

best home-cooked food around. Its website proudly and accurately proclaims, "Yankee Cooking at its Best Since 1918." On the occasion of this important milestone, the restaurant joins an eclectic group of some 240 American restaurants that have achieved centennial status.

Mr. Speaker, I'm warning you. Take just a glance at the Wayside's diverse menu and your mouth will water: old-fashioned country breakfast, chicken pie, country fried steak, meatloaf, casseroles, fresh muffins and home-made pies.

But the Wayside is so much more than a good restaurant. For the thousands of Vermonters and visitors who walk through its doors every year, it provides comfort, fellowship and a sense of community rivaled by few. While dining on good food, customers catch up with friends and neighbors, trade gossip, and debate current events.

Owners Brian and Karen Zecchinelli have been at the helm for over 20 years. The restaurant has been in Karen's family for over 50 years. Their employees are familiar and friendly faces. Many have been on the job for ten years or more. And in a tribute to their good service, the aprons of retired employees hang proudly in the rafters.

The Wayside Restaurant has been part of the fabric of Vermont for 100 years. It is a shining example of a small business committed to good service, quality products, and socially responsible operations. I urge all Members of the House of Representatives to stop by the Wayside if you find yourself navigating the hills of central Vermont. But be careful—you won't want to leave.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF LOIS FITCH

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Lois Fitch who passed away on July 23, 2018. Throughout all of my life, I have known Lois as someone who dedicated herself to helping young people find ways to become more meaningfully engaged in their community. Through her work leading the Teenage Republicans, Lois helped so many individuals find their place in the civics of working to improve our town, state, country, and America's place in the world. Lois epitomized a leader. She was kind and gracious to all. She was encouraging and supportive in helping others find their passions. She was the reason I decided to run for elective office. And, she has inspired me and so many others to serve on all levels of government. This past Sunday I had a chance to visit with Lois in the hospital. As I shared with her then, I will share here in the United States Congress—"Lois, you changed me for the better, and I will forever be grateful for your courage and service." May the flag of the United States Capitol fly in full tribute to her.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GLOBE AND LAUREL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of The Globe and Laurel, a military and law enforcement themed restaurant located in Stafford, VA. Please join me in recognizing this restaurant and its owner, Major Richard Spooner, USMC, Retired as they celebrate their 50 year anniversary.

Major Richard Spooner opened The Globe and Laurel restaurant in 1968 after serving for over 29 years in the U.S. Marine Corps. At a young age, Richard Spooner fought in various battles throughout the Pacific and was awarded four Purple Hearts for his brave sacrifice. He remained in the Marine Corps and fought in both the Korean and Vietnam War. After retiring from service, Major Spooner turned his passion for good food into his full-time job by opening his restaurant in Quantico and due to a fire, relocated to Triangle in 1973 and then in 2008 to Stafford, Virginia.

Major Spooner opened his restaurant as a way to honor the brave men and women who live to serve and protect our great country. The Globe and Laurel intends to proudly honor the history and service of the Marine Corps by serving delicious food and offering unmatched customer service. On display at the restaurant is an extensive collection of military memorabilia, including a Medal of Honor and Victoria Cross. Additionally, the restaurant has been recognized and praised in numerous periodicals and television shows for its fine dining, atmosphere, and camaraderie. The Globe and Laurel restaurant is a staple of Stafford County; a community institution so loved by many.

Mr. Speaker, as The Globe and Laurel celebrates its 50 year anniversary, I ask you to join me in recognizing Major Spooner for his service; and his restaurant for its fine food and dedication to honoring the men and women who live to serve our country.

HONORING TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE NCAA WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Texas A&M-Kingsville Javelinas for their 2018 American Volleyball Coaches Association Division II National Championship win.

The Texas A&M-Kingsville Women's Beach Volleyball team was started in 2016, and they played their inaugural season in 2017. Head coach Tanya Allen, along with assistant coaches Gary Payne and Stephanie Johns, are invaluable to the success of this young team thus far.

The Javelinas ended the 2018 season with a 20-10 record, never losing a game in Kingsville. Freshmen Tenley Housler and Erin Umbel held the best set record of the team at

15-7. These promising players were joined by their teammates Gabby Atchley, Macy Berg, Kyleus Block, Madison Brabham, Kyra Henderson, Haley Hutchinson, Sarah Miller, Kadi Shipman, Madeline Sims, Maelee Sowa, Shelby Tate, Whitney Walker and Loren Washington.

