

Team for their Class 1A championship win against the Tuscola Warriors.

The Panthers held a 21–7 lead at half-time, with 267 yards of total offense. By the fourth quarter, the Warriors had closed the Panthers' lead to one point. The Warriors had a chance at a game winning touchdown when Panther player Rahveon Valentine broke up a pass on fourth down with only 10 seconds remaining in the game. This secured Lena-Winslow's third state championship title in the last eight years and the program's first-ever unbeaten season.

Mr. Speaker, as a former athlete, I understand how important this is to the young men, the coaches and the community. They never gave up. They kept playing their best, and their team spirit and belief in themselves helped them become state champions. Their efforts and resilience should inspire us all.

HONORING MRS. JUANITA KNOTT

HON. JOHN J. FASO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound respect that I rise today to recognize and celebrate Mrs. Juanita Knott for being named a "New York State Registered Historian". This designation is reserved for those special few in our state who exemplify ingenuity and have an authentic passion for promoting local history.

Mrs. Knott has served the Town of Stuyvesant as its historian for over twenty years. Through actively conserving, interpreting, and presenting the town's history in unique and engaging ways, she has unearthed the wonders, heroes, and stories of Stuyvesant's past. Understanding local history is a key way in which we discover a shared identity and strengthen our democracy. That is why historians like Mrs. Knott play such a vital role in communities throughout New York and nationwide.

I am grateful for Mrs. Knott's years of dedicated service to the Stuyvesant community, to the 19th District, and to New York state. I wish her the best as she continues to preserve the historical integrity of Stuyvesant. Her work will be remembered for generations to come.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL DANFORTH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Paul Danforth of Des Moines, Iowa, for being named one of *dsm Magazine's* 2017 "Sages Over 70."

The "Sages Over 70" award honors community leaders who continue to serve as mentors and leaders when others have retired. Paul is a longtime leader in the clinical social work community, having the distinction of being the first African-American to have a private practice in Des Moines and serving as an instructor at three universities. He's been a longtime advocate for social justice, and has devoted countless hours to making a dif-

ference for the community's most vulnerable people. One of the many words of advice he gave to the magazine included to not give up, and to think positively.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Paul for being named a "Sage Over 70" by *dsm Magazine*, and applaud him for his service to his community. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Paul for this outstanding achievement and in wishing him nothing but the best.

HONORING CHIEF DAVE BROWN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Hemet Police Chief David M. Brown on his retirement after more than 30 years in law enforcement. His dedication to ensuring the residents of Hemet are safe and secure is truly commendable. Today, I want to recognize his outstanding life achievements and years of service.

Chief Brown is an esteemed member of our community. He moved to the San Jacinto Valley when he was a child and graduated from Hemet High School. He obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Behavioral Science from California State Polytechnic University and a Master's Degree in Leadership and Organizational Studies from Azusa Pacific University.

His commitment to keeping our citizens safe earned him many promotions over the years, starting as a patrol officer and eventually becoming Chief of Police. During his early years with Hemet Police Department, Chief Brown was one of the founding members of the department's first gang team, raising awareness about gang issues and providing enforcement training to fellow officers and members of the community. Throughout his stellar career in law enforcement, Chief Brown has excelled in several other positions, including field training officer, gang investigator, and SWAT team commander.

Chief Brown is an exceptional leader in our community, dedicating his life to public service. He has served as President of the Riverside County Police Chiefs' and Sheriff's Association, President of the Inland SWAT Commanders Association, a member of the Statewide Committee on Regionalized SWAT Teams, and a member of the CA Police Chiefs' Municipal Policing Resource Workgroup. His wealth of proven leadership experience earned him the award of "Man of the Year" by the Hemet/San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce in 2013 and 2015.

Chief Brown has dedicated his life serving the residents of Hemet. His valuable contributions and arduous work strengthening our community will be felt for years to come.

On behalf of the entire 36th Congressional District, I am humbled to honor and recognize Chief Brown. I offer my sincerest congratulations on his accomplishments and years of public service. I wish him, his wife, and his children all the best on his well-deserved retirement.

FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF SANDY HOOK SHOOTING

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, I'd like like to thank the gentlelady from Connecticut for organizing this special order and for her commitment to honoring the victims of the tragic shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012.

I rise to join her in remembrance and to call on my colleagues to take immediate action to end gun violence across our nation.

The horrific shooting spree in Newtown, Connecticut, five years ago shocked us all. Twenty innocent children and six brave educators fell victim to unspeakable violence—the work of a deeply disturbed young man armed with a semiautomatic rifle and two handguns.

More than ever, it revealed the desperate need to reform our gun laws.

But five years later, we have nothing to show for it but more mass shootings—more innocent lives lost. We have made no meaningful progress, and we have not passed any commonsense legislation, like banning high-capacity magazines, which the Sandy Hook shooter used.

It is far past time to enact laws to strengthen our background check system, closing loopholes that allow unlicensed gun dealers to sell firearms to Americans without background checks at gun shows and over the internet, putting us all at risk.

Instead, my Republican colleagues continue to try to weaken gun safety laws by passing legislation like the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, which would override state law and allow domestic abusers, teenagers, and people untrained in gun safety to carry concealed weapons freely across the nation.

Moreover, they block federal funds from being used to even research gun violence, for fear it will be used to "advocate gun control."

This is simply unacceptable and morally irresponsible. As members of Congress, it is our duty to pass laws to make our communities safer. The only way to respond to mass shootings like the one at Sandy Hook Elementary is to take action that will prevent such tragedies from happening in the future.

Since 2012, more than 170,000 other lives have been ended by gun violence, more than 170,000 families devastated. The gun violence epidemic continues to plague our nation, and we must act now to stop it.

