

the La Cañada Flintridge and La Crescenta communities. I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the YMCA of the Foothills for their remarkable achievements.

HONORING ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE
DAY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation in honor of Israel Independence Day:

Whereas, the State of Israel has flourished to become the preeminent democracy in the Middle East and today celebrates 70 years of independence; and

Whereas, Israel has been a dedicated partner to the United States, working with our Nation and other allies to build peace collaboratively and work toward common interests and goals including the safety, security and freedom of all people around the world; and

Whereas, Our Nation must continue to protect, strengthen and promote our close friend and ally Israel as we strive to achieve greater stability in the Middle East and around the world; and

Whereas, At 70, despite tremendous challenges, Israel demonstrates continually that principle and motivation are transforming forces allowing Israel to thrive; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Honorable LEONARD LANCE, the Honorable PETER ROSKAM, the Honorable DOUG LAMBORN and the Honorable LEE ZELDIN, Members of the House of Representatives and co-chairmen of the House Republican Israel Caucus, join Israel in celebration of its Independence Day.

HONORING THE 2018 RECIPIENTS
OF THE OWENS COMMUNITY
COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, the Owens Community College Alumni Association takes great pride in its annual Outstanding Service Awards celebration, now in its fifteenth year. The awards honor the selfless contributions of area police, fire, and emergency medical service professionals to our communities. I wanted to share the inspiring stories of six of my constituents who will be recognized at this year's ceremony.

For their heroism in confronting an assailant who had committed two assaults and was threatening to commit murder, Sergeant Bryan Bryant, Officer Gary McClure, and Officer Brent Riley of the Tiffin Police Department, along with Deputy Sheriff Luke Cantu and Deputy Sheriff Jeff Smith of the Seneca County Sheriff's Office, will be presented with the Outstanding Police Award. Under fire, these officers returned fire and neutralized the assailant, who later died at the hospital. Their actions prevented further injuries to members

of the public. Deputy Cantu, who was shot in the shoulder, recovered from his injury.

Firefighter/Paramedic Kyle Blausey of the Fostoria Fire Division will be presented with the Outstanding Service to Community Award. Throughout his 17-year career with the department, he has become known for his proficiency in handling high-pressure situations. He put this ability to good use in coming to the aid of a pregnant woman who was unconscious and had no pulse. While she did not survive, her baby was saved thanks to Firefighter Blausey's work to stabilize her, transport her to the emergency room, and assist the emergency room doctors.

Mr. Speaker, this year's Outstanding Service Awards celebration will be held on Friday, April 27. I appreciate the opportunity to join the Owens Community College Alumni Association in recognizing the ongoing commitment and sacrifices of these and all of our first responders.

RECOGNIZING KERN CARPENTER
ON INTRODUCTION TO DADE
COUNTY FARM BUREAU HALL OF
HONOR

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Director Kern Carpenter of the Miami-Dade County Farm Bureau, on his introduction into the Farm Bureau Hall of Honor.

A third generation farmer with a rich history in tomato production; Mr. Carpenter and his family have dedicated their lives to preserving the beauty and prestige of Florida's agriculture.

At a young age, Kern lost his father to cancer and not long after, the farm he loved. However, Kern never lost sight of his family's heritage and worked hard to one day run his very own farm.

In 1983, Kern successfully renewed his family's farming legacy and opened Kern Carpenter Farms.

Today, that passion and drive Kern possessed at such a young age, continues to impact so many farmers and serves as an inspiration throughout our South Florida community.

Mr. Speaker, it is individuals like Kern that encompass the American spirit we all hold so dear. I wish him the very best in his future endeavors, and congratulate him on this much deserved honor.

Congratulations my friend. (Felicidades amigo).

IN HONOR OF SERGEANT THOMAS
H. COREY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Sergeant Thomas H. Corey, Vietnam veteran and tireless advocate for his fellow servicemen and women.

Mr. Corey was leading his squad in what came to be known as the Tet Offensive in early 1968 when he was paralyzed from the neck down by an enemy bullet. After his recovery he moved to South Florida where his activism work began. He joined the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) in 1980, and the following year became the founding president of VVA Palm Beach County Chapter 25, now known as the Thomas H. Corey Chapter. Mr. Corey was the first recipient of VVA's Commendation Medal, the organization's highest award for service to veterans, their families, and the community. He has held a multitude of leadership positions within VVA, culminating with his election as National President in 2001. In addition to his work with VVA, he is a member of the National Association of Uniformed Services, Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the 1st Cavalry Association, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart Association.

Since 1994, Mr. Corey has made 16 trips to Vietnam to bridge the gap between former foes. While there he has discussed issues of mutual importance, such as the treatment of prisoners of war and the effects of Agent Orange. In recognition of his efforts, he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

I have been privileged to know Mr. Corey for many years and have seen first-hand his incredible work throughout our area. It has made him a truly beloved member of the South Florida community.

HONORING CUBA LITTLE LEAGUE
BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
VOLUNTEERS

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the volunteers who organized this month's Little League Basketball Championship in Cuba, New Mexico. I am proud that I had the opportunity to attend this event and speak with many of the athletes, coaches, and parents.

We have a fundamental obligation to ensure that our children grow up in safe, healthy environments that will set them up for long-term wellness. Organized community sports leagues are integral to this goal and foster healthy lifestyles, exercise, and a strong sense of community. These leagues not only provide children with a fun way to stay healthy, but also promote important character traits like teamwork, sportsmanship, determination, and work ethic that will help them throughout their lives.