During championship play at Hickory Point Beach Sand Volleyball Complex in Tavares, Florida, the Javelinas received a bye in the quarterfinal round. They then triumphed over the Spring Hill College Badgers in the semifinal game by a score of 3-2. The final match played against the Ekerd College Tritons saw the Javelinas prevail with a 4-1 win, securing the National Championship for the university.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Javelinas for their National Championship which has brought pride and recognition to Texas A&M-Kingsville.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the American Legion on its 100th anniversary and to welcome the 2018 national convention back to Minnesota where this venerable organization had its founding convention November 10-12, 1919. It is a special privilege to recognize the host of this historic gathering, the American Legion Department of Minnesota. Minnesotans are honored to welcome Legionnaires from across America. We are grateful for the many contributions the American Legion makes on behalf of all men and women who have worn the uniform through its 2.3 million members in 14,000 posts in communities across the United States. We also welcome National Commander Denise Rohan, the first woman to serve as National Commander of the American Legion.

Only steps away from where this year's convention is being held in Minneapolis, the American Legion was founded 100 years ago. The American Legion is a voice for those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and to assist veterans who were disabled through their service. Since its founding, the American Legion has been a driving force expanding services provided by the Federal Government for our nation's veterans and their families, including creation of the forerunner to the modern-day Department of Veterans Affairs. As the American Legion's advocacy and vision continued, services for veterans improved. In 1922, the American Legion Department of Minnesota created the Minnesota American Legion Hospital Association to provide medical care to veterans and their dependents at little or no cost. This groundbreaking effort helped to build the extensive hospital and clinic system of the VA Health Care Administration.

Since the founding of the American Legion, women have been vital to the successful advocacy efforts on behalf of veterans. One hundred years ago, a Legion women's auxiliary group began to form robust child-welfare and hospital visitation programs. As a life member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 39, North Saint Paul, Minnesota, I know firsthand

the many contributions that local auxiliary posts make to our veterans, our community, our state and our nation.

From drafting the original document that would later become the first GI Bill to the ongoing "We Believe Campaign" highlighting the positive impacts that veterans make on their communities, the American Legion continues its essential work to support our veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Commander Rohan and the 2.3 million members of the American Legion as they meet to convene their 100th national convention in the place where it all started, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 9981 TO DESEGREGATE THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 70th anniversary of President Harry S. Truman's commitment to desegregate the Armed Forces of our great nation.

It is my belief that the "Equality of Treatment and Opportunity; Executive Order 9981" was an indelible demarcation in the ever-present battle to eradicate racial discrimination within American society. Moreover, the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum will be hosting an event on Thursday, July 26 to honor this groundbreaking step towards equality as well as Truman's other efforts to expand rights for African American citizens. As the U.S. Representative of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, it gives me great pride and joy to praise both President Truman for his valiant and just actions and the Truman Library for hosting such a noteworthy event within my district.

Born and raised in the state of Missouri, President Truman was a man of remarkable character and ambition. Although he was born less than twenty years after the abolishment of slavery, in a time immersed in significant racial ramifications, the former president advanced civil rights in the United States. One prominent example of the trailblazing legacy President Truman left behind is the issuance of Executive Orders 9980 and 9981 to desegregate the Armed Forces and federal workforce. As an individual who has actively sought to further expand and build upon this legacy, it is truly an honor to join the Truman Library in celebrating the 70th anniversary of such an impactful milestone.

Today, the United States Armed Forces encompass four diverse and heterogeneous branches of brave, selfless, and upstanding servicemen and women. Prior to this Executive Order, African American members of the military had different rules than other servicemembers, which often delayed their entry to combat. Although other servicemembers could begin their combat training in the months following their initial qualifications, most African Americans were forced to wait four years to begin training.

Since the founding of our country, African Americans and other individuals of color actively participated in the Armed Forces; however, intentionally attempting to separate or delay this participation was also a perpetual occurrence within the military. President Truman's issuance of the Executive Order of 1948 was the directive that officially and completely abolished this practice.

Mr. Speaker, please join with me as we commemorate the 70th anniversary of President Harry S. Truman's Executive Order 9981. The courageous actions taken by President Truman to eliminate racial discrimination within America's armed forces are a true display of leadership and a legacy that will live on for generations to come. Furthermore, it is my hope that we will honor our only president from Missouri by continuing the effort to end racial discrimination in American society once and for all.