

inspired management approach, building one of the best teams on Capitol Hill. Just this year, the Congressional Management Foundation recognized Oliver's efforts by naming our office a finalist for the first-ever Democracy Award highlighting excellence in workplace culture. Oliver's academic focus on behavioral science, talent management, and decision theory has made him one of the most effective practitioners of leadership.

I will always be grateful for the manner in which Oliver directed strategy and operations to help me achieve two seats on the U.S. House Financial Services Committee followed by a seat on the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee. Additionally, Oliver masterfully directed a member services initiative that enabled me to secure a cardinal seat on the U.S. House Republican Steering Committee.

I thank Oliver for the talented hard work and devotion that he has given me, the people of Arizona, and the United States Congress. I am going to miss having him by my side, but I know there are great things in store for him next. Oliver and Ana will always have my support and friendship.

HONORING THE OPENING OF THE GREATER ELGIN FAMILY CARE CENTER

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the Greater Elgin Family Care Center on the occasion of the Grand Opening of its Summit Health Center on July 12, 2018.

With the addition of the new Summit Health Center, the Greater Elgin Family Care Center now serves five counties with a total of nine health care facilities.

Since its establishment in 2001, the Center has made a great impact in Elgin and its surrounding communities. The Center employs more than 275 workers who, in 2017, provided assistance to more than 47,000 patients including 13,659 residents of the City of Elgin—14 percent of the City's population. Additionally, in 2017, Center professionals delivered 774 newborns. It provides care for patients regardless of their insurance status.

The Center is Elgin's largest not-for-profit organization (excluding the schools and hospital systems). In 2017, the Center was recognized as a Hypertension Control Champion by the Centers for Disease Control, the only community health center in Illinois to receive this honor.

For more than 17 years, the Greater Elgin Family Care Center has touched lives and provided exceptional care to residents in the Illinois 8th congressional district and beyond. I am grateful for its work, and I hope for its continued success.

I include in the RECORD this statement today to honor Greater Elgin Family Care Center in Elgin, Illinois on July 12th.

HONORING AL GERHARDT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the Honorable JARED HUFFMAN to honor Al Gerhardt for his lifetime commitment to Sonoma County agriculture and to recognize his unparalleled contributions to our farming community.

Mr. Gerhardt was born in 1938 and grew up in Sebastopol, California and attended Green Valley School. He graduated from Analy High School and was a member of the school's chapter of Future Farmers of America (FFA). Mr. Gerhardt was married to Pat Jesse from 1963 until she passed away. They had four children, Kathe, Gerry, Diana and the late Anna Marie. In 2000, he married Jan Smith and they moved to the family ranch near Occidental, California.

Mr. Gerhardt served on the Sonoma County Farm Bureau Board of Directors for sixteen years. While on the Board, he was on many committees, including agriculture education, membership and water. Mr. Gerhardt was known for his attention to detail and dedication to the Farm Bureau. He read the monthly Board packets cover to cover to ensure he was ready to discuss the issues facing Sonoma County farmers and ranchers and rarely missed a meeting.

Agriculture was a passion and community involvement was a lifestyle for Mr. Gerhardt. His dedication to our farming community is a main reason agriculture is still vital to Sonoma County's identity. Mr. Gerhardt was a supporter of FFA and 4-H and loved to support and encourage young farmers. He was a founder and director of the North Coast Livestock Protective Association and was a Commissioner on the County of Sonoma's Fish and Wildlife Commission. He was also a member of the Sonoma County Taxpayers Association and the Sonoma County Trailblazers. Mr. Gerhardt was an active member of St. Philip's Catholic Church in Occidental, California and was a committed volunteer for the Rural Food Program of St. Philip and St. Teresa Parish.

Mr. Speaker, Al Gerhardt was always willing to lend a hand and help our community flourish. He was a devoted steward of the land and was dedicated to preserving Sonoma County's agricultural integrity and history. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF HOMER E. (BILLY) BREWER

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the life of former high school and college head football coach Homer E. (Billy) Brewer, who died on May 12, 2018, in Memphis, Tennessee. Coach Brewer served as head football coach throughout his long and distinguished career, leading young men to excel on the football field for 34 years.

He was a true leader both on and off the field, earning the respect and admiration of many.

