

was recognized for his service by the Claude B. Goven Tri-State Chapter Tuskegee Airmen Inc.

Mr. Wilfred R. DeFour, Sr. is a model of perseverance and success in the face of racial animus and someone who I am immensely proud to have as a constituent. His contribution to our New York City community is omnipresent and it is my personal pleasure to wish him well on his 100th birthday and highlight his life of achievement and service.

KIM BROCK

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kim Brock for receiving the Golden Mayor's Award for Excellence.

Kim has chaired the Golden Schools Foundation (GSF) since 2013. In that time, she has implemented innovative programs like summer academic boot camps at Bell Middle School and Golden High School, elementary tutoring programs, and the teaching excellence program. Additionally, Kim manages and oversees all aspects of the Golden Gallop—a community event that involves over 1,000 runners, 100 volunteers, and is the main fundraiser for GSF. She is an advocate for our local schools, recognizing that strong neighborhood schools are the cornerstone of strong neighborhoods and successful students.

I congratulate Kim for receiving this well-deserved honor by Mayor Marjorie Sloan. I thank her for her contributions to our community.

TRIBUTE TO FRED MAHER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Fred Maher of Council Bluffs, Iowa, for his selection by the Children's Square U.S.A. Board of Directors to receive a 2018 Jason Award. The Jason Award is given to individuals who exemplify the mission of Children's Square through their life skills and values in their personal lives, work, and community contributions.

Fred is a lifelong educator who has touched the lives of generations of students, teachers, and families throughout Council Bluffs. Fred retired from the Council Bluffs Community School District in 2012, after serving for 51 years in the district and 56 years in education. Fred is very active in his church and his community. He is admired by many for his kindness, compassion, and willingness to help others. He never said "no" to a student who needed him. As a teacher and school administrator, Fred said, "I try to provide guidance and hope. I'll try to show a kid who thinks he's hopelessly behind that he can still make it. It's not hopeless, (and) he's not helpless, so don't give up."

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Fred Maher in the United

States Congress. It is with great pride that I recognize and applaud him for his selection for the Jason Award given by Children's Square, U.S.A., and for his commitment to his community, students, and school. I invite my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Fred on receiving this award, and I wish him continued success in all his endeavors.

HONORING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSOURI

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the bicentennial birthday of Madison County, Missouri. Named for President James Madison, the county was officially organized on December 14, 1818. The Osage and Kickapoo Indians formed trade routes through its rolling farmland and heavily forested hills in the early 17th Century. The French prospected for lead here. Indeed, Madison County is on record as having the oldest lead mine west of the Mississippi River. It has also been home to the mining of cobalt, copper, silver and red marble.

Early settlers brought the names: DeGuire, LaChance, Viriat, Nicholl, Trudeau, Pratte, Valle, Beauvais, DeClue and Chevalier to the area. Its two major towns are Marquand and the county seat of Fredericktown.

Today, Madison County is home to more than 12,000 people and welcomes visitors each year to the Missouri Whitewater Championships, Marquand Pioneer Days, Madison County Fair and the Azalea Festival. It is my honor to acknowledge this historic birthday before the United States House of Representatives and to honor the people of Madison County, Missouri as they celebrate all year long.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE SERVICE OF THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of the Tuskegee Airmen.

As Veteran's Day approaches and America remembers the sacrifices of our military men and women, it is important that we recognize the trailblazers that paved the way for our armed forces as we know them today.

By the beginning of World War II, air combat had become an essential strategic asset in modern warfare. In a segregated military, African-Americans had been rejected from training as military aviators until Congress passed Appropriations Bill Public Law 18, providing funding for the training of African-American pilots. The brave men who answered their country's call to service would form the first all-black flying unit, commonly called the Tuskegee Airmen.

The Tuskegee Airmen served in the 99th Pursuit Squadron of the United States Air

Force, their unit consisting of forty-seven officers and four hundred twenty-nine enlisted men. Later they were joined by more combat-ready graduates, the all-black 332nd Fighter Group. These pioneers led the way to desegregation in the military and their exemplary combat record helped lead America to victory in Europe.

We honor and celebrate these men for their invaluable service to their country, not only in the military, but also in our communities.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me in remembering the heroic Tuskegee Airmen that served our country.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF EDWARD G. BUNTING, SR.

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a proclamation honoring the 100th birthday of Edward G. Bunting, Sr.

Whereas, Mr. Edward G. Bunting, Sr., celebrated his one hundredth birthday on July 2, 2018;

Whereas, Mr. Bunting valiantly served our country in the United States Air Force from 1943 to 1946 and the Air Force Reserves from 1946 to 1950, and embarked on a successful business career at Germantown Savings Bank for thirty-six years; and

Whereas, Mr. Bunting, his late wife Elizabeth, and children Daniel, David, and Edward, Jr., have contributed substantially to our community; now therefore, do I, Congressman BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania, proudly recognize Mr. Edward G. Bunting, Sr., on the year of his one hundredth birthday celebration, and honor his remarkable accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO LEOLA AND ROGENE CARNEGIE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Leola and Rogene Carnegie of Shenandoah, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on October 4, 2018.

Leola and Rogene's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th 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 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.

