

Trudy Haynes made history in 1965 when she became the nation's first female African American reporter for KYW-TV (now CBS-3) in Philadelphia. Trudy Haynes was also the Nation's 1st African-American TV weather reporter, acquiring that position in 1963 when she worked for WXYZ-TV in Detroit, MI. Additionally, Trudy Haynes is also a very proud graduate of Howard University, class of 1947.

Prestigiously, she has a long esteemed history, has conducted many high profile interviews, and holds many awards including two Lifetime Achievement Awards, as well as an Emmy. Trudy Haynes formally retired in 1999, but has stayed active throughout the years. At 91 years old she is officially coming out of retirement for her "Drop The Mic Tour".

The 2nd Congressional District of Pennsylvania extends gratitude to Trudy Haynes who is a true inspiration for future generations and thanks her for her continued dedicated support and service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

IN HONOR OF KEVIN AND ESTHER
BYRNE'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 18, 2017

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Kevin and Esther Byrne on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

This significant benchmark is a symbol of their commitment to each other and to their family. I am happy to join their friends and family in extending my best to them on this special occasion.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Kevin and Esther on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. I wish them the best today and for many more blessed years to come.

HONORING JUDGE BASCOM
BENTLEY, III

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 18, 2017

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember a dear friend, Judge Bascom Bentley, III, who passed away peacefully on December 11, 2017.

Bascom was a life-long resident of Palestine, Texas and served almost 3 decades with distinction as the Judge for Texas' 369th District Court until his recent retirement. Prior to that he served as County Court at Law Judge, County Attorney for Anderson County and also the City Attorney for Palestine. Along with his time on the bench, Bascom taught as a professor at Trinity Valley Community College for 37 years. The totality of his awards and honors are too numerous to list here today, but he has been honored by civic groups, charitable organizations, educational institutions and veteran groups. And he was honored multiple times for his good work as a judge including one from the Texas Gang Investigators Association that seems to sum everything up—the "Damn Good Judge" award.

Bascom touched countless lives, including mine. His wit and humor were unmatched and his knowledge endless—likely fueled by his unquenchable thirst and love for history. For those who knew Bascom, they saw compassion and love for others that was unbounding.

As the Representative for the 5th District of Texas, I am honored to have known such a wonderful and unique person, and I will forever treasure our many conversations through the years. I send my deepest and sincerest condolences to his mother, Kelly, wife, Carol, to his children Bonnie, Matthew, William and Hunter, as well as the rest of his family and innumerable friends. May we all remember a life well lived.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD AND
CAROL CRESWELL'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 18, 2017

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Richard and Carol Creswell on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

This significant benchmark is a symbol of their commitment to each other and to their family. I am happy to join their friends and family in extending my best to them on this special occasion.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Richard and Carol on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. I wish them the best today and for many more blessed years to come.

CARROLL DANIEL CONSTRUCTION
BREAKING GROUND IN DOWNTOWN GAINESVILLE

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 18, 2017

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on this Friday, I rise to help usher in new developments that will be added to the Gainesville community.

As a proud, lifelong resident of this town, I have watched it grow over the years, and welcomed the new businesses and neighbors that have come with that growth.

Earlier this year, the city of Gainesville moved forward with an ambitious plan to improve our historic square. The investments made to this project will add to the square and surrounding area, which represent a centerpiece of our vibrant downtown.

As part of this project, I am pleased that Carroll Daniel Construction will break the ground for a wonderful new facility that will begin construction early next year.

Residents of Gainesville will enjoy this building, which will be located along Jesse Jewel Parkway. The street's namesake, Mr. Jewel himself, was a leader in the poultry industry, and he brought jobs and increased investment in the area during the Great Depression.

In line with his vision, this addition to the square will serve our community for years to

come. I believe that my good friend, Brian Daniel, runs his company according to the values of our Hall County community.

My family and I look forward to seeing the company's new facility next year as we drive by on Jesse Jewel Parkway.

IN HONOR OF COL. THOMAS
"TUCKER" FAGAN'S RECOGNITION IN THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS AGENCY'S "VETERANS IN BLUE" VOLUME III

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 18, 2017

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Colonel Thomas "Tucker" Fagan on his recognition in the Air Force Public Affairs Agency's "Veterans in Blue" Volume VIII.

Throughout his impressive career in the Air Force, Col. Fagan proved himself indispensable, being chosen as one of eight military personnel chosen to build the U.S. nuclear war plan, and serving as the wing commander at F.E. Warren AFB, and the 20th Air Force vice commander. After his retirement, Col. Fagan stayed active in the Wyoming and Air Force communities, including serving former Wyoming U.S. Representative Cynthia Lummis as her Chief of Staff.

The Air Force Public Affairs Agency launched the "Veterans in Blue" portrait collection to highlight the men and women that have contributed to the Air Force's great legacy. Col. Fagan's dedication and contributions to the Air Force, nation, and state warrants his inclusion in this prestigious collection.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Col. Fagan on being recognized in the "Veterans in Blue" Volume VIII portrait collection, and I thank him for his continued service.

HONORING JOSEPH TRAN-MALAN

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 18, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Joseph Tran-Malan for his participation in the Congressional App Challenge (CAC).

The CAC began in 2013, and has since grown to include nearly 4,000 students across 33 states and territories. Specifically, the CAC encourages students to learn how to code through an annual district-wide competition.

For his CAC submission, Joseph chose the video game Overwatch. In particular, he created a video that described why he chose Overwatch, and what he would do to make the video game better as part of his app.

