

who passed away September 12, 2017. Not only was he a constituent in my district, but he was a great leader in the community.

Dr. Ahler was born in Medaryville, Indiana in 1940 and has been a resident of Rensselaer for over 47 years. He was raised in Pulaski County where he graduated as valedictorian from Medaryville High School. He attended St. Joseph's College and graduated A.B. Magna Cum Laude in biology and valedictorian of his college class. He went on to attend Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis and received his M.D. in 1966. After his internship and residency at St. Joseph Hospital in South Bend, Indiana, Dr. Ahler served in the United States Air Force Medical Corps. He was Chief of Out-Patient Services at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota. He returned to Indiana and married Mary Margaret O'Donnell and was a founding member of the Clinic of Family Medicine in Rensselaer.

He was elected Jasper County Coroner in 1973 and served for two terms. Throughout his professional career he served on numerous medical organizations. He was a member of the St. Augustine Catholic Church in Rensselaer, the American Medical Association, a distinguished member of the Indiana Medical Association, the Jasper County Medical Society and more. He served the community further as a member of the Rensselaer Rotary Club, Executive Council member and President of the Sagamore Council Boy Scouts of America, Chairman of the Jasper County Development Foundation, a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, and he was awarded a Sagamore of the Wabash in 2004.

Dr. Ahler and I had a shared love for St. Joseph's College. Although we served at different times, both of us served the college as members of the Board of Trustees. I frequently heard from alumni about his affection for the students there and how they were always first in his mind when making decisions as a Trustee. It is no surprise to me that he was a favorite of those students for his dedication to his alma mater and those affiliated with the college.

Dr. Ahler will join his beloved Mary Margaret in heaven, and leaves three children, thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild to carry on his legacy of service to Hoosiers. May Kenneth rest in peace, he will not be forgotten.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
HONORABLE JANE F. GARVEY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2017

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate The Honorable Jane F. Garvey on being the recipient of The 2017 L. Welch Pogue Award for Lifetime Achievement in Aviation. Over the course of her distinguished career, she has delivered decades of dedicated service in top leadership roles within both the public and private sectors.

Jane Garvey grew up in Western Massachusetts. She graduated from Mount Saint Mary College in New York and then went on to attain her master's degree from Mount Holyoke College, where I served on the Board of

Trustees for many years. Jane notably served as the fourteenth Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) from 1997 to 2002. She was the first FAA Administrator to serve a full five-year term and also the first woman to lead the agency. She directed the FAA through the formidable events of September 11, 2001 with compassion, steady guidance, and assurance of mission. She also led the agency through Y2K preparation and implementation. Prior to this, Jane was Acting Administrator and Deputy Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration. She has also previously served as director of Boston's Logan International Airport, as well as commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works. Currently, Jane is the North America Chairman of Meridiam, one of the largest investors of public-private partnerships in the U.S. She serves on several noteworthy boards, including the Bipartisan Policy Center and the United Airlines Supervisory Board. Jane also has the distinction of serving as Chairman of the FAA's Management Advisory Council and the U.S. Department of Commerce's Investment Advisory Council.

Throughout her career, Jane Garvey has been recognized many times for her outstanding leadership and public service. These awards include the National Air Transportation Association's Distinguished Service Award, National Award of Excellence for Public Leaders, Woman of the Year Award for Women in Transportation and Women in Politics, and the 2017 Eno Transportation Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award to name just a few. Furthermore, in 2003, she was honored as one of the 100 Heroes in Aviation History.

Mr. Speaker, Jane Garvey is known for her deliberate collaboration and ability to bring stakeholders together. She is a person of outstanding character and I would like to once again thank her not only for her exemplary leadership and service, but also for her continued dedication to educating and supporting young, inspired professionals in careers of aviation and transportation. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

HONORING REV. DR. HAROLD
MAYBERRY

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2017

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Dr. Harold R. Mayberry for his 50 years of ministry in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and leadership in the City of Oakland as Senior Pastor of First AME, Oakland.

Reverend Dr. Harold R. Mayberry was born in St. Louis, Missouri where he joined St. James African Methodist Church at the age of eleven. At the age of twelve, he confided in the church's Senior Pastor that he believed he was called to the ministry. After being ordained a deacon at Wayman Temple AME Church and graduating from Wilberforce University, Pastor Mayberry studied at the oldest African American Seminary in the United States—Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce, Ohio.

His first assignment, located in Wentzville, Missouri, was Grant Chapel AME. He later

pastored in Richmond, California and Friendship AME in Clarksdale, Mississippi.

