

Scott has also served on the boards of the National Association of Independent College and Universities and of NAFSA: Association of International Educators Public Policy Advisory Committee.

During his tenure, Scott worked tirelessly to secure federal funding for key educational initiatives benefitting students at Georgetown and at institutions of higher education across the country. He's won accolades for his work to shape the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill and related legislation to increase benefits available to veterans seeking to attend college and graduate school. In recent years, Scott has been at the forefront of efforts by Georgetown and other universities to prevent the deportation of DREAMers studying in this country, which they've called home from a young age, and wishing to be a part of building its future. Throughout his time at Georgetown, he's been a fervent promoter of public service careers, taking time to bring students to Capitol Hill and teaching classes at Georgetown's McCourt School of Public Policy.

Scott has been an advisor, friend, and—in my opinion—the embodiment of the Jesuit principles that make up the 'Spirit of Georgetown' throughout his career. I wish my fellow Hoya all the best in retirement and thank him for his service to the Congress, in the executive branch furthering educational opportunities in our country, and to Georgetown University and institutions of higher learning throughout America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID DOWNING

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 11, 2018*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of David M. Downing, a diligent worker, kind employer, devoted husband, father, brother, and friend. After a hard-fought battle with cancer, David passed away Sunday, April 8, 2018 at the age of 53.

David grew up in Orchard Park and graduated from Canisius High School. He continued to Princeton University where he earned his degree in History. While at Princeton, David played both golf and hockey for the University. After his time there, David returned to Buffalo to get his MBA from the University at Buffalo.

Eager to apply his skills, David started working outside of the family business at Procter & Gamble and Rich Products in sales and marketing. However, drawn towards the family profession, in 1994 he joined his brother Frank Downing, Jr. at Towne Automotive Group, the business started by their father, Frank Downing, Sr.

Together the two brothers worked side by side to grow their family business into one of the largest automobile dealers in the region. At one point, David even served as Vice President of the dealership, while Frank served as President. The brothers proved to be a good pair in business and worked together harmoniously. When Towne's longtime Chief Financial Officer Mike Smith retired, David assumed his role. In this position David managed the dealer group's relationships with banks and insurance companies, dealt with

Towne's real estate and franchise agreements, and served as Frank's business partner.

David's life was not all work as he cherished his time with his family as well: his wife Karen; four sons Joseph, Stephen, David Jr. and Ethan; brothers Frank, Stephen and Matthew; and two sisters, Molly Regan and Gretchen Capiello. In his spare time he volunteered with non-profits and spent time with his wide and varied network of friends. All appreciated David's positivity and resilience in his struggle with cancer, his ability to keep moving forward despite hardship.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor David Downing's life and legacy. His impact on his community, colleagues, and family is admirable, and I offer my deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

RECOGNIZING NEW KINGERY PRINTING COMPANY

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 11, 2018*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the New Kingery Printing Company as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

New Kingery press, located in Effingham, Illinois, will mark this milestone by installing a new, state-of-the-art press. For many years to come, this dynamic, efficient, and cost-saving upgrade will give New Kingery the capacity to meet its customers' future needs. The press's new nonstop feeders are 50 percent faster than its predecessors', able to be fed either sheets or rolls, and can handle projects that require light-weight paper on up to heavier cardboard. With the new upgrades this family-owned and operated business, which specializes in catalogs, publications, marketing collateral and book production, will continue its tradition of providing great service and high quality work.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to acknowledge Michael Kingery, who is a second generation president of New Kingery Printing Company, and all of the employees whose hard work and dedication has made New Kingery Press the success that it is today, and the success it will remain in the future. I wish the company all the best.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF ATHANASIOS "TOM" P. VOUVOUNAS

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 11, 2018*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Athanasios "Tom" P. Vouvous, 101, who passed away peacefully on Friday, March 30, 2018 at the Humility House in Austintown, Ohio with his family by his side.

