from their home in Elma, Joe and Elaine enjoyed their most prized possessions—the members of the large family they were proud to call their own. Joe and Elaine raised six children: Michael, Theresa, Thomas, Mary, Peterson and the late Joseph Giallanza. Theirs was a warm home full of laughter and affection, bound together by the examples of love, faith and hard work that Joe and Elaine set for their children. Today, Joe and Elaine are the proud grandparents of 13 grandchildren who will help them celebrate their anniversary on September 21.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me and all of our colleagues to wish Joe and Elaine Giallanza a very happy and healthy 60th wedding anniversary, and to extend to the Giallanza family the very best of health and happiness in the days, months and years to come.

COMMEMORATING HEALTHCARE SIMULATION WEEK

HON. ANDY HARRIS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, to commemorate Healthcare Simulation Week, which makes its debut September 11–15, 2017, I would like to share with you my views as a physician on the importance of simulation in healthcare.

Simulation is a technique creating a situation or environment that allows people to experience a representation of a real event to practice, learn, be tested or to understand systems and human actions.

Using simulation, similar to that for pilots and flight crews in aviation, learners address hands-on and thinking skills, including procedures, real-time decision-making and communication. Critical teamwork actions such as managing a high workload, adapting to unexpected changes, and coordinating under stress are practiced. Simulation-based training encompasses a broad range of experiences, including the use of task trainers, live actors, mannequins, 3D and computer modeling, and even virtual reality.

Healthcare Simulation Week, sponsored by the Society for Simulation in Healthcare, celebrates professionals who use simulation to im-

pact the safety, effectiveness, and efficiency of healthcare delivery.

As a physician and Navy man, I am well aware of the benefits that simulation brings to patient safety and to the financial interests of healthcare institutions. According to a study cited in Modern Healthcare magazine, anesthesiologists who took part in simulation-based training on how to properly wean patients from cardiopulmonary bypass performed better in real-life procedures than those who received traditional interactive seminars. And, Dr. Christine Park, President of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare, says that numerous studies demonstrate that simulation more effectively prepares all types of providers, including physicians, nurses, first responders and others across the full spectrum of experience. Simulation provides the opportunity to learn, analyze error, and maintain life-saving skills before working on actual patients.

In a Gallup poll on the subject, 92 percent of the American public believed that simulation-based education for board-certified physicians was important.

Healthcare Simulation Week is an excellent opportunity for my physician and nursing colleagues and every member of Congress to recognize that the quality of health care for all patients, including ourselves, can be greatly improved through new advances in simulation, and that simulation should be included in all aspects of healthcare education. We believe that a system-wide embedding of simulation in hospitals and systems should be the norm and should appear in an assessment of hospital rankings.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, on September 12, I was absent for recorded vote No. 485. I would have voted yes if I had been present.

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

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 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:

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Chair, I include in the RECORD the following exchange of letters regarding H.R. 3354.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,
Washington, DC, September 8, 2017.

Hon. JOHN CARTER,
Chairman, House Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Homeland Security, Wash-
ington, DC.

Hon. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD,
Ranking Member, House Committee on Approp-
riations, Subcommittee on Homeland Secu-
rity, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN CARTER, AND RANKING MEMBER ROYBAL-ALLARD: I write to convey our mutual understanding regarding Section 503(a)(5) of Title E of the Rules Committee Print for H.R. 3354, the Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act. Specifically, this section does not authorize the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to utilize section 872 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to use appropriated funds to reorganize DHS organizational units.

As Chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, I strongly believe that any significant reorganization of components within the Department should be subject to specific statutory authorization. Toward that end, last month, the House passed H.R. 2825, the Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act of 2017, which strikes section 872. As the Department has matured, it is no longer necessary for DHS to have unilateral authority to reorganize its organizational units. I appreciate your commitment to making DHS a more efficient and effective organization.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL T. McCAUL,
Chairman.

BENNIE G. THOMPSON,
Ranking Member.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS,
Washington, DC, September 12, 2017.

Hon. MICHAEL T. McCAUL,
Chairman, House Committee on Homeland Secu-
rity, Washington, DC.

