

courage and sacrifice of the people of Poland, who never lost their determination to advance the cause of Polish independence. Let us come together to wish the Polish people one hundred years more of close friendship between our nations and the democratic values that bind us.

HONORING BRIAN GAMACHE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Brian Gamache, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

Brian worked in my Indiana office for nearly a year, serving as a member of our political operations team. Brian has an incredible work ethic and was a tremendous asset to our team.

On a personal note, Brian is a positive, no excuses, nose to the grind stone kind of leader that makes every team stronger. I enjoyed our many trips and long talks traveling the state of Indiana. I want to thank Brian for his friendship and his hard work in our office. I wish Brian continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

RECOGNIZING MRS. EVELYN WALKER ROBINSON ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Mrs. Evelyn Walker Robinson on a momentous milestone, her 100th birthday, which was on December 2, 2018. Evelyn will be celebrating with family and friends on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at First Baptist Church in Gary, Indiana.

Evelyn Walker Robinson was born on December 2, 1918, in Montgomery, Alabama, to Homer and India Walker. When Evelyn was only fifteen months old, she and her family relocated to Gary. Shortly after, in 1920, her family joined First Baptist Church, where Evelyn has remained a devoted and faithful parishioner ever since. She was married to her beloved husband, Wesley Ben (Bennie) Robinson, for many years until his passing in 1968.

Evelyn worked most of her life, holding various positions within state and local government agencies, including the Lake County Department of Public Welfare and what is now known as the Division of Family Resources. Mrs. Robinson also worked for twenty-eight years for the Lake County Economic Opportunity Council, during which time she served as the director of the Emergency Food and Medical Services Program and the Nutrition Program for the Elderly.

In addition to her career in the public sector, Mrs. Robinson has selflessly given of her time

and efforts to charitable work, serving as a member of the Midtown Gary Neighborhood Naturally Occurring Retirement Community. Evelyn has also been a dedicated and hard-working parishioner of First Baptist Church throughout the years. She has supported and devoted her time to many of the community and church programs, including the Baptist Young Peoples Union, Sunday School, Girl Scouts of America, Daughters of Charity, Deaconess Board, Sadie Mack Mission Circle, and the Board of Christian Education. For her tireless commitment to the community of Gary and to First Baptist Church, Evelyn is worthy of the highest praise.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Evelyn Walker Robinson on her special day. Evelyn's selfless and lifelong dedication to serving those most in need throughout the community of Gary and beyond is remarkable, and she is truly an inspiration and role model for us all. Please join me in wishing Evelyn Walker Robinson a very happy 100th birthday.

TRIBUTE TO KRISTEN STONE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Kristen Stone. Kristen and her fellow teammates created the winning app in Iowa's Third District for the Congressional App Challenge 2018. Their team attends Waukee High School and Prairie View Middle School in Waukee, Iowa.

The Congressional App Challenge encourages students to learn how to code through annual district-wide competitions hosted by Members of Congress for their district. The team's app was entitled "FastLane." It was designed to give students and parents information about their bus routes, bus delays and assist with changing routes.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Kristen for creating the winning app with her team. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Kristen and wishing her nothing but continued success.

HONORING DOMINIQUE YANTKO

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Dominique Yantko, for her work in my office and her service to our state.

Dom served as a Legislative Assistant in our Washington, D.C. office for more than a year. She handled the armed services, veterans' affairs, healthcare, budget, energy and commerce, and foreign affairs legislative port-

folios. Dom brought a wealth of knowledge and expertise, specifically on issues relating to the military and our veterans.

On a personal note, I admire Dom's loyalty, intellect and work ethic. She has been a valuable member of our team, and I have no doubt Dom's future is very bright. I want to thank Dom for her friendship and her hard work in our office. I wish her continued success in all that God has planned for her and her family.

HONORING MAYOR RALPH RUBIO

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the retiring Mayor of Seaside, California, Ralph Rubio, for his career in public service and his commitment to serving the people of the central coast of California. His leadership has improved the lives of many, and I am honored to acknowledge this legacy today in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Throughout his two decades in public office, Mayor Rubio has remained committed to growing the local economy and increasing access to city services for residents. During his time on the Seaside City Council, Mayor Rubio led initiatives that prioritized city development and diligent budgeting. As Mayor of Seaside, he supported the expansion of vital city services, including police and fire departments, anti-gang and drug programs, and city beautification. Seaside students benefit daily from his work to support increased funding for public schools, allowing for necessary repairs, improving school safety, and retaining quality educators. Mr. Rubio's record of serving his constituents certainly left a lasting impact on the City of Seaside and the Monterey Peninsula.

A lifelong resident of Seaside, Mr. Rubio has continuously demonstrated his commitment to civic engagement. He has dedicated his time to multiple boards and commissions, working diligently to improve transportation infrastructure and decrease water pollution. He also served as Chair of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority, overseeing the development of the former military base to strengthen the local economy while also protecting the environment.

In addition to his professional efforts, Mr. Rubio is an active volunteer for many organizations. He has chaired the Seaside Special Olympics Committee, offering sports training and competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, and is a proud member of the National Council of La Raza and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

As Mr. Rubio celebrates his retirement, I am proud to commend him on his invaluable work as a public servant for the past two decades. On behalf of Central Coast residents, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Seaside Mayor Ralph Rubio for his public service and wishing him a long and healthy retirement.