After being confronted with the gravity of southern racism in Greenville, Mississippi; Pastor Mayberry was assigned to Payne Memorial AME church in New Orleans, Louisiana and arrived with an understanding that he needed to be more than a pastoral leader. He believed he was called to become a guardian of the community. So, he chose to openly and vigorously address the social concerns within the City of New Orleans.

Pastor Mayberry developed a friendship with the City of New Orleans' Mayor, Mark Morial, who later appointed Rev. Mayberry to Chairperson of the Police Chief Search Committee; Chairperson of the Human Relations Committee; and Chairperson of All Congregations Together. Pastor Mayberry was later elected to serve as a member of the City of New Orleans School Board.

In the fall of 1996, Rev. Dr. Harold R. Mayberry was appointed Senior Pastor of First AME, Oakland. Four years later, Pastor Mayberry was elected as a delegate to the 2000 Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, California; and in 2004, was elected to chair one of the most powerful committees of the African Methodist Episcopal Committee and was re-elected 2008, 2008, 2012 and 2016.

Rev. Dr. Mayberry has also served the City of Oakland as Chairperson of the Community Policing Advisory Commission, Member and later Chairperson of the City Service Commission, Member of the Oakland Police Chief's Advisory Committee; and at my sponsorship, United States House of Representatives Guest Chaplain.

I was incredibly proud and honored to welcome Rev. Mayberry to the House of Representatives in 2003, where he delivered a very powerful prayer to open our session. Rev. Mayberry was the first pastor from my district to ever offer the opening prayer before a session of the House.

Today, on behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I commend the service and leadership of Reverend Dr. Harold R. Mayberry. I offer my sincere gratitude to the reverend and the African Methodist Episcopal Church for their devoted service and social impact in our American cities.

HONORING MAURO G. DEPASQUALE

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2017

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Mauro G. DePasquale. Mauro is a gifted filmmaker, singer, writer, and composer who has put his creativity to work as the Executive Director of Worcester Cable Community Access TV, where he started as a volunteer in 1990. Mauro has been a driving force behind the success of Worcester Cable Community Access TV, where he has used his platform to encourage community involvement and educational programming. Mauro has produced over one thousand television shows, and hosted and produced music scores for many TV and documentary films. His work in television production has been recognized with a Pegasus TV award, a

TELLY award, and many other awards. Through WCCA, Mauro offers citizens of Worcester from all walks of life and opinions the chance to speak their mind and be heard.

Mauro's soft-spoken exterior gives way to lively piano and vocals when he performs with his popular musical combo Jazzed Up, which he started in 2012. For the past few years, Jazzed Up has performed at the Worcester Columbus Day Parade Grand Marshal Banquet. Jazzed Up has been nominated Best Jazz Act at the Worcester Music Awards 2012–2015, and in 2014, Worcester Living Magazine voted Jazzed Up Best Entertainment group in Central Massachusetts.

Mauro is proud of his Italian heritage. Like so many Americans, his family came to the United States in search of a better life. His own experiences—hearing of the oppression and prejudice faced by immigrants when they first arrived in the United States—have made Mauro a lifelong supporter of the underdog and a strong voice for community service in Worcester. Mauro has been a fierce advocate for preserving Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. As President of the Mount Carmel Preservation Society, he has fought tirelessly to save the church, which has been an epicenter for the Italian-American community in Worcester for nearly ninety years.

But Mr. Speaker, I rise today not just to recognize Mauro's public service, but to congratulate him on a new honor—on October 8, 2017 Mauro will march down Shrewsbury Street as Grand Marshal of the 2017 Worcester Columbus Day Parade. I join with all the residents of Worcester in thanking Mauro for his service to our community, and congratulating him on his selection as Grand Marshal of the 2017 Worcester Columbus Day Parade.

COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PAUL HALL CENTER FOR MARITIME TRAINING AND EDUCATION

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2017

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education, which is located in Maryland's Fifth Congressional District. It is one of the leading schools for merchant mariners in the United States and a major contributor to the development and maintenance of our nation's proud maritime traditions.

The Paul Hall Center, which was founded in 1967 by late Seafarers International Union President Paul Hall, runs the leading training program for unlicensed merchant mariners in the United States today. It offers more U.S. Coast Guard-approved training courses than any other school in the nation and has trained tens of thousands of mariners since its founding. The Paul Hall Center's apprenticeship program, which is registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, has been praised as one of the most effective apprenticeship programs in the country and was honored as an "Innovator and Trailblazer" by the Labor Department in 2012. Today, the Paul Hall Center provides students a world-class education, preparing new merchant mariners to take their places on vessels sailing in both foreign and U.S.-flag fleets.

