

RECOGNIZING AL-ROSS SCREEN  
PRINTING AND EMBROIDERY AS  
BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 15, 2018*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Al-Ross Screen Printing & Embroidery as the West Seneca Chamber of Commerce's choice for the 2018 Business of the Year Award on Thursday, February 15th at Kloc's Grove.

For 45 years, Al-Ross has provided embroiders and screen print clothing and apparel for the Western New York area. Through their talented work, Al-Ross allows people and organizations of all sorts a sense of identity, professionalism and an unforgettable local brand.

Along with Al-Ross's strong business sense comes an equally strong sense of community and giving back. Following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Al-Ross raised and donated more than \$20,000. Locally, the business founded and supported the Athlete of the Month Club in West Seneca schools, giving students athletes t-shirts promoting their achievements. Al-Ross consistently donates to basket raffles and fundraisers for schools, clubs, churches, benefits, and charities.

Embodying community spirit, when the Buffalo Bills made the NFL playoffs for the first time in seventeen years, Al-Ross rose to the challenge and quickly created customized shirts for fans. The Seneca Street fixture saw lines out the door as excited Western New Yorkers rushed to support their team and their business.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to honor Al-Ross Screen Printing & Embroidery as they receive the 2018 Business of the Year Award from the West Seneca Chamber of Commerce. The contributions to our community made by this business are commendable, and I wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING ILDEFONSO  
GUAJARDO VILLARREAL

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 15, 2018*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Secretary of the Economy of Mexico, Ildefonso Guajardo Villarreal. Mr. Guajardo has been chosen as Mexico's honoree for the prestigious League of United Latin American Citizens Council No. 12 (LULAC) Señor Internacional award.

Mr. Guajardo, a Mexican economist and public servant, was born April 19, 1957 in Monterey, Nuevo León. He received his Bachelor's degree in Economics from the Autonomous University of Nuevo León. Subsequently, Mr. Guajardo pursued graduate studies in Economics at Arizona State University and the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Guajardo began his long and successful career in the 1980s. He would hold several important positions, including Economist at the International Monetary Fund, Director of the North American Free Trade Agreement Affairs

Office, and Chief Clerk at the Foreign Affairs Ministry. He would later serve in Nuevo León as head of the Governor's Executive Office and soon after, Mr. Guajardo would be elected as a congressman. In 2012, Mr. Guajardo assumed the office of Secretary of the Economy of Mexico, appointed by President Enrique Peña Nieto. He is currently negotiating the ongoing North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) between Mexico, the United States, and Canada.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Mr. Guajardo's accomplishments and tireless service to Mexico. I congratulate him on receiving the prestigious LULAC No. 12 Señor Internacional award. His dedication to others has had a very significant impact on the lives of many citizens in Mexico and the United States.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FACILITATING VETERANS' EDUCATION ACT

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 15, 2018*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, the Department of Defense provides exceptional training and experiences to our nation's servicemembers. For each occupation in the military, servicemembers undergo a series of formal military training courses.

For years, the American Council on Education (ACE) has evaluated that training and related experiences to provide colleges and universities with guidelines and recommendations to consider when awarding credit for such training. For instance, ACE may recommend that colleges award one semester credit hour of first aid for a soldier who has taken basic combat training.

Since 2013, the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard have produced the Joint Services Transcript (JST), an official documentation of a servicemember's military training and their corresponding ACE credit recommendations. The JST allows veterans to earn college credit for their military service, helping them attain a college degree sooner.

While the document is available through an online portal, there are reports of servicemembers leaving the military unaware of the JST.

Therefore, I am introducing the bipartisan Facilitating Veterans' Education Act, which directs the Department of Defense to issue the Joint Services Transcript to servicemembers separating from the Armed Forces.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
WAUSEON HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM FOR WINNING THE  
OHIO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 15, 2018*

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Ohio High School Athletic Association Division II Team Wrestling State Champion Wauseon Indians. After finishing runner up in

2016 and 2017, Wauseon topped Mentor Lake Catholic in the championship to capture the first team title of any sport in school history.

