

2018, at the National Guard Armory in Indianapolis.

Robert Clifford was born and raised in Gary, Indiana. His military training began at Pennsylvania Military College. With each passing year, the Colonel proved himself to be a leader among his peers, which resulted in him being commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. Colonel Clifford's career was both outstanding and extensive, and throughout his time in the service, he was recognized by his commanding officers. In 1967, Robert was ordered to Vietnam as Infantry Platoon Leader, 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division. During his time in Vietnam, he spent 324 consecutive days in combat operations. For his service, he was awarded the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

The Colonel worked in the Indiana National Guard armory as a traditional weekend soldier before he returned to active status to work with the Indiana National Guard. Entrusted with many responsibilities, he served in many capacities including Commander, 13th Engineer Battalion; Commander, 138th Signal Battalion; Commander of the State Maintenance Program; and 38th Infantry Division General Staff (G3) Training and Operations Officer, a role in which he was responsible for approximately 12,500 soldiers. During his career, Robert was assigned as the Indiana National Guard Engineer and Environmental Officer, overseeing all National Guard facilities for maintenance and repair. In addition, Colonel Clifford was able to help build five new armories, two maintenance shops, the first ammunition supply center, and numerous support facilities. At one point in his career, he was one of three officers assigned by the Pentagon to start a military to military relationship with the newly created country of Slovakia. The successful partnership of these two groups is now in its 24th year. Colonel Clifford also served as the State of Indiana Public Health and Preparedness Director and was tasked with creating a comprehensive plan, involving all necessary state organizations, to provide an immediate response to weapons of mass destruction. This plan was not only implemented; it was made an example of by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a strategy that states should incorporate.

Throughout the years, Colonel Clifford was bestowed numerous awards for his service. He has received the prestigious Legion of Merit Award for his truly exceptional efforts and devotion to the Indiana National Guard. He was awarded the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash and was named "A Hoosier Hero." In addition, the Colonel was designated a Distinguished Member of the Second Battalion of the 502nd Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division. He was among the first five ever to receive this honor from his Battalion.

Robert Clifford's commitment to his career is exceeded only by his devotion to his amazing family. Robert and his wonderful wife, Karen, have been married for 48 years. They have two sons, Rob (Jill) and Scott (Heather), and four beloved grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Robert Clifford for his lifetime of service to the United States military and to the State of Indiana. For his truly noteworthy career and his outstanding dedication to serving others, Colo-

nel Robert Clifford is worthy of the honors bestowed upon him, and we are grateful for all of his many contributions.

YWCA 160TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) as it celebrates 160 years of service dedicated to supporting women, girls, and their families across the United States.

Throughout its history, the YWCA has been at the forefront of the most critical social movements of the time, including civil rights, women's empowerment, pay equity, health care reform, and gender-based violence prevention.

The YWCA serves over two million women, girls, and their families each year, with 210 local associations across 46 states and the District of Columbia. The YWCA is the largest network of domestic violence and sexual assault service providers in the country, reaching over half a million women and girls annually.

In my hometown of Dayton, Ohio, the YWCA has been a champion in the community since 1870 on behalf of women and families seeking to escape homelessness and domestic violence.

The Dayton YWCA's mission of empowering women and eliminating racism is displayed through the programs and services it provides, including the only emergency shelter service programs for women and families who are victims of domestic violence in Montgomery and Preble Counties; a confidential 24-hour crisis hotline; and a mentoring program for teen girls, which inspires them to explore and achieve their highest potential.

In 1893, the Dayton YWCA became the first YWCA in the United States with an officially organized program for African-American women and girls.

As mayor of the city of Dayton, and as a Member of Congress, I have been proud to recognize the important contributions made by the Miami Valley's most influential women, who have made a difference in our community through their dedication to the YWCA's mission of "empowering women, eliminating racism and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all."

Each year the YWCA Women of Achievement Award is presented to a select group of distinguished Dayton-area women, at a ceremony that coincides with our annual observance of Women's History Month. It has been my privilege to congratulate a number of these recipients, who embody the YWCA's 160-year mission to eliminate racism and empower other women.

