

Matthew has been recognized as a valuable member of Troop 15, and has served in various leadership positions like Troop Guide and Senior Patrol Leader. His Eagle Scout project was to clean, repair, and refurbish an outdoor band shell for the picnic grove of the Salem UCC Church in Dover, Pennsylvania.

I have long appreciated the commitment of people who demonstrate hard work and selfless devotion to serving our communities and fellow citizens. On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I recognize and congratulate Eagle Scout Matthew Brittain on his great accomplishment and community service. I wish Matthew continued success and Godspeed in his future adventures.

HONORING JEFF AND DANAE
SPONSEL

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Jeff and Danae Sponsel for their contribution to our state and country.

Over the years, Jeff and Danae have served the City of Shelbyville and Shelby County in a variety of roles with honor and distinction. Jeff is always quick with a joke, yet has a fiery passion for serving his fellow Hoosiers. He has spent years serving in various positions in the community, including on the City Council and as the Shelby County Election Deputy. Danae is a rock star and has dedicated herself toward advancing Republican principles with the local party. It has been an honor to work with them and our state is better off today because of their extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Jeff and Danae were among my earliest supporters of my first run for the state legislature. Jennifer and I cherish our friendship with both Jeff and Danae and I would like to thank them for their support of my work in Congress. We wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

JIM KENNEDY RETIRES FROM THE
VICTORVILLE CITY COUNCIL

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and commitment of outgoing Victorville City Council Member Jim Kennedy who will leave the dais on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

Jim was first elected to Victorville City Council in 2010 and has served the city for eight years, including terms as Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem. In addition to his position as council member, Jim has served as a board member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Inland Empire Chapter of the California Society of CPAs, the City Audit Committee, and as a delegate to Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority.

During his time on the council, Jim has been a passionate advocate for Victorville and its residents. He supported key infrastructure projects including the Nisqualli/La Mesa interchange, which provided a key transit corridor to help alleviate traffic congestion. Jim also fought to keep Victorville residents safe, and consistently voted to add additional sheriff's deputies and firefighters to the city's budget.

I thank Council Member Jim Kennedy for his leadership and dedication to public service on behalf of Victorville residents. Jim has been a true model of civility and decorum on the Victorville City Council, and he will be sorely missed.

RECOGNIZING EVAN GWOZDZ

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Evan Gwozdz, a student-athlete from Middleborough, Massachusetts and the National Recipient of the 2017–2018 Student-Athlete Scholarship from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

Each year, the NIAAA awards scholarships to high school student-athletes who exemplify the qualities of scholastic excellence, leadership, and sportsmanship. Without question, Evan was a worthy selection for this prestigious award. An honors student in the classroom, Evan was his class valedictorian, a National Merit Scholar, and a national winner of the Rensselaer Medal for outstanding achievements in math and science. As a high-profile athlete and the top student in his class at Middleborough High School, Evan demonstrates a true commitment to excellence in Massachusetts.

On the field, Evan lettered in football, baseball, and track, garnering numerous awards during his high school career. Evan led his indoor track team in points and was a South Shore League long jump champion; played three years of varsity baseball without ever getting caught stealing; and led Middleborough High School to their first state football championship since 1983 while being named the Boston Globe Division 6 Player of the Year.

A native of Cape Cod, Evan was intrinsically driven at an early age. Starting in third grade, he began a meticulous schedule juggling a multitude of academic, athletic, and extracurricular commitments. He had never played football before he joined the team in high school, so he took extra time to improve his game—a commitment that has undoubtedly paid off. Evan is currently a quarterback at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology while majoring in chemical engineering, and he also is cross-registered at Harvard and earning a business degree.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Evan Gwozdz for his many accomplishments, and I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating him and wishing him great success in the future. It is truly inspiring to see a such dynamic and passionate person follow their dream, and I know we will see more great things from him in the future.

HONORING GEORGE SMITH ON HIS
50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH THE
LEBANON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of George Smith of Lebanon, CT, who is celebrating his 50th anniversary as a member of the Lebanon Volunteer Fire Department.

