

Mr. Speaker, please join me in commemorating the centennial of the end of World War I and the many military and civilian lives lost in that conflict and recognizing those who have come together for the Concert to Commemorate Sacrifice.

TRIBUTE TO MASTER CHIEF
PETTY OFFICER JOHN BOUGHTON

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Master Chief Petty Officer John Boughton for his service to both the Third Congressional District of Colorado and the entire nation.

Officer Boughton dedicated 24 years of his life serving in the United States Navy. Once his honorable service came to an end, he used his wealth of military experience to enhance the lives of others in his community, spending 16 years as a naval science instructor at Montrose High School and Olathe High School. His work in the school system helped build the character of countless hundreds of young men and women who served as his cadets in the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC).

Chief Boughton played an integral role in taking the Montrose High School and Olathe High School NJROTC program to the nationally recognized competitive state championship on three separate occasions. Both schools' teams made their mark as a drill and marksmanship team, becoming nationally ranked in shooting for over 10 years. Chief Boughton's extraordinary care and dedication, positioned his cadets to achieve such success. To create additional growth opportunities for his students, Chief Boughton built the school district's first STEM Sea Perch Tank and began holding Sea Perch Competition games for area cadets several years ago.

As a result of his hard work and commitment to his students, Chief Boughton has been awarded several honors by various organizations in his community. Chief Boughton was named the Colorado Citizen Education Teacher of the Year in 2011 and 2012 by the Department of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars. He has also been nominated three times for the Montrose County School District Teacher of the Year during his tenure as a NJROTC instructor.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Boughton has spent his life in service to his country, his community and his students. His work has had an indelible impact and it is my honor to acknowledge his achievements, as well as express heartfelt gratitude for his service. I wish him luck in his future endeavors.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE LOST
AND THOSE WHO GAVE AND
RISKED THEIR LIVES DURING
THE TERRORIST ATTACKS
LAUNCHED AGAINST THE
UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER
11, 2001

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, on the 17th anniversary of the attack launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, I rise to remember the victims of that horrific tragedy and those first-responders who risked, and in too many cases, sacrificed their lives to rescue the occupants of the besieged World Trade Center Towers.

The morning of September 11, 2001 is, and will always be, a day like no other.

It is a day all living Americans will remember because not since Pearl Harbor had there been such a dastardly and deadly attack on American soil.

Seventeen years later, my heart still grieves for those who perished on flights United Airlines 93, American Airlines 77, American Airlines 11, and United Airlines 175.

When the sun rose on the morning of September 11, none of us knew that it would end in an inferno in the magnificent World Trade Center Towers in New York City and the Pentagon and in the grassy fields of Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

I stand here remembering those who still suffer, whose hearts still ache over the loss of so many innocent and interrupted lives.

My prayer is that for those who lost a father, a mother, a husband, a wife, a child, or a friend will in the days and years ahead take comfort in the certain knowledge that they have gone on to claim the greatest prize, a place in the Lord's loving arms.

And down here on the ground, their memory will never die so long as I any of the many of us who loved them lives.

Mr. Speaker, as hard as it is to believe, out of a tragedy so overwhelming and horrific, something good and great emerged in the aftermath of September 11.

On that day there were no Republicans or Democrats.

There were no Northerners or Southerners or West or East Coasters.

We were not Red State or Blue State.

We were all simply Americans.

On that day, we were united in our shock and anger and sadness.

We were united in our resolve to defend our country and protect the freedoms that has made America the greatest country in the history of the world.

We lit candles, held hands, helped neighbors, and prayed for our country and its leaders.

A united America can never be defeated as Operation Enduring Freedom showed.

The brave and valiant armed forces of the United States swiftly toppled the Taliban and liberated Afghanistan.

As President George W. Bush announced to the American people and to the world: "Whether the terrorists are brought to justice or justice is brought to the terrorists, justice will be done."

And though he ran and hid for almost ten years, Osama bin Ladin could not hide forever and evade the long arm of American justice, which, under the leadership of President Barack Obama, caught up with him on May 2, 2011.

Mr. Speaker, Americans take care of their own.

Americans cherish freedom. Americans cherish liberty.

And Americans want peace.

Not just for themselves alone, but all persons in every corner of the globe.

Mr. Speaker, ensuring that American is safe and secure and protected from another attack on American soil is the least we owe to the heroic passengers on Flight 93 and to the brave firefighters of the FDNY and officers of the NYPD and the officers and civilians we lost in the Pentagon who gave faithful service to our nation.

Americans want their country to remain safe, free, and invulnerable to another cowardly attack like the one we witnessed seventeen years ago today.

We owe that much to the Americans who lost and gave their lives.

We owe it to them to ensure that their children and loved ones will never again experience such pain, suffering, and loss.

We can do this. We must do this. After all, we are Americans.

2018 LUMINARY AWARDS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise to commend the recipients of this year's NIPSCO Luminary Awards. The Luminary Awards were created to honor prominent individuals or organizations for their exemplary leadership. This year's honorees include Dr. Vanessa Allen-McCloud, The Nature Conservancy, Junior Achievement of Chicago, Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana, Denarie Kane, and the Multi Agency Academic Cooperative (MAAC) Foundation. For their outstanding contributions to the community in Northwest Indiana and beyond, the honorees will be recognized at a ceremony on Thursday, September 13, 2018, at NiSource Corporate Headquarters in Merrillville, Indiana.

Dr. Vanessa Allen-McCloud, president and chief executive officer of the Urban League of Northwest Indiana, is this year's recipient of the Community Leadership Award. For her remarkable dedication to public and social service, Dr. Allen-McCloud is worthy of the highest praise.

The recipient of this year's Environmental Stewardship Award is The Nature Conservancy. The organization has protected millions of acres of land and thousands of rivers throughout the world. We are truly grateful for their conservation efforts, here in the community of Northwest Indiana, and beyond.