I will never forget Tom as long as I live. He was almost 90 years old when he came to Washington, DC., and we visited the World War II Memorial. Tom arrived wearing the

same uniform he wore in France which still fit him like the day he first put it on. We rode together on the Metro and sat down across from another man around Tom's age who was dressed as a civilian. The man immediately recognized Tom's uniform and started to talk with him. As it turned out, both of these men had served in the same unit those many years ago. I remember it as a wonderful day when two heroes were reunited.

Tom was born on May 27, 1916 in Nenedes Samos, Greece, to Prodemos Vouvous and Angeliki Safoulis Vouvous. Tom came to the United States in 1933 to Youngstown, Ohio and moved to Warren, Ohio in 1945. He bravely served in the U.S. Army and fought in World War II at Normandy, France and in the Battle of the Bulge.

After serving in the Army, Tom returned home to serve the state of Ohio and his community in Warren. He was the co-owner of Liberty Restaurant on Main Street, with his wife, and he worked for the Ohio Department of Liquor Control as a manager of State Liquor Store on Main Street. Tom also worked as a Warren Transit bus driver. Tom was also an active member at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Warren. He was involved as an altar server, American Hellenic Education Progressive Association (AHEPA), senior group, Yasou Club, past President of the Church 50 Club, and an active participant with the church festival. In his free time, Tom enjoyed going to the track, gardening, and planting flowers.

He is survived by his nine children, Perry Vouvous of Cortland, Pete (Jacqueline) Vouvous of Howland, Angela (Christopher) Kalafatis of Dallas, Parisa (Frank) Gombarcik of Howland, Demetra Vouvous and Christos Vouvous, both of Houston, Nick Vouvous of Bayshore, Long Island, N.Y., Maria (Curtis) Elder of Warren and Joanna (Edward) Colucci of Girard; 13 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Helen T. Vouvous; a brother, Andreas Vouvous; and a sister-in-law, Helen A. Vouvous.

Tom was a valued member of the community, and I know he is dearly missed. I am thankful for the memories I have with him, and I extend my sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

HONORING THE GAY AND LESBIAN ACTIVISTS ALLIANCE OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 11, 2018*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 47th anniversary of the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, D.C. (GLAA) on April 26, 2018. GLAA is a valued and respected local organization long in the vanguard of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) community's struggle for equal rights.

GLAA, since its founding in April 1971, has been in the business of advocating for the District of Columbia's full and equal rights and for residents' civil rights. The Alliance defended the District's landmark D.C. Human Rights Act

of 1977 and also demanded the Act's broad enforcement. In addition, GLAA forcefully advocates for LGBTQ youth, seniors and consumers as well as for the rights of transgender people. GLAA especially focuses on transgender rights regarding equal treatment by the police and access to culturally competent healthcare.

GLAA also builds and nurtures coalitions with other constituencies. Specifically, it educates and rates candidates for D.C. offices. GLAA also works with its coalition partners and D.C. elected officials to advance its goals and to defend the District's autonomy. More recently, GLAA worked with its coalition partners to achieve the enactment of the District of Columbia Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment Act, which permits same-sex couples to marry in the District of Columbia.

GLAA will present its 2018 Distinguished Service Awards to recipients at a reception on April 26, 2018. The awardees include:

Check It Enterprises, formerly the Check It Gang, started as a street gang 10 years ago. The gang formed when a group of LGBTQ youth banded together as a gang in response to bullying and attacks on their LGBTQ identities. The members' oppression, traumatization and victimization produced anti-social behaviors. Check It members received no positive reinforcement or encouragement until they met a mentor, Ron Moten, five years ago. Ron never gave up on them and showed them a better way. Under his tutelage, Check It founded a clothing line and opened a business in Historic Anacostia. They raised \$50,000 in remodeling costs for a building, where they make and sell clothing. The space also provides a safe haven for LGBTQ youth and young adults, as well as an area for other activities and programs. In 2016, filmmakers Diana Flor and Toby Oppenheim chronicled them in the award-winning documentary, Check It.

