

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
MAUREEN SHEEDY

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Maureen Sheedy, a beloved member of the Camillus community and lifelong Central New Yorker. Known for her kindness and compassion for others, Maureen was highly active in many Central New York community service initiatives throughout her life. Maureen Sheedy was born on December 5th, 1943 in Syracuse, New York. She graduated from the Most Holy Rosary School and enrolled in classes at Nazareth College in Rochester. Upon completing her college education, she returned to Central New York and settled in Camillus to start her family. Additionally, Maureen made vast contributions to the community by working to improve local parks through employment with Camillus Parks and Recreation.

Maureen will be remembered most for her strong efforts to help those in need, as well as her commitment to her family and community. She spent much time volunteering with the Funeral Guild by preparing meals for mourners, and helping to deliver food to seniors through Meals on Wheels. Maureen was also very devoted to her church, Holy Family, where she worshipped for over 50 years and belonged to the Alter Rosary Society.

As a mother, she selflessly raised her five children and opened her home to children outside her family. Along with her husband Jim, Maureen organized a neighborhood block party for over 35 years to strengthen the bond of her local community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in remembering the remarkable life of Maureen Sheedy. She always strived to improve her local community and understood the importance of family values. The dedication to service and kindness she displayed throughout her life is exemplary of the high standard Americans should live by. She will be dearly missed by her family and the Central New York community.

BEVERLY LOWRY RETIRES FROM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MOJAVE WATER AGENCY

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Beverly Lowry for her service on the Board of Directors of the Mojave Water Agency in Apple Valley California. Bev, as she is affectionately known by most, began her distinguished career in the water industry serving her first term with the Mojave Water Agency through 1976, and later was re-elected in 1989, serving continuously since that time. Bev has held the position of President of the Board of Directors in 1993 and from 1996 through 1999, and again from 2014 through 2016.

Bev has been a Barstow area resident for more than 50 years. She and her late hus-

band Al settled in Barstow in 1966 where she has lived since with her two sons and two grandsons close by. She has led a lengthy and distinguished career in public service, including her current term as a Director at Mojave Water District representing Division 6, which encompasses the greater Barstow area.

During her tenure with Mojave, Bev has seen the agency transform as the desert communities have grown. As an advocate for water rights and integrated planning Bev worked to secure community participation in the Agency's first Integrated Regional Water Management Plan in 2004, as well as subsequent updates of the plan. Bev also oversaw the completion of multiple other projects and initiatives that would ultimately aid the region in continuing to supply water as the state of California faced extreme drought conditions.

Her passion and service extend throughout the community serving in several roles where she worked on behalf of the larger region. While I have enjoyed working with Bev, I also asked former Congressman Jerry Lewis to join me in thanking her for her service. Congressman Lewis said, "Bev's dedication to the Mojave Water Agency is to be commended. It was a privilege to work with her while I was a Member of Congress. In addition to calling her a great public servant, it is a privilege to call her my friend."

Marking her 34 years of well-respected service, Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing Bev well in her retirement. Her decades of service to the Mojave Water Agency is inspirational, and I am grateful for her contributions to the community and state of California.

HONORING SAM AND CATHY
HARVEY

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 Sam and Cathy Harvey for their contribution to our state and their community.

The Harveys have made a positive and lasting impact in Connersville and Fayette County through their extraordinary public service. They continue to embody exactly what "Hoosier hospitality" is meant to be. As the former County Chairman, Sam spent years helping promote and advance Republican principles in Fayette County. I could always count on Sam and Cathy for honest feedback and advice. Our state is better off today because of their extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, the Harveys were among my earliest and most vocal supporters. I would like 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 their family.

RECOGNIZING RURAL HOSPITALS
ON NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH
DAY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize all of our rural hospitals on National Rural Health Day. Small towns and rural communities across our country face unique obstacles, and access to affordable quality care is one of them.

Our doctors, nurses, and other rural hospital employees work tirelessly to help patients overcome many of the health care challenges they face on a daily basis, including limited access to primary care providers and specialists. Additionally, rural hospitals face larger financial barriers. That is why I have continually fought for Medicare and The Affordable Care Act which are critical lifelines for rural patients and providers. Medicaid expansion alone has provided nearly 1.7 million additional rural Americans with access to care.

