

HONORING KEVIN AND ANNETTE
MANDREL

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Kevin and Annette Mandrel for their contributions to our state.

The Mandrels are fellow believers, and I have appreciated their prayers and encouragement over the years. They have also been community leaders for decades and have made a positive and lasting impact on the state of Indiana. Kevin sits on numerous local boards, including Bosma Enterprises, Rush Memorial Hospital, the Arthritis Foundation and the Youth Opportunity Center. Their son, Christian, also worked as an intern in my office in Shelbyville.

On a personal note, the Mandrels were also among my earliest and most vocal supporters. Jennifer and I cherish our friendship with the Mandrels. We want to thank them for their friendship and support of my work in Congress. We wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
CHRISTINA CONDOLEON

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Christina "Tina" Condoleon, age 84, who passed away peacefully at the Hospice House in Poland, Ohio on Friday October 26, 2018.

Tina was born on April 5, 1934, in Warren, Ohio to Harry and Athena Raptis. She was a graduate of Warren G. Harding High School. In the late 50s and early 60s she worked as a clerk at the Trumbull County Courthouse in Warren. Tina was a member of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Warren. She enjoyed cooking, reading and doing word search puzzles, but most of all she treasured spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Tina is survived by her three children, John (Tricia) Condoleon of Howland, Harry (Holli) Condoleon of Algona, Iowa and Angela (Steve) Zervas of Cortland; her ten grandchildren, Kristin, Michael, Kurt, Caitlyn, Michael John, Nicholas, Gabriel and Laney Condoleon, and Christopher and Melena Zervas; her brother, Thomas (Alik) Raptis; her sister-in-law, Peggy Knotos; and a number of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Gus and James Raptis; and husband of 49 years, Michael J. "Mike" Condoleon whom she married on August 18, 1963 and who passed away March 27, 2013.

I know Tina is dearly missed among her family and friends. I extend my deepest and sincerest condolences.

BIG HEROES, TINY HOMES—
STUDENTS HELPING VETERANS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

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Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, according to the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center in Houston, Texas, 28 percent of Houston's homeless population are veterans. That is over 3,600 homeless veterans in Houston alone. These same veterans admirably served our nation and have dedicated their lives to the service and protection of the United States.

Across the nation, "micro homes" are being used as transitional homes for those in need. A micro home is defined as a residential structure with utilities and built for full time occupancy, in less than 350 square feet. Micro home communities have been created by charities in Austin, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, Nashville, New York, Olympia, Portland, Seattle, and Syracuse. Now, students at Humble ISD are trying to add Houston to that list.

More than 70 students at Summer Creek High School and Kingwood Park High School are working to create a community of micro homes for homeless veterans—designing tiny homes for big heroes. The students have spent the last several months designing the blueprints and a 3D model for the 200-square foot home and working with architects to make sure it works. From paint colors, to roofing, to electrical wiring, they have designed and obtained prices for everything necessary to complete their vision. Unlike usual school projects, this student-led initiative requires marketing to prospective donors and could take years to successfully complete this micro home community. These passionate students have given pitches and presentations to countless potential donors, the City of Humble council members and mayor as well as the City of Houston.

So far, the students, along with the help of faculty and staff, have raised \$40,000 to level a piece of land next to the school where they can begin the next phase of constructing the homes. Both Summer Creek and Kingwood Park will build a model tiny home by the end of this school year. The goal is to eventually partner with a nonprofit and also raise money to buy land to place the homes.

Before giving a presentation to potential donors, a senior from Kingwood Park High School, Nicholas Logan, told Texas School Business Magazine: "It's given me a purpose. I'm not just going to school today. I'm going to school so I can attend a meeting, so I can get the funding to help other people, so they can have a home." It is because of the actions of selfless minds like Nicholas, that this great country will be in the good hands of our future leaders.

Good deeds do not go unnoticed. I know that the residents of Lake Houston Area are proud of these students and I applaud not only the students for their tremendous achievements and commend them for giving back to our community, but their parents as well. They are truly making a difference and represent all that is right and good in America.

