

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

John Albanese, Richard A. Anderson, Jerome Bartkiewicz, Richard J. Bauer, William J. Bauer, Donald E. Bennett, Dale Berman, Frank W. Braman Jr., William K. Bruinius, Edvins Budeniks, Dale P. Buhl, James J. Burke, David Byster, Walter R. Cannon, Roy A. Carlson, Michael L. Carreon, Clement J. Cerney, Ernest E. Chapman, Steve Cizmar, Don R. Copeland, John R. Cory, Arnold D. Cowen, Ernest D. Curtis, Einar S. Dahl, Robert J. Dahms, William T. DeCicco, Louis G. Diaz, Thomas J. DiBernardo, Robert H. Dolph Sr., Donald L. Earley, Eugene Ehrhardt, Adolph F. Ermer, Calvin Farmer Jr., Justin R. Farrar, Frank Femali, William E. Fishman, Robert L. Fogt, John V. Frega, Gerald Gardner, Charles Glickman, Earle F. Griebler, Charles A. Griffea, Terry S. Hensley, Richard W. Hess, John F. Homan, Leroy A. Howatt, Clifford W. Jenkins, Edward Kadlec, Kenneth D. Koehler, Kenneth Kuhr, Florian Kurcab, Donald LaMorte, Andrew Langas, Daniel Leary, Jack E. Levitt, Maurice Lord, Edward A. Lustyk, Lewis J. Maine, Jack E. Martin, Robert Mau, Harry M. McCullagh, Lowell G. McDonnell, Joel D. Meisles, Donald E. Mentz, Norbert Milzarek, LeRoy Mistro, Walter C. Moore, Ralph W. Mueller, Jerry Netolicky, Gerald W. Nordengren, Thadeus Obora, Gilbert D. Oden, Neil C. Olson, Jerome J. O'Reilly, Arden Peterson, Leonard Petrusis, Richard Pisarcik, Roland Puccinelli, Joseph A. Putz, John A. Raven, George Revelas, George A. Riebeschl, Wally Rivera, Henry B. Roberson, Donald E. Roberts, Robert J. Saraz, Jimmie Vavern Schoon, Edwin Schwendt, Robert E. Shea, Ralph F. Sherman, John H. Skipworth, John Spoor, Walter Spuck, Stanley J. Stanish, Robert Stavarakas, Richard A. Stuercke, Joseph H. Taylor, Gordon A. Vaundry, Robert M. Ward, Paul J. Weiss, Gordon Westlund, Thomas A. Wisinski, Donald A. Yarashus, Phillip C. Zagon.

IN RECOGNITION OF GREG HARDEN'S MOTIVATIONAL LEADERSHIP

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize All Things Artistic Ministries for their annual History Alive program. Their efforts enrich the lives of Michigan students through their programming.

Established in 2009, Dr. Debby Mitchell founded All Things Artistic Ministries in the hopes of creating a community of artistic Michigan residents who would like to cultivate a love for the arts and humanities in the next generation. Four years after it was created, Dr. Mitchell designated Ypsilanti, Michigan as its main outreach area for arts education and student programming. This year marks the 5th annual History Alive: Standing on the Shoulders of Giants Program put on by All Things Artistic Ministries in conjunction with the Washtenaw Community schools. The program runs for 14-weeks and allows 5th to 12th

grade students to write, stage, and put on a play based on the lives of two distinguished Washtenaw County residents. This year's honorees are Reverend Garther Roberson and Greg Harden, two Washtenaw County community members who represent the best of southeast Michigan.

Mr. Greg Harden is a world-renowned life coach and motivational speaker who calls southeast Michigan home. He grew up in Detroit, Michigan and took jobs as a steelworker and TV cameraman before returning to school. Mr. Harden received his bachelor's degree at the University of Michigan and was hired as a counselor at a residential drug and alcohol treatment center in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Due to his reputation as a caring and passionate individual, he was then hired on as a student-athlete counselor at U of M in 1986 under football coach Bo Schembechler. It was through his work at the University that he impacted the lives of countless athletes and leaders including Tom Brady and Desmond Howard. His life's work shows us that one person can make a difference in the lives of many.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Greg Harden for his lifetime of motivational counseling. His leadership inspires us all to spread kindness and encourage those around us.

HONORING JACK ROUNTREE

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack Rountree, a veteran of the United States Army, a builder, and an all-around great American.

Jack has been a builder from a young age. He was born into a middle-class family who owned a thriving trucking business. The Great Depression was a difficult period for their household as it was for so many across our country. It was at that time that Jack completed his first construction project: an overhang for the shed so he would not have to milk cows in the rain. He was thirteen when he completed that project.

