

Peck is an accomplished athlete in rowing. She was a 5-time member of the U.S. National Team, competing in the World Championships. She represented the United States at the Olympic Games in 1984 in Los Angeles, California, and in 1988 in Seoul, South Korea, where she served as team captain. She is decorated with 12 U.S. National Championship gold medals, two silver medals from the 1986 Goodwill Games in Moscow, USSR, a silver medal at the 1987 World Championships, and six wins at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, Massachusetts.

Peck has been recognized for her athletic prowess by being inducted into the Northeastern Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1993, and in 2004, she was selected as No. 25 of NEPA Top 100 Athletes of All Time. Peck holds a bachelor's degree from Skidmore College and a master's degree from Smith College, and she created and runs free exercise programs for cancer patients.

It is an honor to recognize Peck's athletic achievements and her impressive career representing the United States on the world stage in the sport of rowing. It is fitting that she should be inducted as a member of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. I join with the members of the Hall of Fame in recognizing Peck's career and celebrating her many athletic achievements and her current philanthropic endeavors.

HONORING FORMER STATE
REPRESENTATIVE CLEO DUNCAN

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize former State Representative Cleo Duncan for her contribution to our state.

For 16 years, Cleo represented South-eastern Indiana with honor and integrity in the Indiana General Assembly. As a former school teacher, Cleo worked to ensure Indiana's students were best equipped to succeed. It was an honor to serve with her during my time at the Statehouse.

On a personal note, I've known Cleo and her husband, John, since childhood. Their kids went to school with my brother and me, and their family has always been kind to us.

The Duncans were among my earliest and most vocal supporters. They are loyal confidants and wise advisers. I want to thank Cleo and John for their friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

IN RECOGNITION OF MINISTER
EDWARD O. DuBOSE

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exemplary civil rights leader, distinguished counselor, outstanding

man of God, and dear friend of longstanding, Minister Edward O. DuBose. Minister DuBose celebrated his 60th birthday with family and friends on November 10, 2018.

The Atlanta, Georgia native is the third oldest of ten children born to Carnell and Margie DuBose. He received his early education through the Atlanta Public School System and graduated from Harper High School in June 1976. On March 21, 1977, he joined the United States Army where he served honorably for 21 years before retiring on March 21, 1998.

A man of great knowledge, Minister DuBose earned an Associate's Degree in General Education, Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees in Business Administration, and a Master's Degree in Counseling and Psychology from Troy University. He also completed several certifications to become a Licensed Professional Therapist. In 2008, he decided to use his expertise in counseling by establishing Everlasting Peace Counseling and Support Services, LLC, which provides mental health counseling to at-risk youth and families throughout Georgia and Alabama. Minister DuBose later realized that his calling was to provide counsel for the mind as well as for the soul. He was ordained a Minister of the Gospel on March 18, 2012 at Peaceful Holiness Church where he worships.

In addition to being an established counselor, Minister DuBose is also a prominent civil rights leader. He served as President of the Columbus, Georgia Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) from 1997 to 2005 and in 2009, he became the first Georgia State Conference NAACP President to be elected to the NAACP National Board of Directors. Under his leadership, he has effectively advocated for clemency, fair voter registration, and combating police misconduct.

In 2005, he organized and led the largest protest march in the history of Columbus, Georgia—rallying over 15,000 people to call for justice after the death of Kenneth Walker in 2003. He also organized and led the first protest march in Douglas County, Georgia—rallying over 5,000 people which resulted in the “Douglasville Six” being freed from prison. In 2006, he led the Georgia State Conference NAACP in securing a settlement from the Georgia Secretary of State regarding voter registration irregularities.

George Washington Carver once said, “How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these.” Minister DuBose has gone far in life because he has exemplified these traits with all those to whom he has encountered. Moreover, his love and commitment to Christ is reflected in his compassionate leadership, which makes him a guiding light within the community.