And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF SHERIFF
CHARLES McDONALD

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, Sheriff Charles McDonald, who has served as a faithful law enforcement officer in Henderson County for over thirty years. With the support of his wife, Jennie, Sheriff McDonald has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the people of Henderson County and to the safety of our community.

Sheriff Charles McDonald served in the Navy for four years before beginning his public safety career in 1985 as a Patrol Deputy in Henderson County. Over the next 25 years, McDonald went on to serve as a Lieutenant in the Drug Enforcement Unit, Patrol Squad Lieutenant, SWAT Team Leader, Department Training Officer, Chief of Criminal Investigations, Sheriff's Command Staff, and Captain.

In June 2010, Sheriff Charles McDonald retired with 25 years of service in public safety until March 2012 when he was appointed by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners to the Office of Sheriff. After six years of faithful service, Sheriff McDonald will complete his duty in office on December 3, 2018.

Under Sheriff McDonald's leadership, the department has effectively combated illegal and prescription drug abuse in the Henderson County community through prevention efforts, education, and enforcement. During his tenure, over \$4.3 million dollars in illegal drugs have been apprehended by the Henderson County Drug Unit since 2014. Additionally, 245 drug conspirators, traffickers, dealers, and users have been arrested and prosecuted. Sheriff McDonald has prioritized rehabilitation for inmates by encouraging education in life skills and providing addiction resources through private and non-profit programs.

Sheriff McDonald is highly regarded among his peers and has been recognized as a "vetted instructor" by the U.S. Department of State in ATA Counter Terrorism programs since the September 11th terrorist attacks. Sheriff McDonald has worked for private companies as a contract instructor concentrating in law enforcement tactical training and has served as an instructor abroad in South America and the Middle East on Counter Terrorism, Crisis Response, and Tactical Command training and planning.

His devotion to public safety has established him as a respected leader in Henderson County and Western North Carolina. On behalf of the people of North Carolina, it is my distinct honor to recognize Sheriff McDonald for his devoted service to his community.

HONORING LARRY MEYER

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

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

Larry served as County Chairman with honor and distinction in my hometown for almost my entire time in Congress. He spent a career leading the Delta Faucet factory in Greensburg. The impact he has made in Decatur County cannot be overstated. Without a doubt, our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, I've known Larry and his wife, Shirley, since childhood. Their kids went to school with my brother and me, and their family has always been exceptionally kind to us.

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

TRIBUTE TO OPERATION RECOGNITION CLASS OF 2018

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of the Operation Recognition Class of 2018. Operation Recognition is a program organized by the Riverside County Office of Education, with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veteran's Services, that presents diplomas to residents of Riverside County who missed completing high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, or due to internment in WWII Japanese-American relocation camps.

Riverside County's Operation Recognition is modeled after programs implemented in other states. Numerous county offices of education and school districts throughout California operate similar programs. The programs are yet another way to express our appreciation and gratitude for the significant contributions and sacrifices made by our veterans.

The Operation Recognition Class of 2018 includes: Raymond Guzman Casares, U.S. Marine Corps, Korean War; Jerry Kenneth Arnold, U.S. Marine Corps, Korean War; Steve P. Stone, U.S. Army, Vietnam War; "Ron" Robert Jackson, U.S. Coast Guard, Korean War; Jack Stanley Griner, U.S. Navy, World War II; Charles John Whatley, U.S. Army, World War II; Pat S. Baca (posthumously), U.S. Army, World War II; Kenneth Bruce Weiner, U.S. Army, Vietnam War.

On behalf of all Riverside County residents and a grateful nation, I want to thank these veterans for their service to our country and congratulate them on being part of the Operation Recognition Class of 2018.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH C. CALIO, JR.

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Joseph C. Calio, Jr. of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, a decorated

World War II Hero who recently passed away peacefully at the age of 96. Mr. Calio was emblematic of the young soldiers who fought and won that great conflict, then humbly returned home to lead productive lives and raise solid families as part of our country's so-called "Greatest Generation."

Joe grew up in the deprivation of the Great Depression and was called to duty in World War II with the 95th Infantry Division of the United States Army. For his courage and valor in battle, he was honored with several awards including the Bronze Star Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Honorable Service Lapel Button.