CONGRATULATING THE UPPER PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY FOR RECEIVING LAND TRUST ACCREDITATION

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Upper Peninsula Land Conservancy for receiving Land Trust Accreditation. Through its dedication to wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation, and its local community, the U.P. Land Conservancy has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

Locally focused land conservation undertaken by community-based land trusts has become increasingly important across the country. Accreditation by the independent Land Trust Accreditation Commission is given to those organizations that have proven to be trusted, strong, and effective in their land conservation efforts. Through its tremendous work in Michigan, the Upper Peninsula Land Conservancy has shown that it is more than deserving of this seal. First started in 1999, the organization currently protects more than 6,600 acres of forest and wetlands across the Upper Peninsula. Its work to protect wildlife habitats, water quality, working farms and ranches, and healthy communities has been invaluable for the people of Michigan's First District. Our region is home to some of the most pristine natural landscapes in the country, and I'm grateful for the U.P. Land Conservancy's efforts to ensure that future generations can enjoy the same natural beauty we so deeply treasure.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate the Upper Peninsula Land Conservancy for receiving Land Trust Accreditation. Michiganders can take immense pride in knowing that the First District is home to such a trusted organization working to promote land conservation. On behalf of my constituents, I wish the U.P. Land Conservancy all the best in its future endeavors.

VIOLENT ATTACK ON JEWISH COMMUNITY IN PENNSYLVANIA

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, October 27, as worshippers gathered to celebrate the naming of a new baby at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill neighborhood, a gunman burst into the temple wielding three handguns and an AR-15 assault rifle shouting "All Jews Must Die." He murdered three women and eight men before he was subdued by the police in what authorities are calling the worst attack on the Jewish community in American history.

The eleven congregants killed and the six others who were wounded in this act of pure evil were targeted because of one reason only: they were Jews. Peaceful law abiding Americans were killed in a holy place on the Jewish Sabbath simply for being Jews. That this would happen in 2018 is appalling and is a tragic reminder that anti-Semitism is unfortu-

nately alive and well. The Jewish American community dates back to before the founding of our country, as this often persecuted religious community sought shelter in the hope of the American promise. In his 1790 letter to the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, George Washington famously wrote, "The government of the United States . . . gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance. May the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants—while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid."

Mr. Speaker, what happened on Saturday was an assault on the very foundations of America. It was an assault on freedom of religion guaranteed by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. I always say that the First Amendment is first because it is the most important—it is the very basis of what historically has made this country different than all others. It is because of that amendment that Jews and people of all other faiths have made this country their home.

This deranged killer sought not only to kill Jews on the Sabbath, he sought to kill America as we know it. His violent and murderous actions should be treated as a hate crime, and he should be brought to justice swiftly. If he is indeed convicted, this man should be meted out the most severe punishment under the law.

Just days following this heinous attack, the Rabbi of the Tree of Life Synagogue summed up the significance of what occurred well. "Many just see this as an attack on the Jewish community. It's not. When American citizens cannot freely and safely worship in their house of worship and celebrate the Sabbath, it concerned me because it challenges the safety and security of all Americans in any house of worship. It was an attack on America."

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR CHRIS LAVAGNINO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career achievements of Mr. Chris Lavagnino, a fourth-grade teacher at Ronald Reagan Elementary School in Chowchilla, California. Chris is being honored by the Madera County Farm Bureau with the 2018 Educator of the Year Award. This award is given to an educator who has guided and supplied their students and has devoted their time to teach about farming and agriculture. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor Chris today for his years of service to our Valley.

Chris, a native of San Leonardo, moved to the Central Valley at age 8. He attended local schools in Fresno and Clovis, where his fourth-grade teacher at Viking Elementary School, Mr. Sepetjian, inspired him to become a teacher himself.

Chris attended California State University, Fresno, where he received a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies. He went on to obtain his teaching credential at National University.

Chris returned to Fresno State and received his master's degree in Education. After completing his education, Chris began to live his dream of teaching and taught at several schools throughout Fresno Unified School District from 2000 to 2005.

In 2005, Chris was hired as a fourth-grade teacher at Ronald Reagan Elementary in Chowchilla. Since then, he has made every school year a "unique learning experience" for his students. In the past three years, Chris began teaching his students about the importance of farming and agriculture. He strongly believes that agriculture is of vital importance to our region, therefore insists in teaching his students about farming and agriculture.

This school year, Chris and his students have conducted experiments and planted plants at their school's onsite greenhouse, where they plot and track the growth of their plants. Also, last year, his students transplanted a variety of succulents, which were entered into the Chowchilla Fair and received a first-place ribbon.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Mr. Chris Lavagnino for receiving the Educator of the Year Award. Chris has been an inspiration, not only to his students, but also through his community leadership. I ask that you join me in wishing Chris and his wife Jennifer continued success and happiness.

TRIBUTE TO NORMA AND RON DANT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Norma and Ron Dant of Atlantic, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Norma and Ron's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th 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 50th 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.

COMMEMORATING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIDDLE EASTERN DISTRICT OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Middle Eastern District of the Original Free Will Baptist Church, which is headquartered in my congressional district in Wilson, North Carolina. The Middle Eastern District has been