

year. Her work helps the Leaven to further its mission of supporting communities and inspiring neighborhoods to take on their challenges together. Ms. Tucker dedicates her time, talent, and expertise to an organization working to provide children with early education intervention and make a positive impact on their family and community for years to come. Outside of her work, she donates her time to such organizations as the Fairfield-Suisun Chamber of Commerce, the Soroptimists of Central Solano, the Napa/Solano Girl Scouts, and the Solano County Library Foundation. She is continuously generous with her time in service to her community and the positive difference she has made cannot be overstated.

HONORING MAYOR GEORGE
PRADEL

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late A. George Pradel, who dedicated his life to the betterment of his hometown, Naperville, Illinois, most notably as mayor for two decades.

A lifelong Napervillean, Mr. Pradel began his life in public service by joining the military where he completed a three-year tour with the United States Marine Corps. After his time in the Marine Corps, he went on to serve as a police officer in his hometown. As an officer in Naperville he took it upon himself to educate students about the role of police in the community. He took a unique approach in doing so by helping develop "Safety Town," a miniature town on Aurora Ave. that teaches children about self-awareness, and staying safe in the community. His cheerful demeanor and eagerness to work with kids earned him the nickname "Officer Friendly."

As Officer Friendly continued to grow as an icon in Naperville, the community turned to him once again when it needed a leader, and in 1995 George Pradel was elected Mayor. As Mayor of Naperville, Mr. Pradel continued along the path that led him to office. He spoke at schools and events, he cut ribbons, and he was seen throughout the community, always with a smile.

Under Mayor Pradel's leadership Naperville transformed from a growing suburban town to an award-winning city. He helped Naperville attract businesses from around the world, he encouraged the continued excellence in Naperville schools, and he always supported local law enforcement efforts to keep his hometown safe.

Mr. Speaker, Naperville lost a great American in Mayor Pradel. I offer my greatest condolences to the Pradel family, and thank A. George Pradel for his lifetime of dedication to the city of Naperville and to our country.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHAPEL GROVE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN WINDSOR, VIRGINIA

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of Chapel Grove United Church of Christ in Windsor, Virginia.

In 1868, founding members of Chapel Grove United Church of Christ left Antioch, the Baptist church of their former slave owners where they had been forced to worship in the balcony. Led by their "Spiritual Leader," Isom Lawrence, the congregation began meeting under a bush arbor once a month for service. The origins of the church starting under a bush arbor is significant. For centuries, African slaves traditionally gathered in these sites for religious services. Worshippers of Chapel Grove traveled from near and far, and the journey was often a full day affair.

In 1899, Reverend Jetson Copeland and the congregation purchased property alongside present day Blackwater Road. After 17 years of construction, the church finally opened its doors in 1916. Even after several series of remodeling and expansion, the original sanctuary remains part of the church's foundation and reminds us of years of fellowship and service.

Originally called Chapel Grove Christian Church, this historic church has been renamed several times through the years. After merging with the Congregational Church, it was named Chapel Grove Congregational Christian Church. In 1957, after merging with the United Church of Christ, it procured its current name of Chapel Grove United Church of Christ. Today, the church is part of the Eastern Virginia District of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. This association represents 35 local black churches and 45 local white churches and continues to teach the word of God around the nation.

While Chapel Grove is primarily a place of worship, the church provides civic, health, cultural and educational programs that benefit the community. A few programs that I would like to highlight are "Ident-a-Kid", Celebrate Recovery and Career Day.

Additionally, Chapel Grove has sponsored college scholarships, a community daycare service called "Happy Hearts" and a weekend backpack stuffing program for students at Georgie D. Tyler Middle School. These programs are made possible by collaborating with local governments, including Isle of Wight Sheriff's Department.

Clearly, Chapel Grove United Church of Christ's congregation takes the call to community engagement seriously and that engagement is evident in their role in community sponsored events. Parishioners were influential in the Town of Windsor's Centennial Celebration and helped establish the Schoolhouse Museum in Smithfield, Virginia. Moreover, members of Chapel Grove participate in "Souper Saturday," an annual community soup lunch charged with raising money to provide financial assistance for wintertime heating.

Mr. Speaker, as Chapel Grove United Church of Christ celebrates this historic mile-

stone, its congregation can take pride in an inspiring 150 years of fellowship, worship and service. I would like to congratulate Reverend H. Carlyle Church, Jr. and all the members of the church's congregation on this joyous occasion, and I wish them many more years full of growth and prosperity.

HONORING JOEY ROCHELEAU

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joey Rocheleau. Joey is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 763, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joey has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joey has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Joey has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Joey built a patio for retired pastors in Blue Springs.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Joey for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF WILD
AND SCENIC DESIGNATION FOR
THE EIGHTMILE RIVER WATER-
SHED

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate ten years of Wild and Scenic designation for eastern Connecticut's Eightmile River Watershed.

