

and physical dynamics of Evansville's center city, the non-profit organization lifts-up the underserved with critical programming and connective opportunities in areas of affordable housing and home ownership, medical services, youth and young adult employment, business financing, job creation . . . all while contributing to city's economic development and community enrichment. It has empowered people and revitalized neighborhoods in tangible testimony to the power of collaboration.

With deep appreciation, I congratulate Rev. Brooks on his 25-year pastorate at Memorial Baptist Church and commend him on a lasting legacy of devoted service to the people of Evansville.

TRIBUTE TO JANNES AND NEIL
AUPPERLE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Jannes and Neil Aupperle of Anita, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on September 13, 1953 at the United Methodist Church in Anita.

Jannes and Neil's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 65th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 65th year 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.

HONORING JOHN CATSIMATIDIS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary contributions of John Catsimatidis to our nation. John's story showcases the very best of what immigrants can accomplish in our great nation through hard work, ingenuity, and perseverance.

John was born on the Greek island of Nisyros and came to this country when he was just a few months old. He grew up in East Harlem, and attended New York University to pursue a degree in electrical engineering. Beginning with partial ownership of a friend's supermarket, he grew his business into a proud pillar of American industry. In addition to Gristedes supermarket, John Catsimatidis's Red Apple Group is primarily an energy company with holdings in oil refining, real estate, aviation, and medical and industrial technology. His businesses, which post annual sales of approximately \$5 billion, employ more than 8,000 people. John's business success came directly from the integration of his own ingenuity with American opportunity, and adds to a long legacy of immigrants who have pushed our nation to greater heights.

John and his family have also been exceptional in their commitment to philanthropy. The Catsimatidis Foundation has been instrumental in supporting numerous worthy causes including the Police Athletic League, the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, the Hellenic Times Scholarship Fund, AHEPA and countless others. His family's generosity will ensure that many thousands will find relief from their suffering and future generations will have access to resources that will allow them to pursue their dreams.

As a benefactor of John's philanthropy, the Order of AHEPA, has promoted the ancient Hellenic ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, family and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism. AHEPA was instrumental in welcoming the early Greek immigrants as they disembarked at Ellis Island, and eased their assimilation into the American culture by teaching English and finding employment opportunities for these new arrivals.

The Delphi Chapter No. 25 of AHEPA was founded in Manhattan, New York. It has had many notable and prominent members in its history, including many Phil-Hellenes who embraced AHEPA's ideals and values. On March 11, 1931 the then New York State Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt became a member of the Order of AHEPA and joined the Delphi Chapter No. 25 in New York City. The Delphi 25 Chapter continues on today the tradition of AHEPA's ideals and values of promoting education and Hellenism through many efforts of public service and philanthropy.

I join the AHEPA in honoring John Catsimatidis for his numerous achievements and philanthropic efforts in service to the Greek-American community and humanity at large. I thank him for his outstanding service to our country. Worthy. Worthy. Worthy. (Axios. Axios. Axios.)

HONORING TEJINDER KAUR WITH
CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tejinder Kaur as a woman of the year. She has dedicated her career to promoting literacy in her community. Through her work at the Sutter County Library Literacy Services Department she has helped a large immigrant population learn to speak, read, and write in English. Most impressively, Ms. Kaur played a pivotal role in building Sutter County Library's Literacy Services Citizenship Preparation class which has helped students pursuing United States Citizenship. The program has assisted students in the completion of 6,386 applications for Naturalization, 740 applications for Certificates of Citizenship, and 4,000 fee waiver requests. Thanks to Ms. Kaur's work, her students had a guide through the overwhelming process of applying for citizenship and were able to achieve a smooth transition into American culture. Her service to her community goes above and beyond the requirements of her profession. For the past 14 years she has organized the Multicultural Women's Dance which draws women from all

different cultures in the Yuba-Sutter area. She coordinated with the Sutter County Public Health Department to ensure the event would be a healthy learning experience as well as a valuable cultural exchange. Her work has played an important role in bringing her community together to build relationships across cultural barriers. Ms. Kaur's devotion to her work and dedication to her community has had an immense positive impact throughout Sutter County.

CONGRATULATING CARLOS LAATE

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Carlos Laate of Zuni Pueblo in New Mexico for his role in the Pueblo Pottery Mug project and his 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.

Mr. Laate hails from a long line of artists in the Pueblo of Zuni. Motivated by his mother and grandmother, who were renowned potters, he has been making pottery for more than thirty years.

Mr. Laate's work finds inspiration in the ancient potsheds near his home. It was his grandparents who helped him discover meaning in the images and designs on these ancient works of art, and he strives to incorporate the metaphors, blessings, and prayers from them into his own pieces of pottery.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Carlos Laate 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE UNITED
WAY OF GREATER KANSAS
CITY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the United Way of Greater Kansas City, a leader and innovator of public health and wellness in the Greater Kansas City community, for their one hundred years of service. In 1887, the first "United Way," formerly known as the "Charity Organizations Society," was founded in Denver to plan, coordinate, and fundraise for twenty-two local

nonprofit agencies. Focused on providing war relief and support for the military during World War I, the United Way of Greater Kansas City began in 1918 as a nonprofit in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. One hundred years later, it is now one of the largest organizations in Kansas City. It has a service area spanning five locations, and all are dedicated to providing services that benefit disadvantaged families and individuals throughout the Kansas City area.