As an advocate for rural America, I have also helped to overcome these obstacles by expanding broadband access and removing barriers to telehealth that have the ability to provide 21st century care. I introduced the Special Registration for Telemedicine Clarification Act with my colleague Congressman BUDDY CARTER. I was proud to see our common sense provision signed into law that will provide more treatment options to rural communities through telemedicine.

On National Rural Health Day, it is important that we take a moment to thank those who serve our nation in rural hospitals and provide access to quality health care. I look forward to working with my colleagues to provide the resources necessary to ensure the health of rural America is never left behind.

HONORING THE LIFE AND CON-
TRIBUTIONS OF ELLA PHILLIPS
STEWART

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform you and our colleagues about a special ceremony that took place in Berryville, Virginia on October 6, 2018, to honor the extraordinary life of Ella Phillips Stewart, an African-American woman born in 1893, in the Longmarsh District of Clarke County, that is situated in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. Ella's parents, Henry H. Phillips and Eliza T. Phillips, were sharecroppers who chose to send Ella to live with Henry's mother in the village of Stringtown, outside of Berryville. An outstanding student, Ella won several major scholarships to what was then the Storer Normal School, later Storer College, a historically African-American College in Harpers Ferry, Virginia. Ella's upbringing in Clarke County provided her with the values and education that were a foundation for later professional success and national and international recognition.

After successfully matriculating from Storer, Ella was accepted by the University of Pittsburgh's School of Pharmacy and became the

first African-American woman to graduate from that program in 1916. In the same year, Stewart passed the state examination, becoming the first African-American female pharmacist in the state of Pennsylvania. An entrepreneur at heart, Ella soon opened her own drugstore at the General Hospital in Braddock, Pennsylvania and, in 1918, moved back to Pittsburgh, where she again established her own business, Myers Pharmacy. After practicing as pharmacists in Youngstown, Ohio for a couple of years, she and her husband, William Wyatt Stewart, a fellow graduate of the University of Pittsburgh's Pharmacy School, opened Stewart's Pharmacy in Toledo, Ohio, in 1922, which they operated until 1945, when they sold the business and retired. Located in Toledo's Pinewood District, the pharmacy was a popular neighborhood gathering place. The Stewarts, who owned the building and lived in the spacious apartment above the pharmacy, often hosted special visitors from out of town, including Marian Anderson and W.E.B. Du Bois.

Despite the inherent challenges of successfully operating a drug store and pharmacy, Ella Phillips Stewart found the time and energy to be involved in numerous civic organizations during her working career and in retirement. Her activities at a local level included leadership in the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), the local chapter of the NAACP and the Enterprise Charity Club, a social service organization run by African-American women. From 1944 to 1948, she served as president of the Ohio Association of Colored Women, and from 1948 to 1952, as president of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs (NACWC). As leader of the NACWC, Stewart forcefully spoke out against segregation, discrimination and racial stereotyping. In 1961, she became an inaugural member of the Toledo Board of Community Relations, which worked to improve race relations in the city, and to ensure enforcement of civil rights laws. As Ella Stewart's national stature grew, she was asked to serve in a variety of roles at the national and international levels. She was appointed by President Dwight Eisenhower in the post-World War II era, as a member of the Women's Advisory Committee on U.S. Defense Manpower and, in 1959, she was appointed to the National Advisory Committee for the White House Conference on Aging.

