

Indiana and his encouragement of other surgeons to engage in advocacy. Our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, the Doc is among my closest friends in politics and was one of my earliest and most vocal supporters. I want to thank him for his friendship and incredible support of my work in Congress. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

HONORING THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE AKRON BRASS COMPANY

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Akron Brass Company, an organization formed on December 26, 1918 to produce couplings for the rubber lined fire hose market. Starting in Akron, Ohio, it relocated to Wooster, Ohio in 1920 and by the mid 1920's expanded its product offering to include not only hose couplings and mill supplies, but fire department equipment as well.

Over the past 100 years, the Akron Brass Company has enjoyed a long and storied journey of quality, service, and growth. Their priority has been developing products you trust to protect property and lives. The company has patented hundreds of products over the years and employed generations of hard working employees, with strong values, dedicated to meeting the needs of the fire service. Today, Akron Brass is a customer-driven, global manufacturer of fire fighting and emergency response equipment committed to moving the fire industry forward. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize an organization that has and continues to develop innovations that increase job safety and efficiency.

RECOGNIZING MR. BRAD GEHRING'S THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Brad Gehring's thirty-five years of service in law enforcement, including twenty-eight years as Outagamie County Sheriff and the successful legacy he leaves as Outagamie County's top law enforcement officer. Sheriff Gehring's outstanding career consists of many professional accomplishments that reflect the caliber of his leadership and service.

Sheriff Gehring began working for the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department in 1983 as a corrections officer. His work ethic and diligence advanced him from corrections officer to deputy to investigator. In 1990 he was elected Outagamie County Sheriff, just seven years after beginning his career, a true testament to his leadership abilities. From corrections officer to Sheriff, Mr. Gehring has

earned the respect of his peers and community not only in Outagamie County, but across the entire state of Wisconsin. It isn't often that a law enforcement officer serves the same county for nearly four decades.

During Sheriff Gehring's tenure, the county experienced incredible growth and improvements, including the construction of the Outagamie County Justice Center. Sheriff Gehring provided steadfast and unfailing leadership during times of change, while supporting his department and protecting our communities.

Mr. Gehring leaves large shoes to fill in the Sheriff's office, and his legacy and impact will not soon be forgotten. There is no doubt that Sheriff Gehring will be missed by the officers who worked and served with him, the county officials who depended upon him, and the members of the communities he helped keep safe. As Sheriff Gehring steps down to pursue other interests, I have no doubt he will continue to serve as a leader in Outagamie County and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending Mr. Gehring for his service as Sheriff and thank him for his long career protecting the great state of Wisconsin.

RECOGNITION OF 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. DAVE BRAT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. BRAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join the Midlothian community in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Bethlehem Baptist Church. Founded in 1918, Bethlehem Baptist Church remains a pillar in the area and a beacon of light throughout the community in Midlothian, Virginia. Since its inception, Bethlehem Baptist Church has encouraged and empowered individuals with their message of hope, while encouraging the pursuit of opportunity through spiritual growth, education, economic empowerment and development.

On behalf of the Seventh Congressional District of Virginia, I want to extend my congratulations to the church, the congregation, and the surrounding community for preserving one hundred years of faith and tradition.

HONORING BARB HACKMAN

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 Barb Hackman for her contribution to our state and Bartholomew County.

As Chair of the Bartholomew County Republican Party, Barb has given countless hours toward advancing our shared conservative principles. Barb's positive spirit and quick smile have made an incredible difference in Columbus. Our state is better off today because of her extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Barb is among my closest friends in politics. She is a loyal friend and a wise adviser. I want to thank Barb for her incredible support of my work in Congress. And, I wish her continued success in all that God has planned for her family.

HONORING JOHN TAYLOR, JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Taylor, Jr. for his outstanding service to the City of Jackson.

Mr. John Taylor, Jr., is a native of Jackson, Mississippi. He was raised and nurtured in a Christian home by his parents, John and Letha Taylor.

Taylor accepted his call to the ministry at 16 years of age at New Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson and has continued spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through his ministry ever since.

In the year of 2001, Taylor graduated from Lanier High School and later studied business administration at Belhaven University from 2007 to 2010.

He is the founder of many initiatives in the Jackson Metro Area: The Frank E. Melton Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner, which caters to over 200 senior citizens annually; the John Jr. Gospel Ministries; the John Taylor-Wood Street Christmas Toy Give Away; and the Annual God Loves You Community Festival in JC Park.

Taylor obtained a magnitude of skills after training with FEMA's Emergency Management Institute and later assisted individuals on the Gulf Coast during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

He is an exceptional member of the Jackson Medical Mall Community Advisory Board. Mississippi State's Department of Health certified Taylor as an HIV and STD Prevention Counselor.

Taylor is a contributing member of the following organizations: King Hiram Grand Lodge; First Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi; Police Benevolent Association, Inc.; and the Lanier High School National Alumni Association.

Taylor's mission has been to assist others through community service while simultaneously serving as a mentor and role model for all those he encounters. The love of his life, Sherwana Taylor, has been of major support throughout all his endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. John Taylor, Jr. for his years of dedicated leadership and servanthood to the Jackson community.

CONGRATULATING HÉLÈNE ONSERUD

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Héléne Onserud for her unwavering commitment to the children, teens,

and families of Sunset Park, Brooklyn and her impeccable work at the Center for Family Life over the last 33 years.

Center for Family Life, a program of SCO Family of Services, is a neighborhood-based family and social services organization with deep roots in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. As Program Director, Hélène has helped to enrich the quality of afterschool, evening, and summer programs reaching more than 2,000 Sunset Park community members every single year.