For one hundred years, United Way of Greater Kansas City has demonstrated a desire to help individuals by uniting companies, local business owners, and neighborhood leaders to address the needs of a continuously growing population. Currently, United Way is focused on raising funds for programs and organizations driven to help individuals and families in need. The funds raised by United Way ensure that local agencies and organizations can help individuals meet their full potential academically, socially, and financially by participating in training and classes designed to help them acquire new skills and support networks. Community projects funded by the organization helped introduce literacy programs such as the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which sends books to children of all ages at no cost. Other partnerships and contributions by United Way include Project Rise, which offers paid internships to young students, free tax services with H&R Block, and support for HIV/AIDS agencies.

In 1926, United Way of Greater Kansas City raised over one million dollars in donations for the first time in the organization's history. Since then, they have continued to host donation and volunteer campaigns to raise additional funds for an array of causes. These funds are distributed to support organizations and agencies providing aid to the people of Kansas City in times of hardship. Primary examples include assisting local agencies during the Great Depression and after the devastating "Plaza Flood" of 1977. Moreover, the organization is now focused on improving human capital and cultivating economic innovation through education and enrichment programs. United Way of Greater Kansas City has established themselves as a pillar in our community.

It is my steadfast belief that the philanthropy of this organization has benefitted my constituents tremendously. Their noteworthy contributions to the city reveal an organization founded on empathy. United Way of Greater Kansas City guides individuals to the right person, program, or place when assistance is required. The people of Kansas City, myself included, are grateful to have such a dedicated organization in our neighborhood, focused on addressing community needs.

Mr. Speaker, please join me and all of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring United Way of Greater Kansas City for their monumental achievement of 100 years of service in the community and their indelible mark on society. I urge all my colleagues and fellow citizens across the country to join me in showing our appreciation to United Way of Greater Kansas City for their dedication to humanitarian service.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
SERVICE OF MICKEY KAITANGIAN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of Mickey Kaitangian, who passed from this life on August 28, 2018 at the age of 83. Mickey was a beloved fixture of the Fresno community, known for volunteering his time and serving others. From his service to our country to his 29 years as a firefighter, Mickey's generous spirit touched the lives of everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Born May 27, 1935 in Fresno, California, Mickey Kaitangian and his brother grew up in poverty-stricken Southeast Fresno. Young Mickey would wander to Fire Station 4 down the street from his home and befriend the firemen on their breaks, where he kindled his deep love for firefighting.

Before beginning his firefighting career, Mickey enlisted in the United States Navy. He worked as a mechanic for the Douglas A-1 Skyraider, serving on the USS *Ranger* (CV-61) aircraft carrier during the WestPac Far East Cruise.

In 1964, at the age of 29, Mickey joined the Fresno Fire Department. For 29 years, Mickey served on the frontlines. His colleagues remember Mickey as, "the first to go into the fire and the last to come out." Even after long hours of hard work, Mickey always made time for his wife Betty, and their sons Kelly and Raymond.

Mickey lived life to the fullest. He volunteered for pit crews of famous race car drivers, including Mario Andretti and A. J. Foyt in 1969. He also tried his hand at Semi-Pro baseball.

After his retirement in 1994, Mickey continued to serve as an ambassador for the Fresno Fire Department by representing them at local charity events. He so generously gave his time to a number of local charities, including donating toys to patients at the local children's hospital and teaching school children about fire safety.

Mickey's life of dedicated service for the community and country he loved so much should serve as an example to us all. He is survived by his beloved wife Betty, sons Kelly and Raymond, and six grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me on this day in a moment of silence in memory of the life and service of Mickey Kaitangian. The contributions that he gave throughout his life will continue to have a lasting impression on the fabric of our Valley. His presence in our community will be greatly missed. It is my honor to join his family and many friends in celebrating his life.

HONORING SUE HEITMAN WITH
CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sue Heitman as a woman of the

year. She has been a dedicated volunteer for over 20 years. Her commitment to serving her community is evident by her participation on a multitude of non-profit boards of directors. She has continuously dedicated her time to lifting up communities and improving the lives of others. In her 19 years at Yolo First 5, she helped grant over 30 million dollars to worthy causes benefitting children under 5 in Yolo County. She helped found and has spent 18 years working with Capay Valley Vision, an organization dedicated to preserving the heritage and community of Capay Valley as the region grows and changes in pursuit of a better future. For 10 years she has served as a board member of the New Seasons Community Development Corporation helping to revitalize downtown Esparto through community development projects. Ms. Heitman has excelled in all of her volunteer roles, earning awards from the Yolo Community Foundation, Sacramento Area Council of Governments, and Sacramento Positive Options Family Services. She has also been generous with her time in a way that few people are by serving as a foster parent for special needs children for over 10 years. She has fostered 27 special needs children and continues to do so to this day. The impact of Ms. Heitman's volunteer work can be seen throughout her community, and the personal impact she has had on the lives of her foster children will last for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO CAROL AND TERRY
PETERS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Carol and Terry Peters of Avoca, Iowa for receiving the 2018 Volunteers of the Year Award given by the AHSTW Community School District. Carol and Terry have been active volunteers for the school for over six decades.

Carol and Terry have volunteered since 1961 and they continue to find new ways to help the school district. From assisting students, to helping with sporting events, Carol and Terry have made a lasting contribution to the AHSTW school district and its students. AHSTW Athletic Director Davis Pattee said, "AHSTW is very lucky to have had their generous time and efforts for so many years. With approximately 100 years of volunteering for our school district, the Peters are more than deserving of this award."

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Carol and Terry Peters for receiving the 2018 Volunteers of the Year Award given by the AHSTW Community School District. Carol and Terry are shining examples of how hard work and dedication can affect the future of students and their educational goals. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in congratulating Carol and Terry and wishing them nothing but continued success in all their future endeavors.