

## GREG HARMNDEN RETIREMENT

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 10, 2018*

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great Arkansan and one of the pillars of collegiate athletics in Arkansas—Coach Greg Harnden.

Coach Harnden is retiring after 21 years as the Athletic Director of Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas.

He helped facilitate Harding's move from the NAIA to the NCAA as well as Harding's move from the Gulf South Conference to its current home in the Great American Conference.

Throughout his 21-year career, Coach Harnden has brought numerous championships to Central Arkansas and attracted top talent to our state, making Harding University one of the top programs in all of NCAA Division II (two).

His impact has transcended the playing field as he has touched the lives of thousands of student-athletes from around the world.

I congratulate Coach Harnden on an incredible career and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

**NOMINATION OF JUDGE BRETT KAVANAUGH TO THE SUPREME COURT**

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 10, 2018*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus to voice my opposition to President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. The stakes could not be higher: Judge Kavanaugh is not the Justice that our nation needs, nor deserves. Voting rights, women's reproductive rights, and affirmative action are all under threat.

Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation could redefine the Supreme Court, and threatens to undermine some of our nation's most important rights for decades to come.

Judge Kavanaugh's nomination poses a threat to voting rights. When the state of South Carolina tried to enforce a draconian voter ID law, the Obama Administration blocked the law. When the case was referred to the US District Court, Judge Kavanaugh, writing for the majority, upheld the voter I.D. law saying, "the South Carolina Law has neither a discriminatory effect nor a discriminatory purpose. Moreover, South Carolina did not act with a discriminatory purpose." The three-judge panel, led by Kavanaugh, upheld the law. The bill was signed by former Governor, and now UN Ambassador Nikki Haley.

Kavanaugh's nomination also poses a threat to reproductive rights. The landmark 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision not only gave women access to basic health care rights, but it also strengthened a woman's right to choose. We've seen this playbook before, Mr. Speaker; Republicans will stop at nothing to end Roe as we know it. They will chip away at it. They will undermine it. They will erode it.

And we know that women of color and women from low-income communities will be

the most adversely impacted by restrictions on access to reproductive healthcare.

From Kavanaugh's tacit approval of Justice Rehnquist's dissent in Roe vs. Wade, to his own dissent in the 2017 "Jane Doe" vs. HHS case saying, "(we can't allow) a new right for unlawful immigrant minors in U.S. Government detention to obtain immediate abortion on demand," it is clear Judge Kavanaugh will be receptive to cases prohibiting women's right to choose.

Finally, while Judge Kavanaugh has never written a judicial opinion on affirmative action, he has written an amicus brief for the Center for Equal Opportunity, an organization opposed to the consideration of race in college admissions decisions.

If affirmative action were to be limited or ended, historically disenfranchised students would have fewer opportunities to access mainstream institutions of higher learning.

As a co-chair of the Congressional Pro-choice Caucus, and as a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, I will keep fighting to protect women's reproductive rights, voting rights, and affirmative action. We must urge the Senate to oppose Trump's dangerous nominee who represents a direct threat to our values as a nation. We can and must stop the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court.

**RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF HANOVER PARK, ILLINOIS**

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 10, 2018*

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the incorporation of Hanover Park, Illinois. Through its continued dedication to building a friendly and welcoming community for residents and visitors alike, Hanover Park is a model for other cities and towns to follow.

In the years since its first permanent settlers in 1874 and its incorporation in 1958, Hanover Park has become a center of culture and commerce. As home to 80 nationalities and 30 spoken languages, it is a diverse village. This diversity also transfers into their business environment. Hanover Park has thriving business parks, a growing retail community, and easy access to global markets. While the Village's police and fire departments are consistently recognized as two of the finest in the state, the local government is highly engaged and enthusiastic. All of these sectors make Hanover Park a vibrant and thriving community, as well as a great place to work, live, and raise a family.

On the occasion of this 60th Anniversary, we join together to celebrate Hanover Park's legacy of growth and prosperity and look ahead to the opportunities facing this Village and our great Nation. Today marks 60 years of working together to build a brighter future and reminds us that our work continues.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in recognizing the 60th anniversary of the incorporation of Hanover Park, Illinois, and wishing its residents great success in the years ahead.