CONGRATULATING MS. PAM VAN KIRK FOR BEING NAMED AN ILLINOIS LIBRARY LUMINARY FOR 2017

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Pam Van Kirk for being named an Illinois Library Luminary for 2017.

Pam Van Kirk's library career started at sixteen years old with typing catalog cards at the

Western Illinois Library System. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Monmouth College and a Master's in Library Science from Rosary College. In 1998, Pam became the director of the Galesburg Public Library after working in school libraries in Illinois and Colorado for 19 years. In 2010, she retired as director of the Galesburg Public Library to serve as president of the Illinois Library Association in 2012 and 2013.

Pam was a member of the Galesburg Area Chamber of Commerce and served on the board of the Downtown Galesburg Business Association. She also served on the board of directors for the Illinois Center for the Book and the Alliance Library System, where she participated in regional and statewide library conferences. Pam has been named Administrator of the Year by the Alliance Library System and a Paul Harris Fellow for her contributions to Galesburg. She has served as a mentor to many librarians. Her cheerful and determined attitude has made a positive impact on the Illinois library community.

I'm very proud of Pam's work and am pleased she has gained the title of Illinois Library Luminary. Mr. Speaker, I want to again formally congratulate Pam on her award, and I join the rest of our community to wish her every success in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th Anniversary of St. John's Lutheran Church. As the church's congregation celebrates this valued center of worship, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring this historical place in Sacramento.

The first service at St. John's Lutheran was held on September 29th, 1867, when Pastor Matthais Goethe led the church's first members in prayer. Two months later, 23 founding members signed St. John's Lutheran's first charter. Although the building itself has been relocated twice, once in 1873 and again in 1912, it has remained a vibrant meeting place for both the faithful and other members of our Sacramento community.

Today, St. John's is more beloved than ever by its community. The congregation is renowned for geniality and generosity, and the church welcomes all who would take communion, worship, or simply observe with open arms. Despite its venerable age, this Sacramento institution shows no sign of slowing down.

Mr. Speaker, as our community celebrates the 150th Anniversary of St. John's Lutheran Church, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring this staple of the Sacramento area and all it has provided to the community.

TRIBUTE TO JOYCE CHAPMAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Joyce Chapman of Des Moines, Iowa, for her being named one of *dsm Magazine's* 2017 "Sages Over 70."

The "Sages Over 70" award honors those community leaders who continue to serve as mentors and leaders when others have retired. Joyce dedicated 55 years to West Bank in Des Moines, where she became the first female executive vice president, established the bank's foundation which provides grants to charities, and served as a mentor to other women in the banking industry. Today, women make up half of the officers of the bank to which she devoted so many decades. She was also honored to be the first female president of the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce. One of the many words of advice she offered to the magazine was to "show up each day to contribute and make a difference."

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Joyce for being named a "Sage Over 70" by *dsm Magazine*, and applaud her for her service to her community. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Joyce for this outstanding achievement and in wishing her nothing but the best.

IN MEMORY OF MARK B. IHDE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mark B. Ihde, who served as Sheriff of Sonoma County for seven years and worked as the Chief Operating Officer of the local chapter of Goodwill Industries until he passed away on November 14, 2017 at the age of 69.

Mark was born in Santa Rosa, California to Maurice and Louise Ihde. He had tremendous respect and admiration for his parents. He inherited his optimism and leadership style from his father. Mark was a loving husband to Barbara and a proud father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

A graduate of Mt. Whitney High School, in Visalia, California, Mark was a track and field athlete and a tuba player in the marching band. He earned his Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from the College of the Sequoias and studied Law Enforcement Administration at Sacramento State University. He was an FBI Academy graduate in Executive Development and Leadership.

Mark had a successful 27-year career with the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department, where he served as Sheriff from 1990 to 1997. As Sheriff, Mark restored public trust in the department, adopted a community policing model and improved collaboration with local police departments.

Mark worked as a consultant and served on many boards, including the local chapter of

Goodwill Industries. The board drafted him to become their Chief Executive Officer in 2017. Following his prostate cancer diagnosis, he continued to work for Goodwill, organizing work meetings in his home within a week of his passing. He led Goodwill to become a thriving local business, more than doubling the number of stores.

Mr. Speaker, Mark B. Ihde had a passion for life, adventure and community. He was a loving, generous and kind man, known for his great smile and quick wit. It is fitting and proper that we remember him here today.

RECOGNIZING KENNY BARMAN

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kenny Barman on his retirement as a Clover Township Trustee. For 44 years, Mr. Barman has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving his community.

Over the course of his elected service, Mr. Barman focused on keeping roads and equipment in good condition. During his time as a trustee, he was able to witness many positive changes in the community such as the building of a new township building. The Woodhull Municipal Building is now a shared structure with the village and township—another important project carried out during his tenure. Mr. Barman also helped the township through some tough times. During the snowstorm of 1979, many residents were left housebound for up to a week while area roads were closed for days. Mr. Barman gathered funds to purchase special equipment to plow the roads. He was a true public servant through times good and bad.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Kenny Barman for his longtime commitment to serving his community. Mr. Barman has undoubtedly had a positive impact on the citizens of Clover Township. I congratulate him on a well-earned retirement and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ANDRE LACY

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Indianapolis businessman, Andre Lacy, an icon in the Indianapolis community. Andre was born and raised in Indianapolis and graduated from nearby Shortridge High School in 1957. Andre's grandfather H.J. Lacy founded their family business, U.S. Corrugated Fiber Box Company, in 1912. Andre spent most of his career working, leading and transforming U.S. Corrugated into the successful distribution company it is today. Andre's first experience in the family business was at age nine. After his father's unexpected death in 1959, Andre, while still in college, came home to help his mother Edna with day-to-day operations. Andre graduated in 1961 with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Denison University in Ohio and