After graduating from High School Jack enlisted in the United States Army where he was assigned to the Army's Special Guard Military Police stationed at the Los Alamos Project in New Mexico. There he guarded the atomic bomb testing site at White Sands. There were a number of hazards associated with this position not least of which was regular exposure to dangerous radiation. Jack rose through the ranks quickly and was honorably discharged in 1948 as a sergeant.

Following his service Jack returned home to Oregon to tend to his sick mother. After training to become a diesel mechanic he quickly realized his true passion was building. He began his construction career in 1952. Over the years he has received numerous awards for his work including the 1988 Craftsmanship Award of the Southwestern Oregon Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Though he retired from his business Jack is still a builder at age 90 with the same spirit and drive he had as a teenager. Jack recently built a 28-foot-high prototype border wall on his property in Roseburg. His continued dedi-

cation to his craft and his country are commendable. I wish him all the best and trust the whole House will join me in thanking him for his service to our country.

TREATIES OF VELASCO

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on May 14th, 1836, Texas officially became a free and independent nation.

After the decisive victory at San Jacinto a few weeks earlier, interim Texas president David G. Burnett met with the defeated Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna in the town of Velasco.

Under the heat of the Texas sun, the two leaders signed treaties on behalf of their governments. Little known to the general public, two treaties were signed. The first would be released to the public, with the second secret treaty only to be released once the first treaty was fulfilled.

The public treaty forced Santa Anna to withdraw his forces from Texas and forbade him from attacking Texas again. Additionally, he promised to restore confiscated property to Texans that had been taken by his forces during the campaign.

The second, secret agreement would literally go on to shape Texas as we know and love her today. The treaty held that the Rio Grande River would officially become the border between Texas and Mexico. Santa Anna also agreed to the arrangement of a treaty of commerce between his country and the new Republic of Texas as well as the establishment of diplomatic missions in both countries.

Mr. Speaker, this treaty represents an important moment in the history of Texas. Following the example of George Washington, who deferred to the judgement of the civilian government rather than dictating terms as commander-in-chief of the army, General Sam Houston refused to engage Santa Anna himself in talks about the treaty. Rather, he fulfilled his legal obligation and insisted that the Mexican leader speak only with the Texas government about the terms of the treaty.

By keeping his nerve, General Houston put the Texas Republic in a position to negotiate a meaningful and lasting peace with their Mexican adversaries. Sure enough, Texas got exactly what it wanted in the Treaty. The grand Republic of Texas sprung to life, as an independent, sovereign nation.

Mr. Speaker, as a resident and representative of some of the residents of the city named after the Founding Father of Texas, it brings me great pride to recognize the Treaties of Velasco not only as an important event for the state of Texas but also for the United States as a whole.

And that is just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on roll call votes 168 and 169, I was not present

because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted: on Roll Call Vote 168: AYE; and on Roll Call Vote 169: NO.

IN RECOGNITION OF BOB
NAEREBOUT RECEIVING THE
BISHOP MICHAEL DRISCOLL
AWARD

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Bob Naerebout, a longtime champion of Idaho's dairy and agriculture industries. Bob oversees government affairs for the Idaho Dairymen's Association and formerly served as their Executive Director for 15 years. He was recently recognized by the Catholic Diocese of Boise with the Bishop Michael Driscoll Award. The award recognizes individuals "who have served in love and justice the needs of those in our community who are less fortunate, left behind, or in any way marginalized." Bob's passionate cause is bringing agricultural laborers out of the shadows. Bob's service to laborers in Idaho's dairy and agriculture industry has been a brave service of moral and economic importance.

Prior to coming to Idaho, Bob graduated from Michigan State University and managed the Dairy Research and Teaching Center, as well as his own dairy in McBain, Michigan. Bob and his family went west to Utah when he worked for Dairy Farmers of America, a marketing cooperative of nearly 14,000 farm families. In 2002, he moved to Idaho, where he served as Executive Director of the Idaho Dairymen's Association.

From his first days in Idaho, Bob brought a fresh perspective to addressing the challenges facing Idaho's growing dairy industry. Bob went to work on a number of regulatory reforms affecting the industry. These included a memorandum of understanding between the industry, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, that ensured practical and effective environmental regulation of Idaho's dairies. In Idaho, policymakers know that if you want to talk dairy, you had better visit with Bob Naerebout.

Idaho's dairy industry has rapidly expanded its economic footprint across the state, especially in the Magic Valley. Bob has played no small role in this growth. As producers and processors alike looked for a new home where they could expand, Bob would seize opportunities to introduce them to Idaho. He would help find a way to ensure that Idaho would be a great place to do business. For example, Bob worked to bring Chobani to Idaho to build the largest yogurt plant in the world.

Today, Idaho is the third largest dairy state in the U.S. The Boise Diocese's Driscoll award recognizes Bob's work with these most vulnerable of new citizens, many of whom are Catholic and all of whom are trying to make a better life and a fresh start for their families. Theirs is the same pioneer spirit that settled our country—from Virginia to Michigan to Idaho—since its founding.