## HONORING MAYOR TED ELLIS

**HON. JIM BANKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 10, 2018*

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bluffton Mayor Ted Ellis who recently announced his retirement after more than two decades of distinguished service. A native of Bluffton, Mayor Ellis has been a fixture in his community for many years. He served nine years on the Wells County Council before being elected Mayor in 1995.

Mayor Ellis is one of the longest serving mayors in Indiana history and is known for his commitment to his community and the Hoosier state. In fact, the Governor of Indiana recognized Mayor Ellis' contributions by naming him a "Sagamore of the Wabash," Indiana's highest civilian honor. Mayor Ellis also was honored by the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns with the Russell Lloyd Award for his "outstanding contributions to local government."

I want to congratulate Mayor Ellis, his wife Marge, and his family on an exceptional career and I wish him an enjoyable retirement.

## TRIBUTE TO ROBIN TELLER

**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 10, 2018*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Robin Teller of Isleta Pueblo in New Mexico for her role in the Pueblo Pottery Mug project and her success as a Native artist.

The Pueblo Pottery Mug project started as a collaboration between five Pueblo artists and the first Pueblo-owned Starbucks in New Mexico. The mugs were first sold in 2016 at the Starbucks store in Albuquerque. Each mug was hand-crafted by a different Pueblo artist to celebrate the opening of the new store and to symbolize the collaboration between New Mexico Pueblos and Starbucks. After quickly selling out of the unique mugs—selling over 6,000 mugs—the Shumakolowa gift shop collaborated with the artists to sell mugs at their location in the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Robin is from the Pueblo of Isleta, where pottery has historically been made for functional or ceremonial uses. Since 1988, she has become known for her iconic storytellers, nativity scenes, human and animal figures, and polychrome vessels that honor the traditions of her Pueblo. She uses the traditional method of digging clay, tuffa, and pigments from different areas of the Isleta Pueblo, some of which were used by generations past to collect clay.

Robin's work comes from the traditional designs of the Isleta Pueblo: red and black fluid geometric designs on a white background depicting nature's elements. Her work is also largely influenced by the generations of strong women in her family line.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Robin Teller for being a part of the Pueblo Pottery Mug project. This project has given the community, as well as visitors to New Mexico, an opportunity to appreciate usable pieces of art that

are inspired by Native culture and traditions. I look forward to seeing this project continue to flourish and support talented Native artists from Pueblos throughout New Mexico.

**A HERO AMONG US—A TRIBUTE  
TO FIRST SERGEANT DAVID H.  
MCNERNEY**

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 10, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Veteran's Day, like every year, I started the morning early and headed out to the first of many ceremonies across our district to honor the men and women who have proudly worn the military uniform of the United States. I just love it. I love seeing our veterans, especially the older heroes who seem to exude a kind of pride in their country and their service that only those of that great generation possess. But I found myself looking for a certain face, a certain hero of mine that I look forward to seeing at these events every year. While I kept reminding myself I wouldn't find him this year, I saw everything he represented in the eyes of every veteran I met.

Longtime Crosby resident, David H. McNerney, was a hero among us. First Sergeant McNerney received the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in the Vietnam War. While this is enough to impress most anyone, it's only part of the story. McNerney served not one tour of duty, not even two or three tours of duty—he served four combat tours of duty.

Like some of my other favorite war heroes, McNerney wasn't born in Texas, but got here as fast as he could. Born in Lowell, Massachusetts in 1931, he moved to Houston with his family in high school. After graduating from St. Thomas High School, McNerney enlisted in the Navy. After serving two tours in the Korean War, he was discharged in 1952.

McNerney gave college a try, enrolling at the University of Houston, but quickly realized his education would come from the battlefield rather than the classroom. In 1953, McNerney enlisted in the United States Army. Shortly after arriving at Fort Bliss, he was stationed in Korea and Okinawa. In 1962 he was sent to Vietnam as one of the first 500 military advisors deployed.

In 1966, during his third combat tour of duty, he was stationed in the Central Highlands near the Cambodian border as a first sergeant with Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division. On the afternoon of March 21, 1967, he and his company were dropped in Polei Doc to recover a missing reconnaissance team. The next morning, they came under heavy attack by the North Vietnamese and were easily outnumbered three-to-one. McNerney quickly took the front line and was wounded by a grenade.

