

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

partnerships to better serve Kaiser Permanente members and our communities. Kaiser Permanente Marin-Sonoma has greatly expanded under Mr. Campbell's leadership. Over 100 employees serve on more than 150 boards and committees as part of the effort to support our communities. Additionally, Marin's membership has grown thirty-one percent and Sonoma's membership has grown forty-six percent.

Mr. Campbell has been active in other local organizations and has won awards for his dedication. He has served as Board Chair and on the Executive Committee, Governance Committee, Advocacy Council and BEST: Building Economic Success Together Board of the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Campbell was awarded the Leadership Excellence in the Field of Health Care Award by the SRMCC in 2009 and was the Spirit of Sonoma Award recipient in 2012.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Campbell is an admirable leader who is dedicated to serving our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING MAYOR CHUCK FEWELL

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 Chuck Fewell for his contribution to our state and the City of Greenfield.

Throughout his career, Chuck has dedicated himself to serving our country, our state, and the City of Greenfield with honor and integrity. As mayor, Chuck has made improving the quality of life in Greenfield his main priority. Greenfield is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Chuck is a loyal friend and wise adviser. Chuck is among my closest friends in politics. I want to thank him for his incredible support of my work in Congress. I wish Chuck continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

RECOGNIZING COMITIS CRISIS CENTER

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, in honor of National Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week, I rise today to recognize the Comititis Crisis Center. Since 1970, Comititis has faithfully served over 100,000 individuals, including veterans and their families. Comititis has assisted them with transitional housing, emergency shelter, and taught them the skills they need to become self-sufficient. These services have resulted in permanent and safe housing for many of our fellow Americans.

Comititis Crisis Center's accomplishments in 2017 include serving over 4,000 individuals. The scale of the work Comititis performs is truly impressive. It prepared 138,000 meals, assembled 11,000 hygiene kits, and provided

50,000 overnight beds. Not only does this center give aide to the homeless, it also provides a 24/7 emergency shelter, as well as a variety of programs supporting individuals recovering from addiction, trauma, and mental health issues.

This past year, I introduced H.R. 4099, the "Homeless Veteran Families Act." H.R. 4099 is a bill targeted at combating homelessness for veterans, and their dependent minors and the inspiration for this bill was the great work for homeless veterans with dependent minors that the Comititis Crisis Center does. H.R. 4099 aims to assist community agencies, like the Comititis Crisis Center, expand and better cope with the problems faced by homeless veterans with minor dependents, as well as ensuring them safe shelter during their times of hardship.

Mr. Speaker, during National Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week, it is my pleasure to honor the Comititis Crisis Center, and its dedicated staff. The Comititis Crisis Center ensures that everyone who walks through its doors is provided with sufficient resources, dignity, and the respect they deserve. I am confident the Comititis Crisis Center will continue as a force for good in our community, as it has done for the past 48 years.

HONORING IOANNIS GIANNPOULOS

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the important mark that Ioannis Giannopoulos had on American society, as the original founder of one of the oldest known wooden school house in the country. In order to fully understand the cultural motivation to establish this historic treasure, one must examine Giannopoulos's early life. A carpenter by trade, Ioannis Giannopoulos was the son of George and Maria-Canelas and hailed from the Petalidi area in Messina that was then known as "Koroni" (the village of Skoutari, Mani). He was known by the Spanish as Juan Genopoly. Giannopoulos—at the age of 13—was one of a group of indentured laborers brought to the New World by Andrew Turnbull to work an indigo plantation at New Smyrna. This group of 1,403 Minorcans, Greeks and Italians suffered mistreatment, starvation and overextended servitudes at Turnbull's plantation. The people were reduced to slavery, and treated with great cruelty by Trumbull, whose partner in the enterprise was the English Governor of the territory, who kept the colonists in subjection with English troops. This slavery lasted nine years, during which time nearly two-thirds of these colonists perished; but large crops of indigo were raised for the company—one year 30,000 lbs. it is stated.

In 1776, a new Governor having arrived, the petitions of these people for relief were listened to, and they were released from the tyranny of their master. One year later six hundred refugees, led by Ioannis Giannopoulos, Francisco Pellicer and Antonio Llambias, walked to St Augustine and were granted asylum by Governor Tonyn. They became the largest group of immigrants to settle in America in one group at one time. Collectively

called "Minorcans", they were an important part of the fabric of St Augustine history. It was on Saint George Street where the survivors of the New Smyrna Colony first settled after their escape. Since that time, this area of Old St Augustine has been called "the Greek Quarter" and alternately "the Minorcan Quarter."

Ioannis Giannopoulos built a little house out of red cedar and cypress and put it together with wooden pegs and handmade nails, sometime around 1800. This building was a home first but, as early as 1811, members of the Genopoly family taught the children of other Minorcan families in the first floor "school-room" of this building. As the story goes, Genopoly, in typical Greek fashion, was worried his children would grow up without an education. Genopoly and his daughter Maria Manuela Barbara "Mary" Genopoly Darling were the first teachers. Then Genopoly hired a school teacher, and generations of children from St. Augustine went to school in this building. Juan Genopoly died in 1820.

Today, this preserved building is recognized as one of the oldest schoolhouses in North America. It has become the symbol of their hard work and perseverance. It's now the main attraction of the historical precinct in St. George Street, Saint Augustine, Florida. John Giannopoulos left a deep imprint in the educational history of St. Augustine by establishing a school in his house. Now restored, it stands as one of the oldest school buildings in the United States.

HONORING MARK WYNN

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 Mark Wynn for his contribution to our state and our District.

Mark is an attorney in Madison and served as the 6th District Chairman for most of my time in Congress. Mark is a straight shooter and was always someone I could count on for candid and honest advice. We traveled the state together to support and advance Republican principles. He has served our party and state with honor and distinction.

On a personal note, Mark was among my earliest and most vocal supporters. He is a loyal confidant and wise adviser. Quite simply, I could not have done this job without him. I want to thank him for his friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish Mark continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

HONORING MERCED COUNTY 4-H

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Merced County 4-H for their work to provide invaluable experience and opportunities to the youth of Merced County. Labeled as America's largest youth development organization, 4-H has supported nearly six million