

non-profits and government and is a masterful networker. She has her hands in publishing, website design, video production, event planning, business development, beautification, hospitality, you name it. There is no task Charise won't tackle.

A San Mateo County native, Charise earned her BA from Notre Dame de Namur University and the University of California, Davis. She has been married to her beloved husband Jack for 35 years and they have three children, Byron, Tamara and Josh, and six grandchildren, Annabelle, Sadie, Jacob, Chloe, Jaden and Asha.

Charise announced that she will retire this year, but she won't leave her post until she can help one more time with the Pumpkin Festival, one of Half Moon Bay's signature events that draws hundreds of thousands of people to the coast. After that, she will do some consulting work. That is Charise, never idle and always engaged.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Charise McHugh for her exceptional service to her community. She has transformed the Chamber of Commerce into a powerhouse that has helped make Half Moon Bay into a destination. Residents and visitors alike benefit from her contributions every day and will continue to do so for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF MR. SETH ADAMS

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many accomplishments of Seth Adams as Save Mount Diablo's (SMD) Land Conservation Director. During his twenty-five years of work at Save Mount Diablo, Mr. Adams has played a large role in shaping the conservation movement in the East Bay. During his tenure, SMD has assisted in the preservation of more than 100,000 acres of open space in eastern Alameda and Contra Costa counties, successfully reintroduced the peregrine falcons at Mt. Diablo, and aided in the development of hundreds of millions of dollars of conservation funding.

Mr. Adams began his career of conservation service in the East Bay after moving to Berkeley in 1981 and volunteering for the campaign against the Peripheral Canal in the Delta. He then joined SMD as its first hired staff member. Under his guidance, SMD has championed efforts of restoration and stewardship, aiming to preserve, defend, and restore the remaining 70,000 acres on Mount Diablo and its foothills.

Mr. Adams's commitment to promoting the success and well-being of Contra Costa's nature and wildlife is deeply appreciated by the community he serves, and he should be proud of SMD's many notable accomplishments during his tenure.

I thank Mr. Adams for his service and congratulate him on his 30th work anniversary.

KISD BRINGS HOME 3 GOLD MEDALS IN STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate three TX-22 Katy Independent School District (ISD) state wrestling champions—Kayla De Leon, Gabi Holloway and Daniel Manibog.

Cinco Ranch High School's Kayla De Leon finished her senior season with an individual gold medal and a 35–2 record. Gabi Holloway, a junior at Seven Lakes High School, finished off an undefeated 9–0 season with a gold medal. Daniel Manibog, a repeated state champion from Katy High School, also received a gold medal and pinned his final match in 45 seconds. Each of these students has made Katy and all of Texas proud!

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to each of you on your accomplishments. I look forward to seeing what you will accomplish in the future.

TRIBUTE TO LIZ SKILLERN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Liz Skillern of Shenandoah, Iowa for her selection as the Valley News' 2017 Person of the Year. Liz is a teacher and coach at Shenandoah High School in Shenandoah.

Liz is a native of Aurelia, Iowa. She attended Northwest University and earned a degree in education and coaching. She has taught various subjects over the years and has been instrumental in starting cross-country programs in several schools. Liz has been very successful coaching girls cross-country programs and leading them to state qualifying events. She has a reputation of fostering dedicated and hardworking athletes and has earned the respect of her students.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Liz for earning this award. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Liz for her many accomplishments in education and coaching and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING DR. JOYCE GATES BLACK

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize Dr. Joyce Gates Black, President of Delaware County Community College (DCCC)—the first female, as well as the first African-American, President to lead the institution in its 50 year history.

Dr. Gates Black has worked tirelessly to promote students' success, ensuring they have a clear path to graduation and are equipped with the skills a modern workforce demands. Her efforts have made her an exceptionally well respected higher education administrator.

In addition to her experience leading colleges across the country, Dr. Gates Black served our nation honorably in the U.S. Air Force where she developed leadership abilities that now help her lead institutions like DCCC.

Dr. Gates Black is being presented with the Woman of Achievement Award from the Delaware County Women's Commission, an honor she much deserves. I join in recognizing her as a distinguished leader in higher education in Pennsylvania and across the country. I wish Dr. Joy Gates Black many years of continued success at the helm of DCCC.

MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY, SNOW VALLEY AWARDED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Snow Valley Mountain Resort, which has been named the Lake Arrowhead Communities Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. Snow Valley is the oldest continually operating ski resort in Southern California, having begun operations in 1924.

Celebrating their 80th year anniversary this 2017–2018 ski season, Snow Valley employs nearly 400 people during their high season. They have consistently contributed and stimulated the local tourist economy of the area. Snow Valley instructors have taught thousands how to ski and snow board at their Learning Center, which includes an Adaptive Learning Facility. Additionally, Snow Valley has been active in the local community by supporting projects including the Active Transportation Project grant program and the Running Springs to Big Bear trail system. The Resort was also one of the driving forces behind the construction of the first hospital in Lake Arrowhead.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I would like to thank Snow Valley for their contributions to the local economy in Lake Arrowhead, as well as being an important part of the culture, history, and heritage of our local mountain communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF DANIEL WALTON ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. LATTI. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Daniel Walton of Perrysburg, Ohio has been

offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Daniel's offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2022. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of a lifetime.

