

Ms. Wood was born in Washington, DC, graduated from Takoma Park Academy and got her degree in mass media from Loma Linda University in Southern California in 1977. She reported for several stations in Alabama and Tennessee following her graduation from college but was hired as the evening news anchor and reporter in the Atlanta market first by WAGA-TV, where she hosted an Emmy award-winning news magazine show called *Minute by Minute*. In 1997, she joined WXIA-TV as its 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. weekday news anchor and spent the next 20 years of her career at the station. Ms. Wood became a trusted voice on the air. We could depend on her to get to the heart of the issues and keep the metro area informed with all the news we needed to know to participate effectively in a democratic society. Her coverage was incisive, balanced, and comprehensive.

During her tenure, Ms. Wood interviewed top newsmakers like President Jimmy Carter, Egypt's former First Lady Jehan Sadat, Ambassador Andrew Young, Cher, the rapper T.I. and many others. She produced several award-winning prime time specials, including *Remembering the 1996 Olympics*, the year Atlanta hosted the games, *A Conversation Across America*, *50 Years of Change*, *Mission of Hope*. Ms. Wood developed several special broadcast series like, *Journeys with Brenda Wood*, a news magazine show, *The Last Word* commentaries, and *The Daily 11 at 7* with Brenda Wood, another award-winning primetime show.

She has taken home 20 Emmy awards and garnered many different honors. Most notably, Ms. Wood was named Georgia Woman of the Year in 2013, was granted the Legacy Award of the Atlanta Business League, the NAACP's Phoenix Award for Best News Anchor, and inducted into the Atlanta Press Club Hall of Fame in 2014, among a host of other honors.

Our community has loved to watch her tell the stories that gave meaning to our lives in the South and described our world so accurately. Ms. Wood never ceased to inform us, inspire us, and will always be a shining light for our city. We all will miss seeing her on the air, but know that Brenda Wood will continue to serve our community as a leader who can bring people and good ideas together.

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RECOGNIZING DETECTIVE SCOTT J. WILLIAMS FOR HIS SERVICE

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**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Detective Scott J. Williams, who is retiring from the Moline Police Department. Detective Williams has honorably served the people of Moline for the past 30 years and he will be greatly missed.

Detective Williams began his lifelong career in public service in 1981 as a correctional officer with the Rock Island County Sheriff's Office prior to joining the United States Marine Corps, where he served with the Department of State in Embassy Security. Upon returning home, he continued his education and joined the Moline Police Department in 1987.

Detective Williams has served every level of our community with great distinction and heart over the past three decades. His impressive career has spanned from undercover work with the Quad-City Metropolitan Enforcement Group to reduce drugs on our streets, to working as a DARE officer in newly created drug education programs. Detective Williams has always gone above and beyond to strengthen our community in these roles, in addition to being president of the Police Benevolent Association.

Detective Williams has dedicated his career to ensuring public safety, and striving to protect and improve the lives of individuals within his community. I am confident that he will continue to do just that as he joins the United States Marshal's Office at the Scott County Federal Courthouse in the next chapter of his career. I am proud to have such dedicated civil servants in Illinois' 17th Congressional District, and the role he has played in bettering our community will not be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Detective Williams for his commitment to public service and the example he has set for our community. I congratulate him again and wish him luck in his future endeavors.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF DIETRICH STROEH

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**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Dietrich (Diet) Stroeh, who passed away on May 30, 2017, after a lifetime of public service to his community. Born on October 22, 1936, Mr. Stroeh attended the University of Nevada where he earned a degree in civil engineering before joining the United States Air Force Reserves in 1955. After joining the Marin Municipal Water District as an engineer in 1960, he served a variety of roles in the agency, and became the General Manager in 1974. After twenty years with the agency Mr. Stroeh co-founded an engineering firm in 1980, which eventually became CSW/Struber-Stroeh Engineering group. He successfully ran the firm for 37 years until his passing.

Mr. Stroeh's legacy to the community extends from a personal mission to serve the public that was evident throughout his professional life. As the General Manager of the Marin Municipal Water District, his creative leadership was critical for securing Marin County's water supply during the 1976 California Drought. His solutions led to the development of a new in-county water supply, the county's first comprehensive water management plan, and the implementation of conservation education throughout the region. These events led the local press to declare him "the hero of the drought," because he not only ran the agency during this time, but genuinely inspired a community ethic to conserve water as an ongoing practice. Mr. Stroeh had a dual life as a civil engineer by trade and a tireless public servant throughout his tenure on numerous volunteer boards and commissions. His volunteer services include such roles as Director of the North Coast Rail Road

Authority, Director of the Bank of Marin, chair of the Novato Economic Development Commission, member of the Bay Area Water Works Association, and president of the Golden Gate Bridge District's Board of Directors, among many others.