Minister DuBose has accomplished much in his life but none of this would be possible without the love and support of his wife of 34 years, Cynthia, and their daughters, Cynthia, Casonya, and Kimberly.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join my wife Vivian and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District, in recognizing Minister Edward O. DuBose for his selfless service to God, our nation, and to humankind. We

extend our best wishes to him on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

RECOGNIZING RICHARD GATES OF
WHITE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard Gates, an exemplary resident of White County, Illinois, where Mr. Gates has diligently managed his 100-acre farming operation, Richard Gates Farm, for over fifty years.

Throughout his career, Mr. Gates was not only a hard-working farmer, but also a dedicated public servant during his tenure with the U.S. Postal Service.

Mr. Gates has dedicated his life to agriculture by working tirelessly through dozens of long harvest seasons, allowing him to support his three children and nine grandchildren. He is also active in the agriculture community, having served as director for the Illinois Farmer Elected Committee for approximately 30 years, including 5 years as the State President. Additionally, he was a Director of the White County Farm Bureau from 2003 to 2015 and was a State Director of the Illinois Corn Growers from 2006 to 2016. Through the Illinois Corn Growers, he has had the opportunity to travel to countries like Ireland to study agricultural techniques and to Cuba to work toward ending the trade embargo. He has also traveled to Washington, D.C. several times as an advocate for agriculture.

Mr. Gates, along with his wife Janice, have generously opened their fourth-generation family-owned farm to hundreds of guests—from kindergarten students to nursing home residents. Their hospitality is well known and appreciated in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I join with the entire Gates family in celebrating his lifetime of accomplishments and recognizing his service to our nation. His outstanding legacy of hard work and compassion lives on in each member of his family and in all of those who are fortunate to know him.

IN MEMORY OF LEONA JOHNSTON

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mrs. Leona Johnston, a passionate educator, traveler, and dedicated political activist in Arizona. Leona devoted 30-plus years of her professional life teaching disadvantaged students in South Bend, Indiana, before retiring to Fountain Hills, Arizona, where she was deeply involved in local political activism in her community and throughout our state. She was a member of the Fountain Hills Republican Club, and the club named her “Republican of the Year 2005”. She was also highly involved with the Arizona Federation of Republican Women, the Paradise Republican Women Club, the National Federation of Republican Women, the Arizona Republican Party, and Dodie Londen.

To all who knew Leona, may we continue to cherish the memories of her wit, laughter, story-telling, love of family and friends, and commitment to the Republican Party.

Leona served as a role model for political activism to better local communities. May we continue to honor her memory through our passion and service to our communities.

CELEBRATING LEO WOOD

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to celebrate the work of an exceptional citizen of my Congressional District, Leo Wood of Georgetown, TX. His commitment to public service as a City Manager and Mayor represents Texas values at their best.

Leo grew up in San Saba, Texas and attended Texas A&M University. In 1969, after serving as City Manager of Rosebud, TX, Leo and his family moved to Georgetown, TX, a city of just 5,500 people at the time. At his first city council meeting, he learned that the city was penniless. He rapidly put his financial management skills to use and built a coalition of concerned citizens, businesses, financial institutions, Georgetown Independent School District, and local mainstays like Southwestern University and Texas Crusher Stone to save the city. His forward-thinking activism worked and, after retiring as City Manager in 1985, Leo left the city with over five million dollars in reserve funds and a renewed, optimistic spirit.

In 1992 Leo successfully ran for mayor, serving until 1997. Along with advocating for continued growth of Georgetown, one of his major accomplishments was the recruitment of Sun City, which he describes as "icing on the cake." Leo's commitment to community doesn't stop when the workday ends. He's been involved in numerous service organizations in Georgetown, including The Steak Fry Group, started by Leo in 1968, which began as a small gathering in a friend's back yard and has become an integral part of the fabric of Georgetown. This year marks the group's 50th anniversary and the group has donated over \$215,000 to very deserving charities.

Leo Wood has been a key figure in making Georgetown the vibrant, growing city it is today. I join his colleagues, family, and friends in honoring his career and commending his commitment to public service. I wish my friend nothing but the best in the years ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF KATHLEEN PRINDLE ON HER INDUCTION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor coach Kathleen Prindle, who was inducted to the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on November 3, 2018. Prindle was among those honored during the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame held in Plains, PA.