George, a native of Rocky Grove, PA, started his vocation as a public servant after graduating from high school in 1954. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served in the Korean Conflict, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the Vietnam Conflict over his 21 years of active military service, reaching the rank of E8 Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman.

George and his family moved to Lebanon, CT in 1966. Following in his first-responder parents' footsteps, he decided to become a firefighter and joined the Lebanon Volunteer Fire Department in May 1968. In 1978, he joined the Lebanon Constabulary and served as a constable for a decade. He also provided emergency medical services and performed firefighting tasks. Over the course of his public service to the town he has also served as Fire Lieutenant, Fire Police Lieutenant, elected department secretary, and currently as Fire Police Captain.

For 50 years, George has been committed to serving Lebanon residents by protecting them, their families, pets, and livestock, as well as lands and properties throughout the town. He holds life member status at the Lebanon Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing George Smith's milestone anniversary as well as his remarkable record of service to the town of Lebanon. Volunteering one's life for the protection of others is no small sacrifice, and in this way, Mr. Smith has been exceptionally selfless. Let us all express our gratitude for this fine gentleman.

HONORING BILL AND KAYE
WHITEHEAD

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Bill and Kaye Whitehead for their contribution to our state and their community.

The Whiteheads have spent their lives serving the Delaware County community. They are full-time farmers but Bill and Kaye spend much of their time serving their community in numerous capacities. Their embodiment of "Hoosier hospitality" has truly made a difference in Delaware County and our state is better off today because of their extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, I've known the Whiteheads for 18 years. Jennifer and I cherish their friendship. Bill, like me, overachieved

in marriage. The Whiteheads were also among my earliest and most vocal supporters.

I am forever grateful to Bill and Kaye 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 JAQUELINE
DOUGLAS, AKA "WACKY JACKY"

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with my colleagues, MIKE THOMPSON and JARED HUFFMAN, to honor an American icon, a woman who is one of a kind on the water and on land. Jaqueline Douglas, better known as Wacky Jacky, has been taking people fishing for almost half a century. There is nothing that makes her happier than a happy angler walking off her sportfishing charter boat, the Wacky Jacky, with two big, bright king salmon after a day on the open ocean. Fishing and people are her life.

Jacky was born Jaqueline Detsch on October 3, 1928 in San Francisco. Do the math and you'll realize just one of the reasons that makes her special: at age 90, she is still the captain of her boat. Retirement is something she thinks about occasionally, but as she told San Francisco Chronicle reporter Tom Stienstra at the beginning of this year's salmon season, "If I can't run my boat, you might as well hang me out to dry."

Jacky attended Lincoln High School and studied journalism. Fresh out of high school in 1946, she started to work for a brand-new organization, the San Francisco 49ers. She was the Queen of the 49ers during its inaugural season under general manager Lou Spadia. After that season, Jacky began a modeling career with Alice of California, a San Francisco women's designer. Work had to take a temporary backseat when she met and married George James Douglas XVII at age 19. They soon had four daughters, Diana, Johanna, Lucinda and Roni, and Jacky focused on being a devoted mother and wife. In the mid 50s, it was George who kindled Jacky's passion for fishing. She joined him for one of his many trips on a party boat and thought to herself, "Gee, this is pretty neat; I wonder how we can get our own boat." In 1960, they scraped together enough money to buy a 28-foot double ender in Monterey which was christened the first Wacky Jacky and berthed in a backrow slip at Fisherman's Wharf.

By now, Jacky was thoroughly hooked on fishing. She decided to become a sportfishing charter boat captain—to the shock of the instructors at the Dovi Navigation School. There simply weren't any female captains, but in 1972 she became the first one. License in hand, she purchased a 36-foot boat from her friend Albie Spadaro, the second Wacky Jacky. To this day, she is the only woman skipper in the San Francisco Bay Area fleet. Her third and current Wacky Jacky is a pristine 50-foot Delta she bought in 1976 which is berthed in the number one slot at Jones and Jefferson streets at Fisherman's Wharf.