Daniel brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2022. While attending Perrysburg High School in Perrysburg, Ohio, Daniel was a Summa Cum Laude scholar, Senior Class President, Student Council Representative, and a school tutor.

Throughout high school, Daniel served as a team captain for football, wrestling, and rugby, earning multiple varsity letters. Daniel was also Vice President of DECA, volunteered at the Vision Soup Kitchen and Toledo YES Project, and participated in Buckeye Boys State. I am confident that Daniel will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Daniel Walton on his offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Daniel will excel during his career at West Point, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

TRIBUTE TO PAT AND HOWARD ELLIOTT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Pat and Howard Elliott of Farragut, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Pat and Howard's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 65th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

WORLD CIVILITY DAY ON APRIL 12, 2018

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and respect that I recognize the Community Civility Counts Initiative as the organization celebrates its third annual World Civility Day on April 12, 2018, along with the Gary Chamber of Commerce, the entire com-

munity of Northwest Indiana, and beyond. World Civility Day is a day in which we are asked to become aware of our behavior towards others and to become mindful of our thoughts, words, and actions. It is a day to remember that we can be better people in every area of life, and to remember that our actions serve as an example for generations to come. In observance of this special event, a day of civility-themed activities will be held at the Indiana Welcome Center in Hammond, and an awards banquet will follow in the evening at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville.

In 2015, Chuck Hughes, Executive Director of the Gary Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Gordon E. Bradshaw, Chairman of the Public Policy Committee, worked together through the Gary Chamber to create the Civility Counts Initiative. The organization's mission is to build public awareness of civility and to help transform communities through positive programs and relationships. The Initiative works to raise the consciousness level of individuals and groups of people, as so many of us face incidents of disrespect, intolerance, bullying, or violence. For striving to make a difference in our communities, the organization and its supporters are worthy of the highest praise.

The Initiative has been overwhelmingly successful and recognized throughout many communities. Civility Resolutions have been approved by many local municipal councils including those in Gary, Hammond, Valparaiso, La Porte, and Lake County. In addition, Civility Resolutions have also been approved by the Indiana House of Representatives and the Indiana Senate. Support for the Initiative has grown tremendously with numerous organizations and individuals dedicating their time and resources to this great cause year after year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating the Community Civility Counts Initiative and in celebrating World Civility Day. The significance of this movement will have a positive impact on generation after generation. For their influence, passion, and dedication to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond, the leaders and supporters of the Community Civility Counts Initiative are to be commended.

HONORING ANTHONY A. SCARPINO, JR.

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true community servant and friend, District Attorney Anthony Scarpino. This year, Anthony is being honored with the Man of the Year award by MPAC at their Third Annual Gala and I too would like to honor him on the occasion.

Tony, as he is better known, was born and raised in the City of Mount Vernon where he attended public school. After graduating, he attended the University of Connecticut and then Syracuse University College of Law where he earned his Juris Doctor Degree. After law school, Tony returned to his home where he began his career as an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Mount Vernon. In 1977, he left local government and joined the FBI as a Special Agent. In 1984, at

the age of thirty-two, Tony was appointed Acting Mount Vernon City Court Judge earning him the distinction of being the youngest judge in the city's history. Then in 1988, Tony was elected Westchester County Court Judge.

In 1993, Tony was elected to the New York State Supreme Court for the Ninth Judicial District before being elected Westchester County Surrogate in 2000, a post to which he was re-elected to in 2010. In 2015, Tony stepped down to join the private law firm DelBello, Donnellan, Weingarten, Wise & Wiederkehr LLP, leaving the bench for the first time in thirty years. He was then elected Westchester County District Attorney in 2016, where he has since served with great distinction.

Tony has dedicated his career to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice. He has been an inspiration, a dedicated public servant, and I want to congratulate him on receiving this wonderful honor.

THE UPCOMING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT—MANY ACHIEVEMENTS, YET IMPORTANT PROVISIONS NOT YET IMPLEMENTED

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, on March 22 I chaired a hearing at the Helsinki Commission on the achievements, with a special focus on the unfinished business, of the April 10, 1998 Good Friday Agreement. As Members know so well, the signing of the Good Friday Agreement 20 years ago was truly historic, extraordinarily difficult to achieve, a remarkable framework for peace, and the hope for beginning of reconciliation.

In its most important provisions, the agreement launched a series of challenging protocols, by which the leaders of the nationalist and unionist communities in Northern Ireland agreed to a better governance, and peaceful resolution of differences. Prisoner releases, new government structures, British demilitarization of the North, the decommissioning of paramilitary weapons and systemic police reform were achieved to varying degrees over the last 20 years. In the 30 years between 1969 and 1998, approximately 3,500 people were killed in political violence, while in the 20 years since the Good Friday Agreement fewer than 100 have lost their lives.

I have personally chaired 16 congressional hearings and markups of legislation on human rights issues in Northern Ireland, most of them with a special focus on police reform and the need to establish a public, independent judicial inquiry into state-sponsored collusion in the murder of human rights attorney Patrick Finucane and others who were gunned down or, in the case of Rosemary Nelson, killed by a bomb. I also offered legislation that was adopted by the House of Representatives that put the House on record condemning violence and promoting peace and justice in Northern Ireland and police reform. And I just recently introduced H. Res. 777 which calls for a recommitment of the United States, the British, and all parties, including the Republic of Ireland, to the peace process.