Bob's work on behalf of the dairy industry recognizes a very simple fact about immigra-

tion—it is an issue of vital economic and moral importance. Bob believes every corner of Idaho benefits from the tremendous strength and productivity of our agricultural industry.

Bob has advocated for common sense immigration reform, and has been part of a team that has helped build Idaho's dairy industry into an economic powerhouse. All the while, Bob has put a human face on the debate of immigration. That human face—with its diversity and optimism for a better life—is a face that is an integral part of the fabric of American agriculture.

I offer my congratulations to Bob Naerebout for the recognition of his good work, and thank him for reminding us all of the importance of being a better citizen and friend to those looking for that same opportunity.

IN RECOGNITION OF PASTOR
GARTHER ROBERSON, JR. FOR
HIS SERVICE TO THE YPSILANTI
COMMUNITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pastor Garther Roberson, Jr. for his decades of service to the Ypsilanti community. Pastor Roberson has provided spiritual guidance as leader of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church and community assistance through his involvement with local nonprofits and advocacy groups.

As a lifelong resident of southeast Michigan, Pastor Roberson has been a critical leader in the community throughout Ypsilanti's growth and development. Prior to becoming a pastor, he was involved with the Second Baptist Church in Ypsilanti, where he directed youth activities and served as a deacon from 1967 to 1977. After being ordained as a Reverend by Pastor B.T. Hopkins at Second Baptist Church in 1979, Roberson was named Pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Ypsilanti, where he has served since. Under Pastor Roberson's leadership, Mount Olive grew to become a pillar of the Ypsilanti community, offering support and guidance to its congregation and other individuals in need. Additionally, Pastor Roberson has been active in local charitable and religious organizations, including the President of the Minister's Alliance of Ypsilanti and the President of the Huron Valley District Congress of Christian Education; where he has utilized his experience as a faith leader to provide assistance to the city at large.

Pastor Roberson's work and moral leadership has helped revitalize the Ypsilanti community. Through his time as head of the Mount Olive Baptist Church, Pastor Roberson has become known as a friendly and welcoming presence dedicated to service and building a future for the city and its residents. He is recognized for his leadership, having served as a board member of local organizations including Hope Clinic, Students and Friends of Washtenaw Community College, and the regional branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Pastor Roberson has been an effective advocate for the city and its residents, and we are grateful for his years of service and guidance.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Pastor Garther Roberson, Jr. for his work in the Ypsilanti community. Pastor Roberson has impacted countless lives through his leadership and efforts.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WILLIAM PENN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 100th anniversary of William Penn Elementary School.

Opened in September of 1917, William Penn started as a five-classroom schoolhouse in the heart of downtown Bakersfield. The tenth school added to the Bakersfield City School District, William Penn opened to one hundred and sixteen students, from kindergarten to fourth grade under the tutelage of then-principal Ms. Eleanor Pavay.

Much like the city it called home, William Penn quickly grew from its humble, small-town roots, adding an additional four classrooms in 1925 to accommodate a rapidly-growing student body. During World War II, William Penn stressed the importance of patriotism in its student body, and its teachers instilled a respect for America's Armed Services in the young minds humming through the school's corridors. To support the American war effort, students at William Penn planted victory gardens, collected paper for paper drives, purchased war bonds, and knitted afghans to be given to soldiers serving abroad.

In the summer of 1952, disaster struck. A 7.3 magnitude earthquake along California's White Wolf Fault, the third largest in recorded California, damaged much of the school and its grounds. The damage was so great that William Penn was condemned, and its student body was relocated to Wayside Elementary School along with students from other Bakersfield City damaged schools. The students of William Penn, however, were undeterred and made it their mission to rescue their neighborhood school. Each afternoon, students would hold a carnival to raise funds to reconstruct William Penn from the ground up, and with the help of the Bakersfield City School District, students returned to William Penn Elementary in January 1955.

Today, William Penn serves nearly 300 students from kindergarten through fifth grade. The school is currently led by Principal Marshall Dillard and its mission could not be possible without his leadership and the passion and hard work of a stellar team of educators including: Alicia Lifquist, Leticia Pacheco Contreras, Robin Johnston, Adriana Humphrey, Sarah Abraham, Janette Hubbell, Nicole Craig, Monica Garza, Leonel Gamino, Crystal Ullrich, Sheryl Daniel, Laurie Kessler, Matthew Lundin, and Kirsten Roza, as well as office and support staff Theresa Blair, Elosia Kelley, Susana Lizardo Hammock, Tina Estrada, Melissa Ednalino, Andrew Morales, Maritza Zuniga, and Monica Gonzales.

The measure of a school like William Penn isn't the mere 100 years of its existence; it is the generations of students whose dreams and opportunities have been shaped by the