Mr. Speaker, as the YWCA celebrates its 160th anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this outstanding organization, which has worked so hard to improve the lives of women and girls in my community, and across our nation.

HONORING TOM CHALFANT

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Tom Chalfant for his contribution to our state and Randolph County.

Tom is a farmer in Randolph County and also serves as a County Commissioner. He has been involved in Republican politics for decades and is extremely well respected by the community. He is also a member of the 6th District Agriculture Advisory Committee, where he meets with my team regularly to discuss emerging agriculture issues that are impacting Indiana farmers. Randolph County and our state are better off today because of his leadership and service.

On a personal note, Tom is a friend in faith and was among my earliest and most vocal supporters. I want to thank him for his prayers and support of my work in Congress. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. VOLODYMYR & OLHA UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC PARISH

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th Anniversary of St. Volodymyr & Olha Ukrainian Catholic Parish.

Their Jubilee celebration is being held at the Ukrainian Cultural Center—the center of the unification of the entire Ukrainian community and officiated by Patriarch Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church with the participation of Bishop Benedict (Aleksiychuk), Fifth Eparch of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy based in Chicago. It will also include clergy members from Ukraine, Canada and the United States, the Consul General of Ukraine in Chicago, various dignitaries, and representatives of many important organizations and institutions.

Founded in 1968 by Patriarch Josyf Slipyj, Confessor for the Faith, and the Bishop of the Eparchy of Chicago, Yaroslav Gabro, Sts. Volodymyr & Olha Ukrainian Catholic Parish has an inspiring history. During its first five years, the parishioners of the newly established parish collected enough funds to build their own church while attending religious services at a neighboring Ukrainian Church—St. Volodymyr Orthodox Cathedral, which graciously allowed the use of its church.

In 1973, the newly erected church, employing the Byzantine Ukrainian style of the 11th thru 13th century Ukraine, was blessed by Patriarch Josyf Slipyj, who only ten years earlier had been released from Siberian imprisonment through the intervention of Pope John XXIII and President John F. Kennedy. A memorial statue of Patriarch Slipyj stands at the church's first location.

Mr. Speaker, today and during the entire month of November 2018, we honor the memory and sacrifices of all those who helped establish Sts. Volodymyr & Olha Parish, just as

we continue to thank all who facilitate the ongoing growth and stability of this very vibrant community in Chicago. I congratulate the entire parish on this special milestone marking fifty years of community and service.

HONORING MAYOR MIKE PAVEY

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Mayor Mike Pavey for his contribution to our state and the City of Rushville.

Throughout his career, Mike has served Rush County and the City of Rushville with honor and integrity. From his time on the city council to his service as mayor, Mike has made improving the quality of life in the community his main priority. Several economic development initiatives, including being designated as a Stellar Community in 2016, have helped improve the City of Rushville. Without a doubt, our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Mike has been a loyal friend and wise adviser during my entire tenure in Congress. I want to thank him for his friendship and support of my work. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CAPT. JANICE CHRISTENSEN

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Janice Charlotte Christensen, a World War II veteran of the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), and a former resident of Waukegan, IL.

Founded in 1943, WASP was a wartime civilian women pilots organization, which graduated only 1,074 women to operate military aircraft and fly non-combat missions. Members flew more than 60 million miles throughout the course of the Second World War serving over 120 bases around the country, including missions towing aerial targets for anti-aircraft gun practice, simulating strafing missions, test flying and ferrying aircrafts, serving as instructors and transporting cargo. Thirty-eight WASPs lost their lives in the line of duty before the program was disbanded in 1944.

In the spring of 1942, at her own expense, Ms. Christensen began flying lessons at the Waukegan Airport and became an original member of the Waukegan Civil Air Patrol. After achieving the required 90 hours of flying time, she joined the WASP and left for training at Avenger Army Air Field in Sweetwater, Texas. On September 11, 1943, she graduated and would be stationed at Romulus Army Air Field in Michigan. A year later, she returned to Avenger Field and completed an intensive advanced course in instrument flying. Following that, she was stationed at Cochran Army Air Field in Macon, Georgia, until the

WASP program was disbanded in December 1944.