Mr. Stroeh is survived by his wife Dawnna Gallagher-Stroeh and his beloved children: Christina Stroeh, Jody Hunter, Erica Antonio, David Brown and Dona Brown, his seven grandchildren, five nieces and nephews, and four cats.

Mr. Speaker, the depth of Mr. Stroeh's service to his community has left a positive legacy across the Bay Area, and he will be dearly missed. When asked about his role on the Golden Gate Bridge District, Mr. Stroeh once reflected that he was "just a cog in the machine," a typically humble comment from a man who dedicated his life to public service. It is therefore appropriate that we pay tribute to him today and honor the memory of leadership that sought service above self.

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HONORING THE FIRST RESPONDERS OF THE JUNE 14, 2017 SHOOTING AT EUGENE SIMPSON PARK

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**HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the City of Alexandria's First Responders to the scene of the shooting at Eugene Simpson Memorial Park in my district in Alexandria, Virginia.

Two weeks ago today, Wednesday, June 14th, around 7:00 a.m., a man fired scores of shots at Members of Congress who were practicing for the annual Congressional Baseball Game. The shooting wounded House Majority Whip STEVE SCALISE, Capitol Police Officers David Bailey and Crystal Griner, Congressional staffer Zack Barth, and former Congressional staffer Matt Mika.

The timely response of Alexandria's First Responders almost certainly saved lives. Alexandria Police Officers Nicole Battaglia, Alexander Jensen and Kevin Jobe arrived within minutes of the 911 call. Officer Battaglia came under fire upon arriving at the scene, and Officers Jensen and Jobe immediately engaged the shooter upon arrival. In the opinion of Alexandria Police Chief Mike Brown, the officers showed true bravery as they responded to a combat zone before working with Capitol Police to neutralize the shooter. Medical care provided by members of the Alexandria Fire Department, including Fiona Apple and Richard Krimmer and dozens of other paramedics and firefighters who operated while the scene was still dynamic, ensured this senseless act of violence did not become a multiple fatality event.

I am honored to commend these valiant individuals for their selfless service; I thank them not only for saving the lives of the victims of this evil, mindless gun violence, but for their daily positive impact on the extraordinary community of Del Ray in the exceptional City of Alexandria.

WELCOMING PRESIDENT MOON  
JAE-INHON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.  
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome President Moon Jae-in of the Republic of Korea to the United States. This visit presents the United States and the Republic of Korea an opportunity to strengthen our relationship and advance cooperation on mutually beneficial economic, energy, cultural, and global security issues. Our shared commitment to upholding the rule of law, democracy, and a free market economy is rooted in our two countries' historic friendship. Our nations have a long history dating back to when the United States and the Republic of Korea established diplomatic relations in 1882. This vibrant connection between our nations and New Jersey's prominence as a home to immigrant communities from all walks of life, Koreans have always found a place in my home state. In my congressional district we are proud to have a strong and engaged Korean-American population that has attracted several North American headquarters of South Korean businesses. Because of our nations' connection, I am thankful President Moon has found time to visit the United States. I hope this visit allows our nations the opportunity to broaden and deepen our partnerships and alliances.

HILDALE PARK PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

## HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Hildale Park Presbyterian Church, located in the Township of Hanover, New Jersey, on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. From humble beginnings, this church's birth from a hillside bungalow has grown to be a thriving religious center and school for the greater Morris County community, a bible-centered congregation.

Hildale Park Presbyterian Church's history began in 1916 when Cedar Knolls transitioned from a summer destination to a town of permanent residency. At that time, residents needed to travel long distances for their religious services. This was an impetus for Mr. and Mrs. Horace Greenway and Mrs. Mathilda Pfeiffer to establish a Sunday school within the community. As a result, on April 17, 1917, the very first service was held in the Greenway bungalow. Soon after, on July 19, 1917, a meeting was held to elect the first Board of Trustees who renamed the chapel the Hildale Park Union Chapel.