Comfortable working in an international setting, Ella Stewart was appointed as an American delegate to the International Conference of Women of the World, held in Athens, Greece, in 1952. She subsequently spent time during the 1950s touring as a goodwill ambassador for the United States, traveling to Pakistan, India, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), the Philippines, Japan and Hong Kong, among other nations. In 1963, she was appointed to the United States commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), traveling to many nations as an ambassador advocating for improved education and literacy around the world. Along her life's journey, Ella received many awards and honors, including as an original inductee into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame, recipient of the Doctorate of Humane Letters from the University of Toledo and similar honors from the University of Pittsburgh. Yet, the recognition she treasured the most was having an elementary school in Toledo named after her,

the Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls, in 1961, which now has a museum that houses Stewart's plaques and awards, and the memorabilia she collected on her many international tours.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring the life of an extraordinary African-American woman and favorite daughter of Clarke County, born into poverty during the era of segregation, who overcame these disadvantages by applying the values she learned as a child growing up in tiny Stringtown, Virginia, and making the most of the education she received during those difficult times, to become a fearless trailblazer in her profession of Pharmacy, a successful businesswoman, a civil rights leader who worked for greater harmony among various races and cultures, and an American goodwill ambassador who successfully contributed to greater international peace and understanding.

WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP DAY 2018

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

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Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in honor of Women's Entrepreneurship Day which is celebrated around the world each year on November 19th.

Women are majority owners of 9.9 million American businesses which generate \$1.4 trillion in annual sales and employ more than 8.4 million workers. Ninety-nine percent of women-owned businesses are small businesses, and 47 percent of all American minority-owned businesses are also women-owned. I applaud these women entrepreneurs and their economically-vital businesses.

I applaud Wendy Diamond, who has personally spearheaded the Women's Entrepreneurship Day movement. Since her campaign launched in 2013, her Women's Entrepreneurship Day organization has funded 500 Syrian refugee girls in Jordan so they could attend high school, launched an initiative in Oman to empower women and girls to vote against arranged marriage, and partnered with a Uruguayan university to offer scholarships to young women. Women's Entrepreneurship Day is now celebrated in 144 countries and 65 universities and colleges internationally, with numerous global ambassadors. The Women's Entrepreneurship Day mission is to empower the four billion women worldwide to be catalysts of change, and uplift the over 250 million girls living in poverty around the world.

This week, Ms. Diamond is hosting a Women's Entrepreneurship Day event in New York City at the United Nations in order to empower, celebrate, and support women and girls globally to alleviate poverty.

During this event, Ms. Diamond and her organization will be honoring the following individuals with the following awards:

Anna Sui—fashion designer and founder, Anna Sui brand—Fashion Pioneer Award. Eileen Murray—Co-CEO, Bridgewater Associates—Financial Pioneer Award. Shannon Dellimore—Co-Founder, GLAMGLOW—Beauty Pioneer Award. Shanu Hinduja—Chair, Hinduja Bank in Switzerland; Chair, Hinduja

Foundation US; and Co-Chair and Director of Hinduja Global Solutions Inc.—Philanthropy Pioneer Award.

Princess Märtha Louise of Norway—Chair, Princess Märtha Louise's Fund—Political Pioneer Award.

Kathleen King—Founder, Tate's Bake Shop—Culinary Pioneer Award.

Mary Ann Thompson-Frenk—President and Co-Founder, Memnosyne Institute, and President and Co-Founder, The John Philp Thompson Foundation—Civic Pioneer Award.

Shelley Zalis—Founder and CEO, Online Testing Exchange, and Founder and CEO, The Female Quotient—Technology Pioneer Award.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the entire House to recognize these remarkable role models, and to celebrate Women's Entrepreneurship Day this year and every year moving forward.

HONORING RICK REUSS

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 Rick Reuss for his contribution to our state and country.

Rick is a true patriot, and is someone I could always rely on to shoot straight and hold me accountable to our shared guiding conservative principles. Over the years, I have spent time with Rick at hundreds of events all across the state and I've even appeared on his radio show. It has been an honor to work with him. Our state is better off today because of Rick's extraordinary leadership and service.

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

I want to thank Rick for his friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

HONORING THE ANNUAL SAN JOSE VETERANS DAY PARADE

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues, U.S. House Representatives ANNA ESHOO, RO KHANNA, and JIMMY PANETTA, to honor the annual Veterans Day Parade in our community and to take a moment to acknowledge the selfless sacrifices of our veterans, who have fearlessly served our nation at home and abroad.

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of Armistice. Armistice Day, celebrated each year on November 11, commemorates the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany, which took effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month to end hostilities on the western Front of World War I. Each year, to observe this important Anniversary in our community, the