Coach Brewer, a native of Columbus, Mississippi, played football for Lee High School. Upon graduation from high school, he attended the University of Mississippi, where he played defensive back for the Ole Miss Rebels. Following graduation from the University of Mississippi, Coach Brewer began coaching football at Lee High School. He coached ten successful seasons which included multiple Big Eight Conference championships.

It was during his time as head coach for Lee High School that Coach Brewer chose Robert Youngblood to be an assistant coach for the football team. Mr. Youngblood assisted Coach Brewer on the field in the years to follow at Southeastern Louisiana University, Louisiana Tech University, and the University of Mississippi. Mr. Youngblood said the two became close friends and were loyal to each other. "He would let you coach," Mr. Youngblood said. "He was a good person to work for and to work with. We became more than acquaintances. We became friends."

It was important to Coach Brewer to build and maintain relationships with his players which enhanced their performance on the football field. "One of his strong suits was Coach Brewer's ability to identify, motivate, and be a player's coach," Mr. Youngblood said. "The players respected him and played hard for him." While serving as head coach for the Ole Miss Rebels, the team had 67 wins which placed him as the second most winningest coach in school history. Current Ole Miss Head Coach Matt Luke issued a statement to the Associated Press following Coach Brewer's passing. "He was greatly admired by his players and his teammates," Coach Luke said. "He will forever be engrained in the history of Rebel Football."

Brett Brewer, Coach Brewer's son, said his father's accomplishments were more than his record. "He taught life lessons to the young men he coached," Brewer said. "His legacy is within them—not just the wins and the losses." Brewer said his dad loved coaching, but above all, he loved people.

Coach Brewer was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Kay Gunter Brewer; and his two brothers, Bobby Brewer and Richard Brewer. He is survived by his sons, Brett Brewer and Gunter Brewer; and his five grandchildren, Keaton, Blaine, Lauren, Bailey, and Brogan Brewer.

Coach Brewer served as an inspiration to many people from all walks of life. He will always be remembered as a man who possessed a determined spirit to achieve excellence.

IN HONOR OF VELMA BULVIN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Velma Bulvin on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

I join her friends and family in extending my best to her on this occasion and in celebrating her life and contributions to our great state

and country. I hope she uses this momentous day to do the same.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Velma Bulvin on her birthday. May her year be filled with happiness and blessings.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARRET GRAVES

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 314, and YEA on Roll Call No. 315.

HONORING THE DEBERNARDI
FAMILY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the Honorable JARED HUFFMAN to honor Don and Bonnie DeBernardi and their family for their immense contribution to the dairy industry in Sonoma County. The DeBernardi family is being honored as the Farm Family of the Year by the Sonoma County Farm Bureau.

Mr. and Ms. DeBernardi are first generation dairy farmers who entered the profession and lifestyle in the hills of Goat Rock in Sonoma County, California in 1968. They have been producing cows' milk since then and in the late 1990s added goats to their farm. Mr. DeBernardi followed the footsteps of his Swiss ancestors and began producing their Tomme-style Two Rock Valley Goat Cheese and expanding the DeBernardi Dairy franchise. They currently have 2,000 acres of owned or leased farmland, which is home to their 700 organic cows and 200 goats.

Mr. and Ms. DeBernardi are active members of our community. They are longtime contributors of 4H, FFA, Petaluma High School and Tomales High School. Mr. DeBernardi sits on the Sonoma County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and is a member of the Western United Dairymen, Druids, Elks, Nicasio Native Sons and the Petaluma Golf and Country Club. Ms. DeBernardi is a founding member of the North Bay Dairy Women and a member of St. Vincent de Paul Church. Mr. DeBernardi was an early supporter of the annual Artisan Cheese Festival and DeBernardi Dairy frequently participates in the community event. In 1979, DeBernardi Dairy was honored as the Dairy of the Year by the Sonoma County Fair.

Today the DeBernardi Dairy has three generations actively participating on the family farm. The entire family shares Mr. and Ms. DeBernardi's passion for the dairy industry and our community. Mr. and Ms. DeBernardi are dedicated stewards of the land and hard-working and passionate people.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. and Ms. DeBernardi and the entire DeBernardi family have made important contributions to our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor them here today.