Wauseon has a rich tradition in wrestling, winning the Northwest Ohio Athletic League twelve times. Under the tutelage of coach Mike Ritter, Wauseon was able to win the title by first going through Washington Court House and Canfield High School on the way to the finals.

These student-athletes gave it their all, and the Wauseon community should be proud of them. Wrestling tests the mettle of its competitors, and it takes grit, determination, and toughness to compete at a high level. In addition to practice, student-athletes are asked to meet certain academic standards and exceed them as well. These competitors deserve our recognition.

Once again, congratulations to Coach Mike Ritter and the rest of the Wauseon wrestling team on a job well done.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.  
BILLY JOE WESTBROOK

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 15, 2018*

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of World War II veteran and dear friend, Dr. Billy Joe Westbrook of Channelview, Texas. Dr. Westbrook went to be with the Lord on February 13, 2018 at the age of 91.

He was born on November 8, 1926 in a house three miles west of Electra, Texas. His parents were caring and hardworking people who instilled those same qualities in their sons. His long life was defined by determination and honor and like his parents, he worked hard and gave much.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a medic, which led him to dentistry. He graduated from Midwestern University with a B.S. in Chemistry then earned a D.D.S. from the University of Texas, graduating in the top 10 percent of his class.

During the Korean War he entered the Air Force as a dental officer. After serving honorably, B.J. opened a dental practice in Columbus, Texas then moved to the Northeast area of Houston where he became heavily involved in its civic, political, medical and educational communities. In 1958, he and a group of local businessmen founded the Rotary Club of North Shore, Houston, Texas. Their signature event, the Rotary Club Catfish Crawfish Boil currently raises over \$300,000 annually.

B.J. was passionate about serving people above himself. He served on many state and collegiate boards and was president of the Harris County Fresh Water District 51 for fifty years. In recognition of his many contributions Westbrook Street, located in East Houston, was named after him. Though an avid hunter, fisherman, scuba diver and pilot, his first love was people. His vision, philanthropy and laughter made him an icon and hero to all who knew him.

B.J. was married to Rosalie Westbrook for sixty years until she passed away in 2007. Their middle daughter, Marcie, died in 2015. He is survived by his two daughters René

and Mickie, two brothers Ken and Floyd Westbrook, and host of adoring nephews, nieces and friends.

My prayers are with the family and friends of Dr. Westbrook. He had a full life and will be missed.

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RECOGNIZING SHELL FAB & DESIGN AS THE WEST SENECA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBER OF THE YEAR

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 15, 2018*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Shell Fab & Design as the West Seneca Chamber of Commerce's

2018 Chamber Member of the Year. For over a quarter of a century, Shell Fab & Design has characterized what it means to be a successful small business and active member of the community, donating to various important causes and charities while maintaining over forty full-time employees.

Shell Fab & Design has specialized in providing customers in the Western New York area with high quality residential and commercial surfacing work, cabinetry, and kitchen countertops. Because of its renowned service, Shell Fab & Design has gained a well-deserved reputation in the community as a leader in the stone countertop industry.

Along with consistently providing excellence in the custom and manufacturing aspects of the countertop business, Shell Fab & Design has kept ahead of the curve through innovation. It is this ability to keep up with the ever-changing nature of the economy while pro-

viding an exceptional level of quality that has allowed the business to thrive and expand.

Shell Fab & Design is as generous as it is successful. The business contributes to Queen of Heaven Parish, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the West Seneca Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, and breast cancer research. Frequently, they donate cutting board sets to school fundraisers, sports fundraisers, and other charitable causes.

Mr. Speaker, I wish again to recognize an exceptional business, Shell Fab & Design, and all that their employees do for West Seneca and the greater Western New York region. I congratulate Shell Fab & Design on their selection as the West Seneca Chamber of Commerce's 2018 Chamber Member of the Year and wish the business and its employees success in all future endeavors.