Hélène is a true example of an extraordinary community leader. Hélène started as an art specialist, and through her hard work and tireless dedication, attained her Master's Degree in Social Work, then arose to become multi-site director at the Center for Family Life in Sunset Park.

As multi-site director, Hélène laid the foundation for the new leaders at Public School 503 and Public School 506. Even as she steps back from her role, Hélène's warmth, spirit and contributions will be impactful for years to come. Mr. Speaker, please join me in saluting Hélène Onserud for decades of life changing work.

LINDSAY ADAMS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Lindsay Adams for being nominated as a finalist for the Illinois State Board of Education's 2019 Teacher of the Year Award.

Ms. Adams teaches chemistry, physics, forensic, and unified sciences at Gallatin County High School. Last year, Ms. Adams made a documentary about the total solar eclipse that she and her students tracked as it passed over North America, for which she was nominated for a Mid-America Emmy. Her willingness to engage her students exemplifies the qualities of an excellent teacher.

As a former teacher, I understand the important role that teachers play in our community. I am confident that, with educators such as Ms. Adams, our youth are in good hands.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to applaud Ms. Adams' well-deserved nomination for the Illinois State Board of Education's 2019 Teacher of the Year Award and wish her and her students the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING VICTOR 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 Victor Whitehead for his contribution to Delaware County, and our state.

Victor is a hard worker and a great advocate as County Chair in Delaware County. Over the years, he has worked tirelessly to advance Republican values and to improve the quality of life for Hoosiers living in the City of Muncie. It has been an honor to work with

him. Our state and Delaware County is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Victor has been a loyal friend and wise adviser during my entire tenure in Congress. I would like to thank him for his friendship and support of my work. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DALLAS CHAPTER OF THE GIRL FRIENDS, INCORPORATED

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 35th anniversary of the Dallas Chapter of the Girl Friends, Incorporated. On September 12, 1975, I invited a few close friends with similar ideas and dreams to my home to discuss how we could make an impact on the Dallas community.

As we began to meet and brainstorm, the St. Louis Chapter of Girl Friends took us under their wing and encouraged us to create our own chapter.

The Charter members of the Dallas Chapter of the Girl Friends include Velma Bedford, Dorothy Chambers, Jennifer Clark, Doloroes Craig, Earlene Deere, Roslyn Fitch, Joan Sessoms Ford, Veronica Marshall Frazier, Honorable EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, Marvinell Johnson, Cheryl Malone, Dr. Vivienne Malone Mayes, Millie Montgomery, Hazel Moore, Faye Powell, Sandra Sutton, Mary Lois Sweatt, Marye Thomas, Mildred W. Thomas, and Marquerite Williams.

The chapter upholds the ideal that education is important and since its inception, has regularly supported female college students with scholarship funds that can be used for books, transportation and other personal needs. Our most recent scholarship recipient, and HBCU student, was also awarded an academic scholarship from The Girl Friends Fund, Inc.

The chapter has supported the NAACP project, Black Arts and History, African American Museum, Black Dallas Remembered, YWCA, Aging for Black Women's Conference Politics and Health Symposiums, Austin Street Shelter Ministries, Vogel Alcove, The Family Place, Letot Girl's Residential Center, The Agape Clinic, The Dallas Life Foundation and West Dallas Community Center.

As I reflect on the great milestones and paths that The Girl Friends have created within the past thirty-five years, I am honored and proud of all we have accomplished and the positive impact it has had on our community. It is with great admiration that I congratulate The Dallas Chapter of the Girl Friends on achieving this wonderful milestone, and wish them the best on all future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO ALESSIO "AL" GIZZI

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Alessio "Al" Gizzi. Al passed away on November 25 from natural causes at the age of 97.

Born in Waterbury, Connecticut, Al lived nearly his entire life in Connecticut. As a part of the "Greatest Generation", he enlisted in the Marine Corps and fought during World War Two. Eventually rising to the rank of Sergeant, he saw action in the Pacific, and served until the war's end.

After his discharge, Al moved back to the Hartford, Connecticut area, joining the Teamsters Union and working as a deliveryman and route salesman for Mother's Pies and later for Table Talk Pies. He retired in 1983, but never one to enjoy the idleness of retirement, he rejoined the workforce and spent seven years at the Cigna Insurance Company in Bloomfield.

It was after his discharge that he married Roslyn Ann Guglielmetti, his wife of sixty-nine years. They were together until her death in 2014. They had one son, John. Al also leaves behind a sister, Mary, two nieces, a nephew, and two grand-nephews.

I knew Al through his son John. John, currently the White House reporter for Newsmax, is a master of politics, wit, and wisdom. He is a friend and quite literally my mentor. My first paid job in Washington, D.C. was that of his intern at the Human Events newspaper. John has been a fixture at White House press conferences and events, and is respected by everyone who has worked with him. I know Al counts John as one of his life's best accomplishments.

John's incredible strength will get him through this difficult time, and I ask everyone to keep John and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COMMANDER VICTORIA MARUM'S 11 YEARS OF SERVICE TO HER COUNTRY AND HER HONORABLE RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lieutenant Commander Victoria Marum on her separation from the United States Navy after 11 years of faithful service to our country.

An esteemed member of the United States Navy, Lieutenant Commander Marum most recently served as a Liaison in the Navy's U.S. House of Representatives Liaison Office. In this capacity, she oversaw and led countless Congressional and staff delegations to naval installations throughout the United States and the world. These trips greatly helped members and their staffs achieve a greater understanding of the issues facing our Navy and its Sailors from all over the world.

I was so grateful for Lieutenant Commander Marum's guidance during delegations that I