

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

friendship with the Serbian people. Our troops fought side-by-side in both World War I and World War II, forging a strong bond between our nations. Today, Serbia remains an indispensable ally of the U.S. as we confront challenges like ISIS together. This relationship has only deepened over the years due to our shared dedication to democracy and freedom.

I recently returned from a trip to Serbia where I met with President Vucic and Prime Minister Brnabic. They are great friends to America and excellent representatives for Serbia. In our meetings they made clear how much the relationship with the United States matters to the security and prosperity of their country. Their only ask, was that America continues to stand by Serbia as it works to integrate closer with the West. While I am retiring from Congress at the end of this year, and unfortunately leaving my post as co-chair of the Serbia caucus, I assured them that there was no doubt that the U.S. is committed to its friendship with Serbia so long as Serbia remains committed to peace and democracy.

Serbia has no stronger partner on than the United States. We have shown this in action. For example, about 60 percent of Serbia's overseas military training and education takes place within the United States. Serbia recognized the value of this relationship and signed an agreement to deepen cooperation with the U.S. and our NATO allies two years ago. This is a big deal considering just 20 years ago, NATO and Serbia were on opposite sides of a war.

Beyond military cooperation, we are also working to forge closer economic ties and strengthen Serbia's democracy. Rule of law and transparency are making major gains in Serbia that will allow for increased American investment. All of this will bring our countries closer together, ensuring bright peaceful futures for the Balkan region and ourselves.

Belgrade and Washington must continue to build our partnership to accomplish our shared goals. I am excited to see the ties between our countries grow. I am convinced that so long as we remain committed to democratic values, America and Serbia will have an enduring friendship for generations.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JOHN SNYDER

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, on this Veterans Day weekend, it is my honor to recognize the life of John Snyder. As a proud Veteran of the Second World War and an upstanding member of his community, John is an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

John served in the U.S. Navy as a pilot from 1940 until 1945—from before the attack on Pearl Harbor to when we reached the shores of Japan. He served as a flight instructor and flight leader, never losing a pilot under his command. During the Island-Hopping campaign, John flew throughout the South Pacific on his Grumman F6F Hellcat fighter and shot down several enemy aircraft over the course of the war. As an officer with several decorations, John is proud of his military service and enjoys sharing his experience with others.

For the United States, World War II was a turning point. As citizens, we found strength in a common purpose, found the ties that bind us together, and displayed the impenetrable force of American democracy. Over 400,000 American lives were lost—lives given in the defense of freedom. We owe John and his brothers in arms an enormous debt of gratitude. Veterans Day weekend gave those in Michigan's First District an opportunity to show their thanks for the sacrifices demanded of John and all of our servicemen and women. He has served our nation willingly, honorably, and without bias. John was recognized on Veterans Day, November 11th, at American Legion Post 114 in Greenwood, Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor today to acknowledge the extraordinary life of John Snyder. I ask that you join with me and the people of Michigan's First District in thanking him for his unwavering commitment to our nation and its people.

IN RECOGNITION OF JACK HENZES ON HIS 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 Jack HENZES, who was inducted to the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on November 3, 2018. HENZES was among those honored during the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame held in Plains, PA.

Henzes has been coaching football at Dunmore High School since 1971, where he led the Bucks to a Class A state championship in 1989. His record of 421 wins, 159 losses, and 8 ties positions him as the winningest active Pennsylvania coach. Under his tutelage, Dunmore has won ten district titles, including four straight titles, and the Bucks are currently the defending District 2 Class 2A Champion. HENZES was inducted to the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 1989, made a member of the 200 Wins Club by the Pennsylvania Coaches Association, and inducted to the National High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 2009.

It is an honor to recognize Coach HENZES' impressive coaching career. It is fitting that he 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 his illustrious career and profound impact on the Dunmore High School football program and two generations of student-athletes.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. SARAH STEWART

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding businesswoman, dedicated public

servant, mentor to many, and compassionate philanthropist, Mrs. Sarah Stewart. Sadly, Mrs. Stewart passed away on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at the age of 83. The funeral service was held on Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 2 p.m. at the Stewart Community Home in Columbus, Georgia.

At the age of fifteen, Sarah, already an accomplished homemaker, married Harold Stewart, an airman, and traveled with him to his various assignments. Their family would later expand with the arrival of their six children. As a military family of eight, the Stewarts found time to serve as active volunteers in their communities, once heading three Girl Scout troops simultaneously.

Sarah's passion for service and philanthropy continued during her career as a midwife in the Philippines, an operating room supervisor in the Raiford Prison Hospital, and an active parole volunteer for VISTA. After serving at Raiford and reuniting with her father who was living in poverty, she was inspired to open a "boarding care home" to help people in similar conditions who were medically or financially ineligible for nursing home care. During one of her many visits to her mother in Columbus, Georgia, she spotted an ancient, deteriorating home at 1400 Third Avenue that she wanted to rent and renovate. Everyone thought she was crazy to rent this home because of the extensive damage and the costly repair required to fix it. Nevertheless, Mrs. Stewart did not allow the opinions of her critics to deter her vision. In April 1976, (a month after obtaining the property) and with the help of family and the manager of the rental property, she opened "The Home for Senior Citizens" (now The Stewart Community Home), the first boarding care home in the community.

Over the years, the Stewart Community Home expanded to include several homes throughout the Columbus area. Then, on April 30, 1994, when Columbus native Dorothy (Dot) Wells Knight died, the Knight Foundation, Inc. honored her by making a substantial donation to the Stewart Community Home, her favorite charity. This allowed for the purchase of the Edwina Wood School and sparked a nearly two million dollar renovation project, allowing for the housing of seventy-six residents.

Maya Angelou once said, "A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies." Sarah Stewart was one such great soul, who served humanity in a special way. Each day she graced the people around her with an enthusiastic sincerity of presence. Her legacy on this earth extends beyond herself to those whom she inspired and supported. For her selfless dedication to others, she will always be remembered.

Sarah accomplished many things in her life but none of these would have been possible without the enduring support of her husband, Harold; their children, David, Harold, Jr., Charles, Carolyn, Ruth, and Teresa; and the countless others who positively impacted her life over the years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife Vivian and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District, in paying tribute to Mrs. Sarah Stewart, for her outstanding legacy of service and philanthropy as we extend our deepest condolences to Sarah's family and friends. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith in the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.