

Over the years, we have been fortunate to consult with Dick on legislation concerning our veterans, and perhaps more than anything else, we are blessed to count him as a friend. As he begins this new chapter of his life, on behalf of our grateful nation and community, we wish him and his wife, Cheryl, all the best.

TRIBUTE TO GONZALO GUTIERREZ LEMUS

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor Gonzalo Gutierrez Lemus as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Hispanic Heritage Month. Gonzalo Gutierrez Lemus is a first-generation Mexican-American student with big dreams. While a student at Polk State Chain of Lakes Collegiate High School, he founded and became president of the high school's Key Club. He also held leadership roles in Student Government, was a National Honor Society member, a Health Occupation Students of America national finalist and a Silver Garland nominee. He became the Honors Program Student Council President, where he mentored freshmen students and tirelessly advocated for Polk State College students and the greater Polk County community.

Gutierrez was one of 273 chosen National Newman Civic Fellows a Boston-based non-profit organization working to advance the public purposes of higher education.

Gutierrez recently received the Florida College System Student Government Association President of the year award, which is given to one president in the Florida College System who has exhibited distinguished service to his or her campus and community by providing support, opportunities, and leadership.

He received the Polk State College Exceptional Leaders with Innovative Talents and Excellence Leadership Legacy Scholarship award and was recently elected to serve as the Vice President of the Kiwanis Club of Winter Haven.

He serves on the Public Education Partnership Board of Directors, is an Adult Advisor for Haines City's Emerging Youth Advisory Council, a member of the Keen Focus Group of Lakeland, a group dedicated to the professional development of young professionals through civic engagement in the community.

Gutierrez is a mentor for Polk County Public School Board Take Stock in Children, is on the Student Advisory Council for Chain of Lakes Collegiate High School and is Polk State Colleges Honors Program Coordinator.

Gutierrez Lemus completed his Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management degree, with a concentration in Business Administration and plans to attend Florida Atlantic University for his Masters in Higher Education Leadership.

CELEBRATING ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Energy Efficiency Day and recognize the great economic and environmental benefits the United States has realized since the first energy efficiency policies were enacted more than 40 years ago. On Friday, October 5, Americans from every corner of our country will join together to raise awareness of energy efficiency, celebrate the prosperity and innovation these policies have helped foster, and appreciate the work—past and present—of leaders in business, the non-profit sector, and government that has doubled the energy productivity of our economy since 1980. I am proud to count myself among them as a committed advocate for national energy efficiency policy.

Since the first energy efficiency policies were enacted in the 1970s, improvements in technologies and practices have resulted in energy savings worth more than 60 quadrillion British Thermal Units (BTUs) (quads) and avoided costs worth more than \$800 million annually. Today, the energy efficiency sector boasts a workforce of about 2.25 million Americans (including about 11,000 Vermonters). And the federal government—the largest energy user on the planet—has worked with private-sector partners on investments that have lowered the energy intensity of government facilities by over 47 percent. These savings are real, and without the gains in energy efficiency we would waste more energy, generate more harmful emissions, release more pollutants into the environment, rely more on foreign oil, and spend more on costly power plants and transmission lines. Any way you look at it, energy efficiency is a wise investment and a worthwhile policy goal of the United States.

As many of my colleagues know, energy efficiency has a storied history of bipartisan support in Congress. Since the Energy Policy and Conservation Act was passed in 1975, Congress has provided sweeping updates to federal energy efficiency policy six times and approved smaller measures many times. The last stand-alone energy efficiency legislation enacted, I am proud to say, was one I worked on with my colleague and good friend DAVID MCKINLEY of West Virginia, who sponsored the bill.

We have made great progress over these four decades, but Energy Efficiency Day should be a reminder of our commitment to continue pressing on for our collective benefit. We must do more, achieve more, and save more—all while using less. Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in celebrating Energy Efficiency Day and working across the aisle and across the Capitol to craft the next set of policies we need to remain energy-efficient and productive in the 21st Century.