The Eightmile River Watershed is situated among the towns of Lyme, Salem, and East Haddam, Connecticut. Despite its name, the watershed is comprised of over 150 miles of pristine rivers and streams and 62 square miles of relatively undeveloped rural land. It boasts unfragmented habitats, rare and diverse wildlife, scenic vistas, high water quality, unimpeded stream flow, and significant cultural features. Most notably, the overall Eightmile River Watershed ecosystem is healthy and intact throughout virtually all of its range.

In 2008, under the Consolidated Natural Resources Act, the Eightmile River Watershed became an official part of the nation's Wild and Scenic River System. This designation established a non-regulatory management plan to be implemented jointly by the National Park Service and the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee. It ensures the watershed is funded and protected well into the future. This achievement and its ten-year milestone is especially important to me, as H.R. 986, the Eightmile Wild and Scenic River

Act, was the first piece of legislation I introduced as a newly-elected member of Congress, just two months into my first term as Representative from Connecticut's Second District.

However special this legislation may be to me, I would be remiss not to thank the group of stakeholders—in particular Anthony Irving and Dr. David Bingham—who, along with many others, really got this project off the ground. The care and concern of these residents, town boards, area land trusts, and river-fronting landowners led to the development of the Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Study Committee. Once a study was completed, citizens from all three towns voted to support the Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan and Wild and Scenic designation. Each town's land use commission, the Boards of Selectmen, and the study committee followed suit, making this vision a reality.

The Wild and Scenic designation is truly a high honor—one that is applied to less than one quarter of one percent of the nation's rivers. We in eastern Connecticut are grateful to have such a small piece of Eden in our backyard and even more grateful for those who have pledged to protect it for the past ten years. I'm confident it will be in good hands for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO MARNA AND JOHN
BECKER

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 Marna and John Becker of Afton, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Marna and John's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, 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 60th 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 and in wishing them both nothing but continued success.

CONGRATULATING ERIK FENDER

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 Erik Fender of San Ildefonso 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 Mex-

ico. 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. Fender learned how to make pottery from his mother and grandmother, who are renowned potters in their own right. His work is profoundly influenced by the skills that they taught him. Hailing from a long lineage of potters and artists, Mr. Fender teaches his son the pottery traditions of his family.

Mr. Fender's work is known for experimenting with and using different designs and techniques, including traditional and contemporary styles on polychrome, black-on-black, and black-on-red carving. He adds his own personal touch when he makes his clay, texturing it and adding stones for a unique finish.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Erik Fender 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.

HONORING SYLVIA GOMEZ GARCIA
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 Sylvia Gomez Garcia, better known as La Maestra, as a woman of the year. She is a dedicated teacher at Beamer Elementary School and lifelong resident of Woodland, California. Ms. Gomez Garcia's exceptional passion for teaching has created a positive setting for learning and growth for each one of the students she teaches. Ms. Gomez Garcia teaches children in both English and Spanish at a dual immersion school where her positive teaching methods create an environment of equity where students feel safe to learn. Many of her students are recent immigrants, some children are from families with established residences in Woodland, and many are from families who are underserved. Ms. Gomez Garcia's bilingual teaching methods place all children on an equal footing where each come out with bilingual proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking. Beyond her skills and acumen, Ms. Gomez Garcia is an exceptional mother and dedicated wife, a humanitarian and active community member. The positive impact she has had on the lives of her students cannot be overstated.

HONORING BRYCE HAZEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Bryce Hazen. Bryce is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 404, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Bryce has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Bryce has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Bryce has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Bryce painted inside Jewel Church in Kirksville, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Bryce for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING KING RIDGE
FOUNDATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor King Ridge Foundation on the tenth anniversary of its founding. King Ridge Foundation has done incredible work for at-risk youth in our community and has been vital to the recovery from the October 2017 Wildfires.

King Ridge Foundation was founded in 2009 by Levi Leipheimer and Carlos Perez to help at-risk youth. Since then, the Foundation has raised over 2 million dollars for this cause. A portion of this funding has come from Mr. Leipheimer's annual Gran Fondo, a bike ride known as the best day out on two wheels that brings people together from around the world, which also celebrates its tenth anniversary this year. Through the Gran Fondo and the work of King Ridge Foundation, Mr. Leipheimer has made our community stronger and more connected. He is dedicated to Santa Rosa and Sonoma County, as he has shown through his commitment to improving the lives of those in our community.

King Ridge Foundation's main focus is supporting at-risk youth by raising awareness and money. The Foundation partners with local organizations including Social Advocates for Youth, Forget Me Not Farm and The B-Rad Foundation.

In times of disaster King Ridge Foundation expands its mission to assist people in returning to normalcy. During the devastating wildfires our community has faced, King Ridge Foundation did just that. After the 2015 Valley Fire, King Ridge Foundation raised more than \$60,000 for relief efforts in Lake County. After the October 2017 Wildfires, King Ridge Foundation joined with Russian River Brewing Company in the Sonoma Pride partnership. The partnership has raised over 1.1 million