Hon. BENNIE THOMPSON,
Ranking Member, House Committee on Home-
land Security, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN McCAUL: We write to confirm our mutual understanding regarding Section 503(a)(5) of Title E of the Rules Committee Print for H.R. 3354, the Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act. Specifically, this section does not provide any new authority for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to reorganize DHS organizational units. Any such reorganization authority is limited to existing authority under section 872 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

We appreciate your efforts to authorize DHS and look forward to working with you to further the Department's vital homeland security mission.

Respectfully,

JOHN R. CARTER,
Chairman, Sub-
committee on Home-
land Security.

LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD,
Ranking Member, Sub-
committee on Home-
land Security.

TRIBUTE TO KIMBERLY BAETH AND GOLDEN OPENINGS, INC.

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kimberly

Baeth and her team at small business, Golden Openings, Inc.—located in Urbandale, Iowa, for receiving the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's 2017 Dream Big Small Business of the Year Award and the Community Excellence Award presented last evening here in Washington, D.C.

Golden Openings, Inc. provides area businesses with the tools necessary to make their grand openings memorable. From ribbon cutting to groundbreaking, they have over 20 years of experience that has helped them earn these prestigious honors. Their unique capabilities and products give new businesses a foundation upon which they can build a successful future. Winners of the Dream Big Small Business of the Year Award must display a commitment to innovation, entrepreneurship, and individual initiative. Golden Openings, Inc. is the epitome of these qualities as they focus on engaging their community, providing unparalleled customer service, and constantly finding new ways to grow their business.

It was quite the evening for Kimberly and her team as they were also awarded the Community Excellence Award. Recipients of this award must show leadership within their community and display a willingness and commitment to improving the quality of life for all of its residents. These qualities were on full display in 2016 after two police officers were tragically killed in the Des Moines metro area. Golden Openings, Inc. was able to bring together over 35,000 yards of blue ribbon that residents and businesses alike hung in memory of the two officers. As you drove through the metro area you could see how the entire community was embracing the friends and families of the two officers. It is because of businesses like Golden Openings, Inc. and community leaders like Kimberly that I'm proud to represent our great state.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to serve leaders like Kimberly and her entire team in the United States Congress, and it is with great pride that I recognize them all today for receiving these esteemed designations. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on receiving these awards, and in wishing them nothing but continued success.

COMMENDING GUAM SPEAKER
BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ FOR HIS
TIRELESS ADVOCACY FOR CAN-
CER RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND
OUTREACH

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate my good friend and the Speaker of the 34th Guam Legislature, Benjamin J.F. Cruz, on being awarded the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network's National Distinguished Advocacy Award. This is the Cancer Action Network's highest national advocacy honor and Speaker Cruz is being presented with this award for his lifetime of advocacy for cancer research, education, and outreach, as well as the introduction and passage of the Youth Protection Act of 2017 in the 34th Guam Legislature, which

raised the minimum age to purchase or access tobacco products on Guam to 21 years. On March 24, 2017, Speaker Cruz's measure became the first bill enacted into law during the 34th Guam Legislature and made Guam the third jurisdiction nationwide to enact legislation raising the age to purchase tobacco products to 21 years.

Speaker Cruz's bill furthers efforts on Guam to reduce smoking on Guam and raise awareness among youth and young adults of the harmful effects that smoking and tobacco products have on a person's health. On Guam cancer is one of the leading causes of death in our community. Numerous community organizations, non-profits, and government agencies have partnered to promote research and community engagement to assist cancer patients and their families. Increased educational campaigns have also been ongoing to raise awareness of cancer and ways to reduce risks. Speaker Cruz's bill is an important compliment to these efforts, and I commend him, his staff, and all community stakeholders who were critical to its passage.

I have had the pleasure of working with BJ on numerous policy initiatives and joined him in supporting many of Guam's community organizations and the causes for which they advocate. As a former attorney, judge, and Chief Justice of Guam, and now as a legislator and current Speaker of the Guam Legislature, he has been a true public servant and champion for our island.

