

Corps. Basic Trainee Avery was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas (Lackland Air Force Base was also where I did basic training in the United States Air Force). It was here that James Avery completed pilot training and commanded a B-26 Bomber, flying 44 dangerous and hostile missions over Germany in World War II. After the war, he attended the University of Illinois for Industrial Design, and then went on to teach at the University of Colorado. In 1954, while visiting his in-laws in Kerrville, Texas, James Avery decided to go into the jewelry making business. His business started with a two-car garage, a small workbench, a few hand tools, and some scraps of silver and copper.

James Avery Artisan Jewelry is now operating 80 stores in 5 states with the headquarters remaining in Kerrville, Texas. This original one-man operation has grown to over 3,500 employees. After running the business for over 50 years, James Avery handed the reins to his son in 2007.

James Avery was a bold, innovative, and generous man who touched the lives of many people during his lifetime through his work, his art, and his giving spirit. The 64-year success of James Avery Artisan Jewelry reflects as a testament to his early leadership. The company's mission statement is to "celebrate life through the beauty of design," and the life of James Avery should be forever celebrated through his artistic legacy.

And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF DETROIT JEWISH NEWS' 75 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR MICHIGAN COMMUNITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Detroit Jewish News as they celebrate 75 years of service to our Michigan community. Their journalism enriches the lives of countless Michigan residents.

Founded in 1942, the Detroit Jewish News was established to give voice to southeast Michigan's growing Jewish population. The paper was founded with the mission of providing diverse viewpoints while advocating for Jewish unity and representing issues that affect both the local and international Jewish American community. After it was purchased by Charles Buerger, owner of the Baltimore Jewish Times in the 1980s, the paper was transformed into what would become a national voice for Jewish Americans. Today, the Detroit Jewish News is published by Jewish Renaissance News and headquartered in Southfield, Michigan where it serves the same population that it set out to more than 70 years ago.

Years after its founding, the Detroit Jewish News remains in weekly circulation, reaching over 40,000 Michigan residents each week through its paper route and website. It is considered the largest, most comprehensive Jewish newspaper in North America and seeks to represent varied voices in its publication. Its main journalistic focus includes local news, the arts, spirituality and religion as well as an esteemed opinion page that represents Jewish Americans from all walks of life. The paper

has won numerous honors from the Michigan Press Association, including Design, Editorial Writing and Local Columnists. These accolades underscore the paper's commitment to honest and accessible news coverage, and we look forward to the Detroit Jewish News' continued service in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Detroit Jewish News as they celebrate 75 years of service to our Michigan community. Their hard work is vital to the fabric of southeast Michigan's vibrant Jewish community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SUSAN WU RATHBONE

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Susan Wu Rathbone also known as "Auntie Wu," for her tireless efforts supporting the Chinese American community.

Susan is widely recognized for her long record of helping Chinese immigrants transition to life in the United States. In our community, she has been hailed as a "very special lady" and "one of the unsung heroes" of Queens.

She comes from Anhui Province in China. She met and married her husband in China, and immigrated to the United States in 1946.

In 1947, Susan established "Auntie Wu's Hotline" which aided many Chinese immigrants as they settled in America.

Susan embodied the spirit of empathy and worked to make sure Chinese immigrants had the tools to succeed. After creating Auntie Wu's Hotline, she went on to establish Chinese Immigrant Services which offers education programs for Chinese immigrants.

Susan has also been a strong supporter of women's rights. She founded the Queens Chinese Women's Association which has helped the careers of many Asian American women leaders. She also became the first Chinese woman to receive the Susan B. Anthony award from the National Organization for Women—New York City in 1987, the Emigrant Award from the Emigrant Savings Bank in 2001, and was honored by the Queen's Borough President for her service to Queens in 2003.

Her work made Queens, New York a better place. I urge all of my colleagues to rise with me as we celebrate the amazing life of Susan Wu Rathbone.

IN HONOR OF HEIDI WELCH

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Heidi Welch who will retire this spring after serving for 20 years as music director at Hillsboro-Deering High School.