The company commander was killed and without hesitation, and despite being wounded, McNerney took command of the unit. Under intense fire, McNerney took out an enemy machine gun position, but the unit took heavy casualties. In the midst of the chaos, he climbed a tree in plain sight of the North Vietnamese to mark his unit's location before calling in an airstrike within 65 feet of their own position.

He continued to move throughout the battlefield, pulling the wounded to safety and securing demolition material to clear the area for the medical evacuation helicopters. Despite his own injuries, McNerney refused evacuation and stayed with his men until the new company commander arrived the next day. His actions not only stopped the enemy from advancing and saved the lives of his men, his valor on the battlefield earned him the Medal of Honor.

Now, this is where I usually say: "And that's just the way it is." But, the story is not over. David McNerney volunteered for a fourth tour in Vietnam before retiring as a first sergeant in December 1969. Let me say that again: David McNerney volunteered for a fourth tour in Vietnam.

The men that served with him have praised his leadership and bravery. They don't mince words when it comes to what he has meant to them: There's a bunch of guys walking around today who wouldn't be here if it wasn't for him.

Dennis Thompson Sr., who served in Vietnam with McNerney, said: "If, in fact, he were not there, everyone would have gotten massacred that day. People have to know that the man was a genuine hero."

First Sergeant David McNerney died October 12, 2010 at the age of 79. His obituary said that he humbly summarized his prestigious military career by saying, "I was a professional soldier."

This Veteran's Day was not the same for me. His absence was noticed, but his service is never forgotten. My friend, First Sergeant David McNerney, was a hero among us.

And that's just the way it is.

**HONORING CAYETANO CABRIELES**

**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 10, 2018*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Cayetano Cabrieles who celebrated his 100th birthday and received the Champion of Life Award on August 7, 2018.

Cayetano Cabrieles was born in Linares, Nuevo Leon, Mexico in 1918. He worked on a ranch for much of his childhood, enduring adversity and overcoming many challenges. At the age of 23, Mr. Cabrieles married Juana Maria Mendoza, and together the couple raised four children. Mr. Cabrieles now lives in San Juan, Texas where he continues to work tirelessly to provide for his family.

Though Mr. Cabrieles suffered many injuries while working, he nevertheless persevered. After a lifetime of strenuous work, Mr. Cabrieles retired at the age of 80 and now resides at the Palmas Health Care Center.

Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to share Mr. Cayetano Cabrieles's life story and recognize this true pioneer on his 100th birthday. Congratulations again to Mr. Cabrieles on this major milestone.

**TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH MEDINA**

**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 10, 2018*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Elizabeth Medina of Jemez Pueblo in New Mexico for her role in the Pueblo Pottery Mug project and her success as a Native artist.

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Elizabeth is originally from Jemez Pueblo and married into Zia Pueblo where she now lives with her husband, fellow artist Marcellus. She learned how to make traditional Zia pottery from her mother-in-law, renowned potter Sofia Medina, using the teachings of the past and the resources of the land to create and shape her pottery. Her work is celebrated for its craftsmanship, exquisitely painted designs, and elegance of form.

Elizabeth's work typically combines traditional Zia symbols such as rainbows, birds, and flowers. Using kaolin clay that is often featured in Zia pottery, she tempers it with basaltic rock to achieve a traditional finish. Her work displays a true appreciation for the teachings of the past and influences many of today's artists.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Elizabeth Medina for being a part of the Pueblo Pottery Mug project. This project has given the community, as well as visitors to New Mexico, an opportunity to appreciate usable pieces of art that are inspired by Native culture and traditions. I look forward to seeing this project continue to flourish and support talented Native artists from Pueblos throughout New Mexico.

**CAVHS NURSES**

**HON. J. FRENCH HILL**

OF ARKANSAS

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*Friday, August 10, 2018*

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the 19 Central Arkansas Veterans Affairs Healthcare System nurses who have been named to the Great 100 Nurses Celebration of Arkansas 2018 honoree list.

The selected nurses are chosen based on their concern for humanity, their contributions to the profession of Nursing, and their mentoring of others.

Each of the Great 100 nurses will receive a certificate and custom pin in honor of their accomplishment.

This is a record number of honorees from the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System and I greatly applaud their work and their caring nature towards our veterans.

I am proud to represent these and all of our central Arkansas nurses who are making a difference in the lives of our veterans.