I am honored to specifically mention several volunteers who helped organize this wonderful event, including Directors Jared and Anita Maestas, Caroline Lovato, Kirby Borders, Joy Borders, Julian Sanchez, Marissa Aragon, Janell Toledo, Isaac Montoya, Jessica Romero, Kee Boshara, and Loretta Hidalgo.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the state of New Mexico, I want to thank the hard-working volunteers who helped organize the Little League Basketball Championship for Cuba's children and community.

HONORING THE 2018 OHIO MILITARY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, the Ohio Military Hall of Fame will hold a ceremony at the Statehouse in Columbus on May 4 to mark the induction of its 2018 class. Selection for the Hall of Fame is a high honor that has been accorded to only a few hundred Ohioans since 2000. To be considered for induction, individuals must have been decorated for heroic actions in a combat situation. I am honored to commend to the House this year's 30 inductees:

Senior Chief Sonarman Edward C. Byers, Jr., currently living in Little Creek, Virginia, recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Navy veteran of the War in Afghanistan.

Lance Corporal Joe C. Paul (posthumously), recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant Ronald K. Westfall of Bloomingdale, recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Corporal Donald A. Campbell (posthumously), recipient of the Silver Star, Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant Nicholas W. Denman of Wooster, recipient of the Silver Star, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Major Larry N. Fealy (posthumously), recipient of the Silver Star, Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant Wilford E. Frash of McConnelsville, recipient of the Silver Star, Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant Thomas L. Henning (posthumously), recipient of the Silver Star, Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War.

Hospital Corpsman Second Class Robert F. Holtz of North Royalton, recipient of the Silver Star, Navy veteran of the Vietnam War.

Staff Sergeant James L. Messerschmitt of Cincinnati, recipient of the Silver Star, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Captain Edgar C. Fell, currently living in Atlanta, Georgia, recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Chief Warrant Officer Second Class John E. Grafmiller of Upper Sandusky, recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Captain John C. McFarren of Cincinnati, recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War.

Chief Warrant Officer Second Class David A. Walls of Westerville, recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant John C. Babyak of Poland, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War.

Sergeant First Class Danny W. Bell of Cincinnati, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Persian Gulf War.

Sergeant Jack W. Born of Parma, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Captain Thomas P. Casey of Beavercreek, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Private First Class Clayton H. Compher (posthumously), recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of World War II.

Signalman First Class Conard J. Conway of Mount Vernon, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Navy veteran of World War II.

Private First Class Paul L. Feathers of Fremont, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant Donald I. Jakeway of Johnstown, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of World War II.

Sergeant John P. Luft of Gahanna, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant John F. McAllister of Delaware, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant First Class Donald D. Schweitzer of Wapakoneta, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Specialist Roy R. Sprague of Kent, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant Robert E. Watson of Batavia, recipient of the Bronze Star with "V" Device, Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War.

First Lieutenant Walter A. Bettcher of Bay Village, recipient of the Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Sergeant Jack E. Kasee of Batavia, recipient of the Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device, Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Captain Kevin B. Lombardo, currently living in Papillon, Nebraska, recipient of the Air Force Commendation Medal with "V" Device, Air Force veteran of the War in Iraq.

HONORING THE NURSES OF METHODIST LE BONHEUR HEALTHCARE

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, there are 3 million registered nurses in the United States that comprise our nation's largest health care profession. Today I rise to honor National Nurses Week May 6–12, 2018, and my friends working within Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare.

When I first became a nurse more than 40 years ago, I took an oath to "devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care." I still consider the words of that oath today in the decisions I make as a Member of Congress—particularly in matters of protecting the most vulnerable among us.

In that same oath, we also pledge ourselves before God to practice our profession faithfully. Nursing is not simply an occupation—it's a calling, and those are powerful words that we carry with us day in and day out.

Every day, registered nurses are working to chart a new course for a healthy nation and it is a privilege to honor them, and celebrate the ways in which they inspire, innovate, and influence to provide safe and high quality patient care.

Nurses are the backbone of our healthcare system and I am proud to recognize the out-

standing men and women of Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare. We should show our appreciation for our nation's registered nurses not just during National Nurses Week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

IN MEMORY OF REV. DR. MARK CHEW, JR.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mark Chew, a pastor and public servant, who passed away on April 6, 2018. Rev. Dr. Mark Chew, Jr. committed much of his life to serving Denton in a variety of roles.

Though he was born in Mississippi, Reverend Chew grew deep North Texas roots. He attended Fred Moore High School in Denton and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Dallas before receiving an associate's degree from North Central Texas College, a bachelor's degree from Southern Bible Institute, and a Doctorate of Divinity from the International Bible School in Houston.

In 1967, Reverend Chew began his pastorate at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Throughout his half-century of pastoral ministry there, he oversaw the development of Outreach Ministry and Rays of Hope. Reverend Chew celebrated his 50-year pastoral anniversary in December 2017, a rare achievement.

Spurred by his love for the community, Reverend Chew served the people of Denton far beyond his local church. In 1981, he became the first African American elected to the Denton City Council, serving three full terms in the 1980s and two additional consecutive terms in the 1990s. In addition to serving as President of the Denton County NAACP for 8 years, Reverend Chew was an active member of the Lions Club, the Denton Public Utility Board of Directors, and the Camp Copass Board of Directors. He also was Chaplain at both Peoples Funeral Home and Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton.

Reverend Chew has left a rich legacy of service to faith, family, and community. I extend my condolences to his wife of 38 years, Dr. Rose Marie Chew, their family, the members of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, and all who knew him.

HONORING THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the United States Army Reserve which celebrated its 110th anniversary on April 23rd.

What began in 1908 as a tiny corps of medical professionals held in readiness for service is today the Army's global operational reserve force—meeting high optempo demands, generating forces to support the National Military