I join the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network in commending Guam Speaker BJ Cruz for his advocacy for cancer research, outreach, and education, and for the enactment of the Guam Child Protection Act of 2017. On behalf of the people of Guam, I congratulate him, as well as his entire staff and policy team, on this award, and I look forward to our continued work together for our island and community.

CELEBRATING THE CITY OF LYNCH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the centennial birthday celebration of the City of Lynch on September 16, 2017, a remarkable milestone for a historic coal mining camp in Harlan County, Kentucky. I include in the RECORD, an article published in the Lexington Herald Leader on February 24, 2017, which provides a detailed overview of our historic coal town in a story written by reporter Bill Estep entitled, It was the world's largest company coal town. As it turns 100, it fights to stay alive.

In 1917, U.S. Steel purchased 19,000 acres of land in Harlan County at the base of Black Mountain, Kentucky's highest peak, to produce the coal needed to make steel during World War I. By the 1940s, Lynch, Kentucky was the "largest company-owned coal town in the world," boasting unmatched water and sewer infrastructure in the area, a local hospital, schools, retail stores, recreational activities and a diverse workforce.

While our storied coal town has suffered tremendous losses over the last century with the

coal industry's decline, it hasn't terminated their pride for the City of Lynch. The citizens have honorably preserved the historic efforts of local workers and immigrants from more than 30 foreign countries who tirelessly worked miles underground, producing enough coal to power our nation for generations.

Today, the City of Lynch is embracing its heritage and working to boost tourism to capture the historic treasures of this community that served as the epicenter of coal production 100 years ago. I applaud the local leaders and entrepreneurs who are reimagining the future of coal country and working to integrate this small, rural town into the digital economy.

Mr. Speaker, our Appalachian heritage is uniquely defined by the sheer grit of the mountain people who are determined to not only survive, but thrive, in our small, rural American towns. I am proud to join the City of Lynch in celebrating its 100th birthday.

[From Lexington Herald Leader, Feb. 24, 2017]

IT WAS THE WORLD'S LARGEST COMPANY COAL TOWN. AS IT TURNS 100, IT FIGHTS TO STAY ALIVE

(By Bill Estep)

LYNCH.—The valley along Looney Creek in Harlan County was a wooded wilderness in 1917 when U.S. Steel, hungry for coal to make steel during World War I, bought 19,000 acres and set about creating the largest company-owned coal town in the world.

The company built an entire town from scratch—hundreds of houses, stores, schools, a hotel, a hospital, a baseball field, a fire station, water and power plants and industrial buildings, including a machine shop and the highest-capacity coal tippie anywhere.

Despite the buzz of work and grand intentions, some thought the town would be a flash in the pan.

The L&N Railroad refused to extend tracks to Lynch from Benham, a coal town about a mile away, because officials felt the town would die after the war when demand for steel went down, according to one history by a U.S. Steel official.

The company built its own tracks, and Lynch survived. The town at the foot of Kentucky's highest peak, Black Mountain, turns 100 this year.

In that century, Lynch has mirrored the history of Eastern Kentucky as coal jobs swung up and down and families moved out to find work during hard times.

More than half the coal jobs in Eastern Kentucky have disappeared since a precipitous slide started in 2012. At the end of 2016, there were fewer miners on the job in all of Eastern Kentucky than there were at the U.S. Steel mines at Lynch at their peak.

The town's population has declined to less than 800 from a peak of 10,000, and a third of the houses are vacant, according to U.S. Census figures.

Now, like the rest of the region, Lynch is looking for a new way forward. Residents are trying to promote tourism and small businesses to create jobs, and a study about the possibility of merging with two nearby towns is underway.

The challenges from an anemic economy and a declining tax base are steep, but many in Lynch have a fierce pride in the historic town and are determined to breathe new life into it.

A committee of volunteers is working to schedule events each month to mark the anniversary. On Jan. 1, local churches rang their bells for 100 seconds, and in February, residents put up red ribbons around town. The big event will be in September, with plans for a car show, vendors, family games and performances by several bands.