WHATCOM COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERSHIP IN CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Whatcom Community College (WCC) for its leadership in cybersecurity education. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of 2016 there were over 100,000 cybersecurity jobs in the U.S. Yet the cybersecurity workforce gap is projected to reach 1.8 million unfilled cybersecurity jobs in 2020. Congress needs to invest in the future of the cybersecurity workforce.

WCC is one example of how academic institutions in the U.S. engage students in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to excel in the cybersecurity field. As a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance, WCC leads the expansion of cybersecurity education nationwide. WCC through their leadership in CyberWatch West, works to improve existing cybersecurity resources to develop effective training and teaching modules to raise awareness and build partnerships among academia and industry. It is imperative for local communities to increase connections with industry around cybersecurity to better enable the U.S. to foster the growth and complexity of cybersecurity education.

In 2020, WCC is planning to apply to become a Center of Excellence in Cybersecurity. Designating WCC as the next Center of Excellence in Cybersecurity would provide valuable resources to community colleges seeking to improve their cybersecurity education programs and foster innovation and interest in cybersecurity education throughout the U.S.

I thank WCC for its contribution to cybersecurity education in the U.S. and will continue to advocate for increased investment in STEM.

RECOGNIZING LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Lighthouse for the Blind on 100 years of dedicated service to the deaf, DeafBlind, and blind residents of the United States.

The Lighthouse for the Blind is a not-for-profit, social enterprise originating in Seattle and expanding to multiple locations throughout the nation. Founded with the goal of empowering the blind, deaf, and DeafBlind community members, they have acted as a crucial employer for many people in my Congressional District, and throughout Congressional Districts across America. They work closely with both public and private entities, like The Boeing Company and the Department of Defense, to provide them with quality machine parts and equipment.

The Lighthouse for the Blind stands as a beacon welcoming people into their safe harbor. They promote an environment of support,

whether it be providing computer workstations for the visually impaired, or employing staff mobility instructors to ensure DeafBlind employees are able to travel independently with a white cane or service dog. The Lighthouse for the Blind has steadfastly stood by their main philosophy of supporting the workplace needs of all their employees.

They are the largest employer of DeafBlind people in the nation, as well as the largest employer of blind people on the West Coast. The Lighthouse for the Blind goes above and beyond to support its employees. It does not surprise me that they got their start near my district—as they reflect our key values.

It is critical that all members of our community feel uplifted, and that they are given the tools they need to have successful and fulfilling lives. When we hold each other up, as clearly shown by The Lighthouse for the Blind, everyone benefits.

The Lighthouse for the Blind will be celebrating their centennial on September 15th where they will reflect on the last 100 years, and look forward to the next 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate The Lighthouse for the Blind on 100 years of success, and commend them for the vital role they play in our community.

IN HONOR OF CATHEDRAL HIGH
SCHOOL'S CENTENNIAL ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Cathedral High School in celebration of its 100th anniversary. The people of Indiana's 5th Congressional District are forever grateful for Cathedral High School's commitment to preparing all students to be successful, competent, concerned, responsible, and ethical members of society. It is a pleasure to congratulate Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, Indiana in celebration of this special occasion.

Cathedral has been an integral part of the Indianapolis community since its founding by the Indianapolis Catholic Diocese on September 13, 1918. Founded as an all boys Catholic high school, Cathedral has seen tremendous growth, from 90 students in 1918 to nearly 1,200 today. Originally on the second floor of Cathedral Grade School at 13th and Pennsylvania, the school moved in 1927 to 14th and Meridian, where it stayed for 50 years. Today the school operates under the direction of the Cathedral Trustees, Inc. as an independent private institution located at 56th Street and Emerson Way. In 1976, girls were integrated into the student body for the first time.