It is critical that our country maintain a merchant marine capable of transporting a large share of the seagoing commerce of the United States. The Paul Hall Center's programs help ensure a sufficient number of well-trained, highly skilled merchant mariners to crew U.S.-flag vessels both for the privately owned merchant marine and for U.S. government-operated fleets.

To that end, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the significant contributions that the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education has made to our economy, our homeland security, and our national defense through its support of the U.S. Merchant Marine. I hope they will also join me in congratulating the Paul Hall Center on reaching this fiftieth anniversary milestone. I'm proud to represent this wonderful institution in the United States Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JIM WHELAN

HON. BILL PASCARELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2017

Mr. PASCARELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jim Whelan, a friend, colleague, and accomplished public servant, who passed away Tuesday August 22nd at the age of 68 at his home in Atlantic City, NJ.

Jim was born in Philadelphia on November 8, 1948. His academic and athletic career is nothing short of extraordinary. Jim became a nationally ranked distance swimmer while pursuing a B.A. in English at Temple University, later leading to his induction into the Temple University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995 and the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 1999. Always passionate about helping others, Jim went on to receive a Masters of Education at Temple University, taking a job as a teacher in the Atlantic City School District shortly thereafter.

This was only the beginning of Jim's lifelong dedication to public service in Atlantic City and New Jersey. In 1981, Jim was elected to his first seat in public office, as a member of the Atlantic City Council. In 1990, Jim was elected Mayor of Atlantic City in a landslide, a symbol of how beloved he had become in Atlantic City. Jim and I served together as Mayors in New Jersey for seven years.

Jim was an outstanding Mayor, fighting tirelessly to revitalize Atlantic City. His work will surely be remembered for generations to come as crucial to the growth and development of Atlantic City. Serving alongside him as a New Jersey Mayor was nothing short of an honor and a pleasure. An even greater pleasure still was his consistent friendship and support. Throughout our years of friendship, I knew I could always count on Jim as a confidant and for his measured, thoughtful perspective.

As a Mayor, Jim focused his support on not just Atlantic City, but on legislation addressing the needs of all New Jersey Mayors and their Municipalities through his active service in the New Jersey Conference of Mayors. Eventually, he served as President of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors from 2000 to 2001. This only speaks to Jim's consistent dedication to helping others in any way he can. His

decade of outstanding service as Mayor led to Jim being recognized as the Mayor of the Year by the New Jersey Conference of Mayors in 2001.

After departing as Mayor of Atlantic City in 2001, Jim returned to teaching. Only four years later, he was elected to the State Assembly of New Jersey. Two years after that, he was elected to the New Jersey Senate. Jim brought the very same traits that made him such a wonderful Mayor to legislating on behalf of all of New Jersey. The New Jersey Conference of Mayors again recognized Jim in 2009 as Legislator of the Year.

After a life of service to Atlantic City and New Jersey, Jim's honesty, dedication, love for his constituency, and kindness will be missed dearly. Jim is survived by his wife, Kathy, and their son Richard. Jim Whelan's service and devotion to his wife Kathy and son Richard were remarkable in every way. He was truly an honorable man who made this place better. My sincerest condolences are with Kathy, Richard, Jim's entire family, his staff and colleagues during this trying time.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Mr. Jim Whelan's colleagues, family and friends, all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in recognizing Mr. Jim Whelan's remarkable life of public service.

KENNETH SMITH

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2017

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Petty Officer Kenneth "Kenny" Aaron Smith of Cherry Hill, New Jersey for his service to our nation.

Petty Officer Smith was born in Jackson, Michigan in 1995 and moved to Chesapeake, Virginia at the age of 10. When he was a teenager, Petty Officer Smith moved to South Jersey with his father, a Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve. In 2013, he graduated from Cherry Hill High School—East, and followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps to join the U.S. Navy. As a third generation sailor, Petty Officer Smith was in his fourth year of serving.

During his time in the Navy, Petty Officer Smith worked in radar technology and held the rank of Electronics Technician, 3rd class and was posthumously advanced to the rank of Electronics Technician 2nd Class. During his free time, he published science fiction writings through an online platform known as 'Wattpad.' These writings were well liked by fans of the website. As an avid gamer, he also aspired to eventually pursue a career as a video game developer.

Petty Officer Smith is remembered by those close to him as being adventurous, loyal and patriotic. During his time at sea, Petty Officer Smith's ship had been to Australia and Japan, and he was looking forward to traveling to more places throughout the world. Petty Officer Smith was also known for his dedication to human rights, a love for animals and the ability to leave a positive mark on those he was acquainted with.

Petty Officer Smith was a true American hero who sadly lost his life while serving in the United States Navy. His service and sacrifice