Despite her service, Ms. Christensen and other WASPs were denied veteran status. After returning home, Ms. Christensen was involved with the Waukegan Civil Air Patrol and joined the Air Force Reserve. Captain Christensen was honorably discharged from all appointments in the United States Air Force Reserves in November 1963.

Her services were of great value to the Army Air Forces during the war, and as a volunteer she helped establish the capacity of women as non-combat military pilots. Finally, in 1977, WASPs would be granted veteran status by President Jimmy Carter to recognize their service. And in 2009, President Obama and Congress would award the Congressional Gold Medal to WASPs while only 300 veterans remained alive. Sadly, Ms. Christensen passed away in a car accident in 1965, never having seen her military contributions sufficiently honored.

It is a privilege to properly recognize Captain Janice Christensen on behalf of a grateful nation for her service to our country during World War II. I look forward to presenting her surviving family with a World War II Victory medal and a WASP medallion from the Department of Veterans Affairs to mark her gravestone on November 9, 2018.

HONORING DOMINIC GROTE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Dominic Grote for his contribution to our state and the City of Madison.

As a member of the 6th District Manufacturing Advisory Committee, Dominic regularly met with my team to discuss emerging manufacturing issues that are impacting Indiana. Dominic is an important business leader in the Madison community and Indiana is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Dominic is a loyal friend and wise adviser. I want to thank the Grote family for their friendship and incredible support of my work in Congress. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

HONORING THE CAREER OF RIGOBERTA MENCHU TUM

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the career and achievements of Rigoberta Menchu Tum, who will be awarded with the Spendlove Prize by UC Merced. This prize honors an individual whose work exemplifies the delivery of social justice diplomacy and tolerance in the diverse local and global city. Therefore, it is both fitting and appropriate that we honor the achievements of Rigoberta

Menchu Tum's, for her constant fight for justice and equality.

Rigoberta was born in January 9, 1959 to a poor indigenous peasant family and was raised in the Quiche branch of the Mayan culture in Guatemala. As a child, she helped her family with farm work in the highlands and along the coast by picking coffee. Rigoberta's lifelong service to justice and equality began in her adolescence, where through the Catholic Church she became involved in social reform activities and became a prominent figure in the women's right's movement.

Her reform work arose opposition in influential circles, who accused Rigoberta's family of partaking in guerilla activities. The accusation led to the imprisonment of her father. After the release of her father, he joined the Committee of the Peasant Union. Following in her father's footsteps, Rigoberta became a member in 1979.

Rigoberta's long-lasting fight began when her immediate family was brutally murdered by opposition groups. Rigoberta then became increasingly active in the Committee of the Peasant Union. In 1980, she became a prominent figure in a strike organized by the Committee of the Peasant Union that aimed for better working conditions for farm workers on the Pacific Coast. Her involvement in demonstrations led her to join the radical 31st of January Popular Front, which strove to educate indigenous peasant populations in resistance to military oppression. Rigoberta has been the voice of indigenous rights and ethnocultural reconciliation, not only in Guatemala but in the Western Hemisphere.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Rigoberta Menchu Tum for receiving the Spendlove Prize. Her advocacy has earned her international awards, including a Nobel Peace Prize in 1992, Prince of Austria's Award in 1998 and was named a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador. I ask that you join me in wishing her continued success.

HONORING CARL CAMPBELL

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Public Affairs Director Carl Campbell, on his retirement after twenty years of service for Kaiser-Permanente in the Marin-Sonoma Service area.

Mr. Campbell was born in Melbourne, Florida. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Speech Arts and Radio and Television from San Diego State University. In 1998, Mr. Campbell joined Kaiser-Permanente Santa Rosa. He worked in multiple capacities in Public Affairs until 2004, when he became the Public Affairs Director for the Marin-Sonoma Service Area Administrative Team. Mr. Campbell has served as the Public Affairs Director for fourteen years. In this role, he has overseen the creation and implementation of numerous programs, including Public Affairs, Communications, Community Benefit, Community and Government Relations, Media Relations, Situation/Crisis Management, and Membership Growth and Retention.

Mr. Campbell has been vital in promoting Kaiser Permanente and their reputation reflects his effort. With his intellect and expertise, Mr. Campbell has leveraged strategic