Today, Cathedral is a premier Catholic high school in the Holy Cross tradition. The school draws students from Marion County and nine other central Indiana counties. Before attending Cathedral, students attended approximately 130 different schools. According to its mission, Cathedral "transforms a diverse group of students spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically to have the competence to see and the courage to act." This mission is carried out both in and out of

the classroom by students, parents, teachers, administrators, and coaches through various academic programs and over 120 co-curricular activities. The Fighting Irish have a long history of excellence earning over 60 state championships across all their sports teams. With a 13:1 student-teacher ratio, Cathedral has a highly personalized, faith-based approach to learning. This approach has resulted in 100 percent of graduating seniors being accepted into colleges and universities across the country. Cathedral's commitment to its students and their success was recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in 1988, 2004 and again in 2016, when Cathedral earned the distinction as a "Blue Ribbon School of Excellence."

The school's personalized approach to education has made Cathedral home to a robust alumni network, with previous graduates numbering among some of the most accomplished business, community, government, and religious leaders in the state and country. These graduates strive to distinguish themselves as scholars, servant leaders and role models who are culturally competent, engaged in the global society, sound in mind and body and spiritually active.

It is important to our nation's future to encourage and raise a new generation of Americans who have the skills, knowledge, and compassion to succeed both in and out of the classroom. Students like those at Cathedral give me hope that we will accomplish this vital mission. Their outstanding work is an inspiration to students, educators and parents across the nation. Congratulations on 100 years of excellence in the academic and religious education of Indiana high school students.

TRIBUTE TO KIRA ROMERO-CRAFT

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor Kira Romero-Craft as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Hispanic Heritage Month. Kira Romero-Craft is the Managing Attorney of the Southeastern Regional office of LatinoJustice PRLDEF.

Kira leads a team of attorneys and advocates focused on immigrants' rights, voting rights, economic justice and criminal justice reform.

Kira began her legal career as an Equal Justice Works fellow for the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association in Orlando, Florida where she focused on representation of undocumented immigrant children in juvenile and immigration court.

Prior to joining LatinoJustice, she was the program director for the children's legal program at Americans for Immigrant Justice where she led a team of lawyers representing immigrant children in dependency and removal proceedings.

Kira is also the current co-chair of the advocacy committee for the American Immigration Lawyers Association, Central Florida Chapter.

She is a graduate of Rollins College and Florida State University, College of Law.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
SERVICE OF VIRGINIA "GINGER"
MARSH

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of a longtime Concord resident, Ms. Virginia "Ginger" Marsh.

Ginger was born on October 27, 1937 in Phoenix, Arizona to parents Sarah and Wayne Downes. However, Ginger spent much of her young life in San Francisco where she attended Lincoln High School and later City College of San Francisco. In 1957, Ginger married her husband of over 55 years, James Marsh, and shortly thereafter moved to Concord where they started Marsh Drywall Contractors.

Ginger spent much of her time serving the community. She helped out with local baseball league events and sold popsicles at a bus stop near her home for the Parent-Teacher Association at Loma Vista Intermediate. Her active role in the community led her to become a founding board member of the Monument Crisis Center and Shelter Incorporated, where she led the Holiday Adopt a Family Program.

Ginger is survived by her brother Warren, her sons Rodney and Douglas, six grandchildren Audrey, Katlyn, Andrew, James, Wolf, and Moxie, and great grandchildren Reagan, Clark, Emmet, Kaden, and Charlotte.

She will be sincerely missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing her, and will be remembered for her endless service to the community.

CONGRATULATING INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY HEALTH
SERVICES ON 45 YEARS OF
SERVICE

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate International Community Health Services (ICHHS) on 45 years of dedicated service to the community.

ICHHS was founded in the 1970s when a group of advocates emphasized one of the City of Seattle's underserved populations. These advocates recognized elderly, low-income, Asian immigrants did not have a place where they could receive healthcare, and be properly informed about their health decisions. This small group of advocates, took it upon themselves to create change, and opened a small clinic—the Asian Community Health Clinic. They started this clinic with the goal of providing culturally and linguistically appropriate services to those who needed it.

As the years went by, their small clinic grew both in size and in the range of services they offered, and changed its name to International Community Health Services. Today, ICHHS is larger than ever, having expanded to provide dental care and a vision clinic. Not only have they expanded, but they have also stayed true