Upon returning back to Ohio, Joe served for 40 years as an Auxiliary Policeman in the town of Lyndhurst where he was also a long-time participant, quarter master, and post commander of a local VFW Post. Along the way, he and his late wife Susan raised four children—Mary Ann, Joseph C. III, Nicholas, and Susie—who blessed their lives with 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Sadly, we lose nearly 400 veterans per day, like Mr. Calio, who bravely served our great nation in World War II. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs statistics, less than 500,000 of the 16 million Americans who served in that War remain alive. We owe them a great debt of gratitude for their efforts, and shall never forget the sacrifices they made.

So I am honored to help celebrate the noble and meaningful life of Joe Calio, as I believe his selfless dedication to country and community is something many of us can learn from in our own lives. The impact of his service is sure to continue through the achievements of his remarkable family who, while saddened by his passing, proudly carry on his distinguished legacy.

HONORING MARCIA PARKER

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Marcia Parker for her contribution to our state and Hancock County.

Marcia has served Hancock County with honor and distinction for years. I have spent time with her at almost every Republican event I've attended in the county over the past six years. It's been an honor to get to know Marcia and to work with her to advance our shared Republican values.

On a personal note, Marcia is among my favorite people that I met on this journey in Congress. She is smart, strong, honest, and loyal. Although we occasionally disagree, with Marcia, you always know where you stand.

I will be forever grateful for her friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish her continued success in all that God has planned for her family.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF SAMUEL E. "SAM" LANZA

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Samuel E. "Sam" Lanza, age 92, who passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 27, 2018, at his residence, with his loving family by his side.

Sam was born on January 20, 1926 in Warren, Ohio to Joseph L. and Edith Gustafson Lanza. A lifelong resident of the Warren area, Sam heard the call of his country and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on March 10, 1944. Serving during World War II, he earned the rank of corporal and was stationed in the Pacific with his military specialty Machine Gun Crewman.

Sam was wounded in action on April 22, 1945, in Okinawa, and spent 16 months on a hospital ship and in other Naval hospitals until he was honorably discharged Aug. 12, 1946, from the Marine Barracks Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. He was awarded numerous decorations for his service to our country. These were: Honorable Service Button, the Purple Heart for wounds in action, the Good Conduct Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon.

Sam started his career in Milwaukee at Nordberg Manufacturing Company, and Tex-Rite Corporation. Upon moving back to Warren in March of 1948, he worked at the War Assets Administration and the Lordstown Ordnance Depot until it closed in December 1963. Sam then was employed with the U.S. Army Support Element in Oakdale, Pennsylvania as a housing manager until Feb. 27, 1981.

Sam joined the Disabled American Veterans, Trumbull County Chapter 11 in 1948, and was appointed the adjutant on a temporary basis and served in that position until the present. He also served as treasurer, chapter service officer and was the legislative chairman. Sam has gone through all the chairs of the DAV Department of Ohio and was elected to State Commander in June 1997, serving through 1998. He was called to also serve as a state senior vice commander and the DAV National Executive Committee.

Sam was a lifetime member of numerous organizations: The Disabled American Veterans; the Military Order of the Purple Heart, where he served as commander of Chapter 606; the VFW; the Marine Corps League, where he was senior vice commandant for two years; the American Legion Post 540, of NAUS, NARFE where he was past president; and the AmVets.

Sam has been honored by a proclamation naming May 8, 1992 as Sam Lanza Day in Warren, a second proclamation naming April 25, 1998, Sam Lanza Day in Warren and, on the same date, a proclamation naming Sam Lanza Day in Trumbull County. He was also honored by the Tribune Chronicle and the American Red Cross as a Community Star.

Sam had many passions throughout his life. He enjoyed Notre Dame football and was an accomplished bowler, having even scored a 297 game. His wife, the former Shirley Joyce Meier, whom he married on May 24, 1946, died March 20, 2003, after 57 years of marriage together. He is survived by his three sons, Sam (Edna) Lanza of White Oak, Pa.,