CONGRATULATING
TOM
CONNAUGHTON ON HIS RETIRE-
MENT FROM A DISTINGUISHED
CAREER

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tom Connaughton, who is retiring from Cook Medical Group in Canton, Illinois. Mr. Connaughton served as Vice President of Government Affairs for Cook Medical Group for 15 years, and has had a stellar career in public service.

Mr. Connaughton served as a staff member for Senator Birch Bayh for many years. He began working for Sen. Bayh in 1969, and in 1970, was called to active duty in Vietnam as a captain in military intelligence, where he was awarded a Bronze Star. He returned to Sen. Bayh's staff in 1974, where he served as Counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee. He then served as Issues Director for Sen. Bayh's reelection campaign in 1974 and presidential campaign in 1976. Mr. Connaughton moved to Sen. Bayh's personal staff in 1978 taking on the position of Legislative Director, and later becoming an Administrative Director from 1979 to 1980. After leaving Sen. Bayh's staff, Mr. Connaughton became a founding partner and managing partner of Bayh, Connaughton, and Stewart. From 2000 to 2003 Mr. Connaughton was the President of the American Association for Homecare, and from 2003 to 2018 he served as the Vice President of Government Affairs for Cook Group. I commend Mr. Connaughton on an outstanding career of public service and wish him the best as he begins to enjoy a well-earned retirement.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Mr. Tom Connaughton that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Mr. Tom Connaughton for an exceptional career and thank him for all of his contributions and service to the community of Canton.

HONORING AMY BURKE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a longtime member of my staff, Amy Burke, for her work in my office and her service to our state.

Amy has been on our team from the very beginning, working as our office manager and scheduler in my Washington, D.C. office. Amy is a rock star and has been making sure the trains run on time for years. She is an invaluable part of our team and her service and hard work have been unparalleled.

On a personal note, words cannot express the appreciation my family has for Amy's extraordinary commitment to us over the past six years. We literally could not have made this journey without her.

I want to thank Amy for her friendship and dedication to our work. I wish her and Sean

continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY COTTER

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, upon the occasion of his retirement, I rise today to give special recognition to Lawrence P. "Larry" Cotter, a great friend and an outstanding, hardworking, and dedicated Alaskan. Larry has contributed tremendously to the positive evolution of our fisheries management in Alaska, the Pacific Northwest, and indeed the entire country. Larry has lived in Alaska and worked in the commercial fishing industry since 1974. He spent over four years as a seafood processing worker in Juneau, and eight years as a labor organizer and representative for seafood processing workers and longshoremen. Larry served on the Advisory Panel to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council for six years and then as a voting member of the Council for an additional six years. The time of Larry's service on the Council was during the transition years when foreign fishing was being phased out, our U.S. domestic fishing and processing capabilities were stepping up to replace the foreign fleets, and allocation issues among U.S. fisheries interests were first coming to the forefront. These were difficult, challenging, and exciting times—during which Larry was chair of several committees, including the Bycatch Committee and Crab Management Committee. Larry also served as chair of the Council's Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee and Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute's Responsible Fisheries Management Committee.

Most recently, until late this year, Larry has served as founding CEO of the Community Development Quota (CDQ) Group, known as the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association, or "APICDA." It is in this area of service to APICDA and his helping to develop, implement and sustain, not only APICDA, but the entire CDQ program, that Larry did perhaps his best work, accomplishing goals that will have positive impacts on Western Alaskan Communities for generations to come. Larry's work on the formation of Alaska's CDQ program has benefited all of the participating communities and his more than twenty-five years with APICDA has helped to develop the workforce, build infrastructure, and improve the economy throughout the Western Alaska Region.

Larry's longtime leadership in the seafood industry has helped to guide and shape the policies and programs that many enjoy today. Many observers, myself included, have correctly noted that Alaska has the best managed fisheries in the country, perhaps in the world, and I know we could not have achieved that status without Larry's tireless dedication and devotion to making our seafood industry sustainable for the long haul. Thank you Larry for your tremendous contributions to sustainable fisheries and to the participation of our coastal communities in those fisheries. Enjoy your retirement, and best of luck in your continuing endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO ARYA KARNIK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Arya Karnik. Arya and his fellow teammates created the winning app in Iowa's Third District for the Congressional App Challenge 2018. Their team attends Waukee High School and Prairie View Middle School in Waukee, Iowa.

The Congressional App Challenge encourages students to learn how to code through annual district-wide competitions hosted by Members of Congress for their district. The team's app was entitled "FastLane." It was designed to give students and parents information about their bus routes, bus delays and assist with changing routes.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Arya for creating the winning app with his team. I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Arya and wishing him nothing but continued success.

HONORING JENNA KNEPPER

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Jenna Knepper, for her work in my office and her service to our state.

Jenna worked in my Indiana office for nearly a year, serving as our political director. Jenna has an incredible work ethic and was a tremendous asset to our organization. She brought a wealth of experience and knowledge to our team and was someone I could rely on for on the ground political advice.

On a personal note, Jenna is one of the most positive people I have ever met. She is the kind of leader that makes every team better. And, I have no doubt that her biggest achievements lie ahead.

I want to thank Jenna for her friendship and her hard work in our office. I wish her continued success in all that God has planned for her family.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT OF 1968

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 3, 2018

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it brings me great joy and honor to commemorate the impact of The Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of The Civil Rights Act. We owe a huge part of this monumental legislation to the Civil Rights workers, President Lyndon B. Johnson, and Congress. Their dedication to ensure equality will never be in vain or forgotten. I