Currently, Joseph is in the third grade and attends Harmony DC Public Charter School, which has a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) program. In addition, the school organizes two major STEM events every year: the Harmony Science and Engineering Fair, which serves as a way for students to learn more about the scientific process; and the Stem Festival, where students

participate in various STEM demonstrations and explain the science behind them.

Joseph is a proud big brother and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose and Kim Tran-Malan. In his free time, Joseph likes to travel and see new things, but is content with spending quality time at home with his family. He also loves to dance and use his imagination by building with LEGOs or by creating new worlds in the video game Minecraft. I am very proud of Joseph.

Therefore, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring achievement at a very young age by recognizing Joseph Tran-Malan for his participation in the Congressional App Challenge.

RECOGNIZING LAURA WEIS

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 18, 2017

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend Laura Weis, who was honored with the Distinguished Illinois Chamber of Commerce Executive Award last month.

As CEO of the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce, Laura is a tireless advocate for the citizens, businesses and organizations throughout a community with nationally-recognized educational institutions, technological and innovative start-ups, manufacturing companies, and agricultural industries.

Under Laura's leadership, the Chamber has increased its membership and influence throughout the region. The Chamber and its staff continually engage with elected officials at every level of government to ensure commonsense, business-friendly policies are in place for the community. Through the Chamber's efforts, delegations of community and business leaders from the county have become more engaged in public affairs through regular trips to Springfield and Washington, D.C.

Outside of political advocacy, the Chamber has adopted numerous policies that support the local community, including the creation of an energy coop that has saved local businesses thousands of dollars, the development of a procurement center to assist businesses with government contracts, the institution of local disaster recovery plans, and oversight of countless online tools to help area businesses.

Laura is a tremendous leader within my congressional district, and it is not hard to see her impact throughout Champaign County. I Congratulate Laura on this award, and I look forward to continuing to work with her throughout the future.

IN HONOR OF FRANK HANCOCK'S RETIREMENT FROM THE WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 18, 2017

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Frank Hancock on his retirement.

This is a momentous occasion and I hope that he will take the time to reflect upon all his hard work over the past 22 years working for the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT). I thank him for his contributions to WYDOT and to our community.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Frank Hancock on his retirement. I wish him the best in future endeavors.

SUPPORT FOR H.R. 4391

HON. RO KHANNA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 18, 2017

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, as a cosponsor of H.R. 4391, the Promoting Human Rights by Ending Israeli Military Detention of Palestinian Children Act, I am concerned with the United Nations (UN) reports highlighting the detention and mistreatment of Palestinian children. We should stand up for human rights in all cases, even when abuses are committed by our most trusted allies.

Israel faces unique security threats and, unfortunately, some underage Palestinians do resort to violence as a means of change. This is unacceptable, and the Palestinian leadership needs to take more steps to prevent children from being manipulated into becoming terrorists.

The threat of child terrorism should not be an excuse, however, to torture those accused of such actions or deprive them of rights. Every minor should have a right to a lawyer, to due process, and to having their parents notified.

I am encouraged by a 2015 UNICEF report indicating that Israeli authorities are taking steps to address alleged abuses. Although evidence of the ill-treatment of Palestinian children detained still exists, I am hopeful that Israeli forces will ultimately fully comply with international human rights laws.

Through continued discussions with the Israeli government, Mr. Speaker, I am hopeful changes will continue to occur. Doing so is in the best interest of Israel's security and consistent with their values.

HONORING LIAM McLAUGHLIN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 18, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I have had the pleasure of knowing many wonderful public servants over the course of my career, individuals who dedicated themselves fully to their communities and neighbors every single day. In Yonkers, there has not been a more dedicated and selfless public servant than my dear friend Liam McLaughlin, who this year is closing out his final term as Yonkers City Council President.

I have known Liam for many years. His parents, Bernadette and Pat, are close family friends, and both have a very strong sense of community. Liam clearly adopted that spirit,

and thus began a lifetime of working to strengthen Yonkers.

Liam was raised in Yonkers and has lived there for more than 42 years. His wife, Debbie, is also from Yonkers. Now, the McLaughlin family lives only a few blocks from the house in which he grew up. Liam attended St. John the Baptist School, the same school that his son Ryan now goes to, and coaches his son on the same youth baseball fields that his father coached him on when he was a kid.

A small business owner, Liam is a practicing trusts and estates attorney at McLaughlin & Zerafa LLP. Previously, he worked for several small law firms in the New York area, including his own general practice law firm and the Corporation Counsel's Office in the City of Yonkers. Liam was also an adjunct professor at Manhattan College.

From 2000 to 2010, Liam served on the Yonkers City Council. He served in leadership roles including Majority Leader and Minority Leader. He also served on every major committee and was Chairman of the Budget & Finance Committee, as well as the Environmental Policy & Protection Committee. In 2013, he was elected as Council President by the voters of Yonkers, where he served with great distinction and honor.

Outside of his duties as an elected official, Liam has also coached youth basketball and soccer with Dunwoodie Youth Association, and currently serves as President of the Lincoln Park Taxpayers Association. Liam is also a member of the Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Church, the Kerryman's P&B Association and the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Westchester County.

On December 18, 2017 the Yonkers community is coming together to celebrate Liam for all the remarkable work he has done and continues to do on behalf of his fellow Yonkers residents. He is most deserving of the recognition. I want to congratulate Liam on the occasion and offer my personal thanks for all of that tremendous work. He has certainly made Yonkers proud.

IN HONOR OF DANNY AND BECKY DELOREY'S 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 18, 2017

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Danny and Becky Delorey on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

This significant benchmark is a symbol of their commitment to each other and to their family. I am happy to join their friends and family in extending my best to them on this special occasion.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Danny and Becky on the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. I wish them the best today and for many more blessed years to come.