Making it in this male-dominated world wasn't easy. The petite, 5-foot Captain Jacky Douglas endured plenty of contempt, ridicule,

and cat calls in the beginning of her career, but as time passed, she won people over with her skills, perseverance, warmth and humor. She has taken over 150,000 people fishing and they usually return with fishing limits and great stories to tell. She loves to share what she calls Wacky Jacky's World. "The atmosphere is so heavenly. You just completely don't even think about what's going on in the rest of the world. You are out here trying to catch a fish, enjoy the people. It's a wonderful, wonderful world."

Her skills, advocacy and boundless energy have earned her a long list of awards and nicknames. She was inducted into the California Outdoors Hall of Fame in 2013 for her outstanding work as a salmon boat skipper, naturalist and conservationist. It is worth pointing out that she received a record 40 out of, 41 votes. She has been called the First Lady of Salmon Fishing, and California's No. 1 goodwill ambassador and advocate for salmon, fisheries conservation and water issues. She has represented the Golden Gate Fisherman's Association at state and federal hearings. And she is the public face of salmon fishing having appeared in hundreds of television, radio and print stories.

In 2008, Jacky lost her husband George to cancer. It was only recently that she found new romance which was tragically cut short. Last year, she and long-time family friend and fellow skipper Roger Thomas became a couple. The two resembled a teenage couple head over heels in love. Roger worshipped Jacky. In a horrible twist of fate, Roger was diagnosed with terminal cancer, given just weeks to live. Jacky took care of Roger for six months, making his remaining time the best anyone could make it. Those who knew Roger had never seen him that happy.

I have known Jacky Douglas for eight years and believe that making other people happy is her foremost priority in life. For every holiday, I receive a box of sweets and her famous origami fish in Valentines, Easter, Christmas, or whatever occasion colors with a heartwarming note sending me "Best Fishes." Jacky Douglas has a heart of gold.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to celebrate the 90th birthday of a remarkable woman with a heartfelt "woohoo," one of her favorite expressions of joy, excitement and happiness. May Captain Jacky Douglas, the extraordinary huntress of the sea, continue to bring joy to everyone around her for years to come.

HONORING KELLY HARPER

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Kelly Harper, who was just named the District of Columbia's 2019 Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Harper is a third-grade teacher at Amidon-Bowen Elementary School in the District and a native Washingtonian. She has been teaching for seven years. Because of her talent, she also trains other D.C. teachers, and she serves on Amidon-Bowen's Flamboyant Foundation Family Engagement Leadership Team.

Ms. Harper believes that her teaching empowers her students, helping them become visionary leaders for the future who will fight for positive social change.

Ms. Harper's award, which is given annually to a D.C. public school teacher who demonstrates outstanding leadership and commitment to student achievement, also includes a well-deserved \$7,500 prize and \$1,500 to support travel to national conferences.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Kelly Harper for her achievement as the District of Columbia's 2019 Teacher of the Year and for her outstanding work with students in the District of Columbia.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF DAVID TYLER CARLETON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of David Tyler Carleton, a resident of Bourne, Massachusetts, who will turn 100 years young on November 27th.

Mr. Carleton has been lucky enough to call Massachusetts his home for much of his life. Born in East Bridgewater, David graduated from Mount Hermon Prep School and then attended college at Syracuse University. Feeling a call to serve his country, he left Syracuse to enlist in the Air Force during World War II. The tenets of brotherhood and service, two values engrained in him during his military experience, have had a profound effect on David's life.

After leaving the service, David met and married Marjorie Neville, and they lived in Brockton, Massachusetts for 55 years. While in Brockton, they volunteered at the Veterans Administration Hospital for 35 years where David never missed assisting during Sunday chapel services. The importance of brotherhood has never left David, and his fellow Masons at the Paul Revere Lodge of Freemasons in Brockton can attest to his over 60 years of activity in that community.

He has passed his commitment to service on to the next generations as well. David is father to one son, grandfather to two, and great-grandfather to four!

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor David Tyler Carleton on this joyous occasion of his 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing him many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING DR. DAVID WELSH

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Dr. David Welsh for his contribution to our state and his community.

This year, Dr. Welsh was honored for Excellence in State Advocacy for his lifelong commitment to advocating on behalf of patients in