On August 11, 1918, Reverend Greenway officiated the first session and dedication was held in the newly erected chapel. As time passed, there was an apparent need for a sturdier structure that could withstand the frequent storms. With the advent of the 1955 Christmas Eve service, the dedication of a new sanctuary was held. The Church's aspiration to select a full-time minister was also met on July 13, 1959, as Reverend Alan Loy

McGinnis was moved into the newly built manse. With Reverend McGinnis at the helm, the church not only delivered religious services, but also held a Sunday school constituting 200 students. In fact, the church's altruism was demonstrated by its postponement of additions to the school building to instead pledge \$10,000 to add a wing on to a hospital in Brazil.

The Church continued to expand, as newly selected Reverend MacNaughton made it his ambition to build a Christian Education Building, and for the church to become more active in the local community. Reverend MacNaughton secured a Cable TV spot, in order to broadcast each Sunday service. This still continues to service the community profoundly. Reverend MacNaughton retired in 2012 after serving forty-one years, and was succeeded by Reverend Ross H. Lang, who is dedicated to continuing the traditions and promises of Hildale Park Presbyterian Church. To remain a thriving faith based organization, 100 years later, is a testament to the extraordinary efforts of Hildale Park Presbyterian Church, its members and Trustees.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating Hildale Park Presbyterian Church on the occasion of its Centennial Anniversary.

HONORING THE CAREER OF SISTER MARALYNN SCIARRINO  
UPON HER RETIREMENT

## HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sister Maralynn Sciarrino as she steps down from her position as Director of the Mercy Speech Center after 49 years of extraordinary service. Sister Maralynn's skill as a speech pathologist and her caring presence provided countless children from Western New York with the skills and confidence necessary to be articulate and successful in school and in life.

Founded in 1956 by Sister Maureen Kelly, Mercy Speech Center provides professional evaluation and speech therapy to children with speech and language disorders. The Center puts the needs of children first as it provides services to families who may not have been able to afford such personal attention.

Sister Maralynn has devoted her life to helping and serving others since joining the Sisters of Mercy at the age of 18. She taught elementary school for several years before beginning her career at The Mercy Speech Center in 1962. Focused on helping children overcome speech and language disorders, Sister studied speech pathology and audiology at the Catholic University of America, eventually earning a masters degree.

Sister Maralynn put that degree to work as she helped children with speech and auditory processing challenges when no one else could, earning the love, respect and gratitude of all those lives she so positively impacted. Sister Maralynn founded the Magic Penny Program at the Center which combines basic speech therapy with a literacy program, enabling students to develop their speaking abilities as well as their reading abilities. Her in-

nate ability to connect and communicate with children contributed to her success as a speech pathologist and the invaluable impact of the Mercy Speech Center.

Known for her laughing eyes, bright smile and the kindest of hearts, Sister Maralynn remains a gift to education and a valued member of her community. She changed lives and her own life serves as an example of how one person truly can make a difference.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize Sister Maralynn Sciarrino and her impactful career at the Mercy Speech Center. Sister Maralynn's life of service to the youth of Western New York is inspirational, impressive and worthy of recognition. I am proud to honor Sister Maralynn and wish her continued health and happiness as she begins the next chapter of her remarkable life.

## RECOGNIZING OFFICER NATHAN MILLER

## HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Nathan Miller, of the Jerseyville Police Department, who was injured in the line of duty while responding to a burglary alarm during the early morning hours of June 13, 2017.

After responding to the burglary call, Officer Miller pursued the suspect for several blocks before the suspect opened fire on him. Officer Miller was hit several times, and was immediately transported to St. Louis University Hospital.

The willingness of Officer Miller to put his own life on the line to protect his community is truly an act of bravery and has not gone unnoticed. Officer Miller was greeted with a hero's welcome as he returned home to finish out the rest of his recovery; the Jerseyville community lined the streets to show their support for the officer with signs and other "back the blue" decorations.

I ask that you join me in keeping Officer Miller in your thoughts as he makes a speedy recovery. May God Bless Officer Nathan Miller and all of the other first responders who work to keep us safe.

## HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DAWN LUCIEN

## HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and accomplishments of Dawn Lucien, an exemplary and civically-minded leader who, for decades, provided the city of Tacoma and its surrounding community with invaluable contributions.

After moving to Tacoma in 1947, Dawn quickly became involved in her city's civic and political life. Believing that Tacoma was truly the "gem of the universe," one of Dawn's first accomplishments in the city was becoming one of just two women elected to the Tacoma