D.C. Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, who has represented Ward 3 since 2007, chairs the Committee on Transportation and the Environment. Councilmember Cheh authored the Conversion Therapy for Minors Prohibition Amendment Act of 2013 and the Death with Dignity Act of 2015. Additionally, her legislative advocacy includes measures to protect the environment, combat homelessness, punish bias crimes against homeless individuals and eliminate the statute of limitations for the prosecution of sexual assault. She fights alongside community advocates for LGBTQ issues, particularly those advocating for homeless LGBTQ youth. Councilmember Cheh also supports legislation to require individuals subject to temporary protective orders to surrender their guns and to prevent domestic violence through the creation of a Domestic Violence High-Risk Team, which is based upon a successful model in other jurisdictions.

Mr. Don Blanchon, the executive director of Whitman-Walker Health is the third awardee. He guides Whitman-Walker in its commitment to provide an affirming and safe health care environment to gender and sexual minorities and other marginalized communities in the District. During his 11 years of leadership, Whitman-Walker has emphasized treating the whole person, integrating the role that advocacy and legal intervention play into that care.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the recipients of

GLAA's 2018 Distinguished Service Award and in celebrating GLAA's 47 years of contributions to the LGBTQ community here in the District of Columbia.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN T. GLASSON

### HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 11, 2018*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of John T. Glasson. Known by many as "Johnny Angel" he had an infectious smile. For 47 years John was a volunteer firefighter with Levittown Fire Company No. 2 where he served for some time as Deputy Chief. An active member of his community, John was a third-degree brother with the Knights of Columbus and helped to organize the South East Pennsylvania National Fallen Firefighter Foundation golf outings as well as raising funds for Local 22 IAFF Widow's Fund. In total, John helped raise over \$180,000 for charitable organizations. John will be forever remembered by his large family including many brothers and sisters but also by the handful of individuals whose lives he saved as a volunteer firefighter. While John did not like to recount those stories, his impact on the Lower Bucks community will be felt for generations to come. Mr. Speaker, John exemplified how active participants can be a force for good in their communities. My district is better because of men like John Glasson.

IN HONOR OF THE VOLUNTEERS  
OF THE HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE  
CARE CENTER OF  
ALAMANCE-CASWELL

### HON. MARK WALKER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 11, 2018*

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passionate and committed volunteers of the Hospice and Palliative Care Center of Alamance-Caswell, in Burlington, North Carolina.

It is fitting to recognize these individuals during April, National Volunteer Month. Hospice of Alamance-Caswell is the only non-profit hospice care center in the Burlington area. This organization depends on the efforts of volunteers and could not survive without their hard work.

For decades, volunteers have donated their time to patients and family members, selflessly giving to those in need. These volunteers have demonstrated a commitment to the mission: to offer the right care, at the right time, in the right way.

In addition to medical treatment, volunteers provide assistance and comfort for the families of patients. Through each step, administrative support, fundraising, patient care and companionship, these individuals are there in times when they are needed most.

It is a privilege to honor the volunteers of the Hospice and Palliative Care Center of Alamance-Caswell. Through their hard work, compassion, and desire to serve, they demonstrate the charitable spirit we are so fortunate to have in North Carolina.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 11, 2018*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for the following votes because I chose to remain in my congressional district in Miami for an important district event.

Had I been present, I would have voted:

Yes on Roll Call Vote No. 130;

Yes on Roll Call Vote No. 131; and

No on Roll Call Vote No. 132.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 17

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Admiral Philip S. Davidson, USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Pacific Command, and General Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Northern Command, and Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, both of the Department of Defense.

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10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the National Guard and Reserve.

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Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Thelma Drake, of Virginia, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation, Jeffrey Nadaner, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Seth Daniel Appleton, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

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