The Education Award will be presented to Junior Achievement of Chicago and Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana. These economic and mentoring programs prepare students to achieve success and have made a tremendous positive impact on the youth of

our communities. We are truly thankful for their great work.

Denarie Kane, director of development for the city of Hobart, is this year's recipient of the Economic Development Award. The city of Hobart is thriving and will continue to flourish due to Ms. Kane's outstanding leadership and direction, and for her devotion and hard work, she is to be highly commended.

The Multi Agency Academic Cooperative Foundation is the recipient of the Public Safety Award. This noteworthy organization offers safety training opportunities for first responders and provides important public safety for our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other colleagues to join me in commending these remarkable leaders, innovators, and organizations. For their outstanding contributions to the community of Northwest Indiana and their unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for its residents, each recipient is worthy of the honors bestowed upon them.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JOHN GEORGE ZARCARO

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember John George Zarcaro who passed away on August 18, 2018 at the age of 85 from a rare and aggressive type of kidney cancer.

The son of two Italian immigrants, John was born May 6, 1933, in Asbury Park, New Jersey. He graduated high school from LaSalle Military Academy in Long Island, New York. Much to his mother's chagrin, he went on to graduate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering.

After college, John joined the United States Navy and became a pilot. He flew several planes, but his favorite was the A-4 Skyhawk. John often told the story of flying an S2F Tracker over the Atlantic during a storm when he bypassed landing on a Navy carrier thirteen times because of the ferocious pitch of the sea in darkness. When Zarcaro finally landed the plane on the carrier, the crew celebrated this act (a ship record) by baking him a cake. The story illustrates much about this remarkable man: grace under pressure, determination and skill, and humility.

John continued to serve the country when he joined the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) during Project Mercury. In 1984, he started his own business, Geo-Control Systems, with the help of friends and investors. There, Zarcaro continued his service to the space program. He loved his military and civil service careers and treasured his time working with the immensely talented men and women of this nation's space program.

John or "Z", as many of his friends knew him, spent a lifetime cultivating happiness, adventure, and joy. He met the love of his life, Rose Veronica Gonzalez, in Kingsville, Texas, and they married October 4, 1957. Rose and John celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and a lifetime of love last year with their family.

John leaves behind a family that will miss him greatly: his loving wife Rose; son John Jo-

seph, daughter-in-law Sandy, and grandchildren John Anthony, Ariana, Sophie, and Nicholas; son Michael, daughter-in-law Sarah, and grandchildren Michael and Emily; daughter Rosanne and partner Chuck, and son Anthony.

Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the House Subcommittee on Space, it is my honor to remember the life of space pioneer, John George Zarcaro.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA AND JIM Crago

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Linda and Jim Crago of Diagonal, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Their lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. As the years pass, may their love continue to grow even stronger and may they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many more years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60 years together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF OFFICER RYAN CUENI

HON. DAVID P. JOYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Painesville Police Officer Ryan Cueni for receiving the Medal of Honor on Wednesday, September 5, 2018. Officer Cueni was awarded the honor by the Lake County Chiefs of Police Association for his actions of bravery taken when facing an armed suspect on February 2, 2017. After responding to a reported break-in, Officer Cueni and his partner arrived to the scene to an armed suspect holding a mother at knifepoint while her two children were hiding.

Without regard for his own safety, Officer Cueni climbed over a dresser, turning his back to the armed suspect, and ushered both children to safety. Officer Cueni proceeded to free the mother from knifepoint. The suspect was ultimately tasered by Officer Cueni's partner. Because of Officer Cueni's bravery, all three victims were unharmed.

I am extremely proud to have such a courageous and hardworking officer in my district. After 21 years of service, the City of Painesville is honored to have Officer Cueni protecting its citizens.

CELEBRATING CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP'S BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Conewago Township on its 200th Anniversary.

Conewago Township formally was created in 1818 from portions of Newberry and Dover Townships. The name "Conewago" is of Iroquois Native American origin, meaning "at the rapids." The Township's authentic natural beauty, underscored by its rolling hills and rich farmland, give our residents great sense of pride in our community. In the past eight years alone, Conewago Township has undergone a significant housing boon, increasing its population from 7,510 to almost 9,000, an increase of nearly 20 percent.

Conewago is the home to two villages, Zion View and Strinestown, the latter being founded in 1800. Residents are hard-working and selfless; their generosity of spirit is perhaps best exemplified in the 200th Anniversary celebration itself; while they will mark a significant milestone in their community's history, they also will have a Red Cross blood drive and donate to Northeastern Food Bank.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 4th District, I commend and congratulate Conewago Township, Pennsylvania, on its 200th Anniversary and wish our residents the very best in their future adventures.

TRIBUTE TO PHIL NEUENFELDT

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Phil Neuenfeldt who is retiring as President of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO after 8 years of service in the role. Phil began his career on the shop floor in the manufacturing sector, as an active member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. He held various positions of leadership in his local union, including Chair of the bargaining committee where he fought for fair contracts and improved health and safety conditions for fellow workers.

Prior to his election as President of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, Phil served as both the Secretary-Treasurer and Legislative Director there. As Legislative Director, Phil Neuenfeldt worked tirelessly to strengthen the Wisconsin labor movement. He advanced a working family agenda which included: expanded ability for workers to organize, protected prevailing wage, defended the Family and Medical Leave Act, promoted teaching labor education in schools, pushed for fair tax codes and closing of corporate loopholes, fought against the privatization of public service jobs and promoted the creation and retention of manufacturing jobs. Phil as President was a central member in the broad coalition that was created to fight back against egregious attacks on labor in 2011 and 2012, and served as a spark that reignited our labor