Prindle has excelled in the sport of swimming as both an athlete and coach. In 2011, she founded Performance Aquatics, a world-class, elite swim club for senior (ages 13+) athletes. Her unique training and business models have been adopted nationally. She has been instrumental in training swimming Olympians and Olympic hopefuls, both domestic and international athletes. She has trained swimmers to compete at the U.S. Olympic Trials, and prepared athletes to compete at the Olympic Games in Beijing in 2008, and Rio in 2016. She also coaches at the high school level at Grandview Preparatory School in Boca Raton, FL. Additionally, Prindle founded learn-to-swim programs in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Florida.

Prindle also dedicates her time to the sport of swimming by serving as the Vice President of the American Swim Coaches Association Board of Directors, on the board of the Florida Gold Coast LSC, and on the Florida State High School Athletic Association Advisory Board. She was previously awarded the American Swim Coaches Association Fellowship in 2010, and she served on USA Swimming's Senior Development National Committee from 2012 to 2016.

It is an honor to recognize Prindle's impressive coaching achievements. It is fitting that she should be inducted as a member of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. I join with the members of the Hall of Fame in recognizing Prindle's illustrious career and celebrating her successes as a coach.

HONORING DI AND TONY SCHANTZ

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Di and Tony Schantz for their contributions to our state and their community.

The Schantz family have made a positive and lasting impact in Ripley and Franklin counties. Our state is better off today because of their extraordinary leadership and service in their community.

On a personal note, I will be forever grateful for Di and Tony's prayers and their constant positive encouragement. Di has one of the best smiles you will ever see and both Di and Tony live lives that embody the principles of putting family first.

The Schantz family were among my earliest and most vocal supporters. I want to thank Di and Tony for their friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

HONORING ELLIE COHEN

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Ellie Cohen, who is stepping down as the President

and CEO of Point Blue Conservation Science after 20 years of transformative leadership. Recognized internationally for her work, Ellie Cohen has turned Point Blue from a regional bird observatory to a globally recognized powerhouse in climate-smart, multi-benefit conservation.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Ellie Cohen earned a bachelor's degree in Botany from Duke University with honors. After moving to California in 1979 to conduct field studies in butterfly ecology, Ellie went on to earn a Master in Public Policy degree from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. There she was honored with the first annual Robert F. Kennedy Public Service Award, voted on by her fellow students, as well as the coveted Policy Analysis Exercise Award.

In 1999, Ellie Cohen became President and CEO of Point Blue (founded as Point Reyes Bird Observatory). During Ellie's 20-year tenure, she managed significant growth of the organization, from 30 employees with an annual operating budget of \$2.5 million, to 180 employees with an operating budget of \$14 million. She also established a strong financial foundation including securing the organization's 20,000 square foot headquarters and the Rich Stallcup Conservation Science Intern Center, both in Petaluma.

Ellie Cohen was an early leader in promoting healthy ecosystems as essential to the climate change solution's tool box for both mitigation and adaptation. In 2017, she secured recognition of Point Blue as an official observer organization to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and oversaw Point Blue's contributions to the UNFCCC's considerations of how agriculture can be part of the climate solution.

During Ellie Cohen's impactful tenure, Point Blue's scientists helped secure the largest Marine Protected Area in the world at the Ross Sea Antarctica, helped protect 400,000 acres of post-fire Sierra forests for birds and other wildlife, and guided changes in shipping lanes of California's coast to protect whales from ship strikes.

Beyond improving Point Blue's financial, research and conservation capabilities and impact, Ellie Cohen worked tirelessly to expand the organization's partnerships which today include thousands of local, regional, national and international agencies, governments, private landowners and fishers, as well as NGO's, collaboratively bridging cultural divides through conservation science to advance a healthy future for wildlife and human communities.

Mr. Speaker, Ellie Cohen's leadership has transformed Point Blue Conservation Science, and in the process has helped governments, private land owners, and our communities better prepare for the challenges of climate change through nature-based solutions. Therefore, please join me in thanking Ellie Cohen for her two decades of leadership and service to the public.

AMERICA'S ENDURING FRIENDSHIP WITH SERBIA

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for more than 130 years, Americans have had a close