Heidi's dedication and enthusiasm for music and the arts has inspired generations of students in the Hillsboro-Deering community. In

2013, she was recognized as New Hampshire's Teacher of the Year and served as the Granite State's representative as a finalist for the National Teacher of the Year. Through Heidi's leadership, the Hillsboro-Deering band and chorus consistently wins accolades at national competitions. Heidi is also civically engaged as music director for "HillCat Summer Theatre", as an adjunct professor at Keene State College, and soon will be receiving a Ph.D. in her field of music education. Heidi was once even selected as a guest conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Heidi for her many years of service and being a part of what makes the Granite State's public schools so special. Her legacy of teaching will continue through the countless students she has inspired. I am honored to recognize and congratulate Heidi on her retirement and wish her the best of luck in the years ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. CYRUS MARTIN "RUSS" JOLLIVETTE

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Cyrus Martin "Russ" Jollivette, a civic leader and former executive at Florida's Blue Cross and Blue Shield, who died on May 7, 2018 at the age of 71.

Mr. Jollivette was born on August 5, 1946, in Miami, Florida, the son of Mr. Cyrus Martin and Mrs. Frances Edna (Reeves) Jollivette Chambers. Mr. Jollivette earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration in Management from C.W. Post College of Long Island University, a Master of Business Administration from Long Island University, and Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law.

Mr. Jollivette served in multiple senior-level positions at the University of Miami for 24 years, from 1977 to 2001, including as executive assistant to former University of Miami President Edward "Tad" Foote. Prior to working at the University of Miami, Mr. Jollivette was managing editor from 1971 to 1977 of the Miami Times, a black-owned newspaper founded in 1923. In 2011, the National Newspaper Publishers Association recognized the paper as the top black newspaper in the country.

After leaving the University of Miami, Mr. Jollivette served in several high-level capacities at insurance giant Blue Cross Blue Shield Florida, including as vice president, before opening his own public relations firm in 2014. While there, Mr. Jollivette developed a generous gift to University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies for scholarships for minority nursing students.

Mr. Jollivette also served as a trustee at St. Thomas University and Jacksonville University, a board member of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami, a member of the Orange Bowl Committee, was on the Jacksonville Host Committee for the 2005 Super Bowl, chairman of the United Way of Northeast Florida and Jackson Aviation Authority.

Mr. Jollivette lived an extraordinary life that cannot be categorized. His legacy will forever be a part of his hometown and his dedication to community embodies the spirit of public service. We cannot match the sacrifices made by Mr. Jollivette, but surely we can try to match his sense of service. We cannot match his courage, but we can strive to match his devotion.

Mr. Jollivette's survivors include his daughter Lynn Jollivette Johns; two sisters Regina Jollivette Frazier and Cleo L. Jollivette, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Cyrus "Russ" Jollivette.

RECOGNIZING DAVID "BIG PAPI"
ORTIZ

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize David "Big Papi" Ortiz who to this day stands as among the most feared hitters in Major League Baseball. His success as a player began with his journey from his home—our home—the Dominican Republic. It was Pedro Martinez, his fellow Dominican teammate on the Boston Red Sox, who said of David Ortiz, that "A guy from a shack in the Dominican lifted up the hearts of an entire city."

No For all the fame and glory that "Big Papi" epitomized as No. 34, in Boston, his career began as No. 27 with the Minnesota Twins. His ascension to the Major Leagues with the Minnesota Twins was one measure of professional success, it was not permanent. Returning to the Dominican Republic and then the encouragement from his fellow countrymen that followed lent perspective that whatever happens—however challenging on its face—presents opportunity. That new opportunity for unmatched success and a storied career in baseball began with the Boston Red Sox in 2003.

In the Dominican Republic, baseball is beloved. When anyone Dominican succeeds, we all succeed. And yes, we celebrate those successes. What we celebrate is that in each generation, there becomes more permanent a sense that no matter where you are born or whether you lived in a shack, you can succeed. It means that anyone born in Santo Domingo, Manoguayabo, Nizao, Laguna Verde, San Pedro de Macoris, Hato Mayor, Altamira, Villa González, Monte Cristi, or Samaná can look to David Ortiz and know that they too can emulate his resilience and fortitude and achieve his degree of success and beyond.

In recognizing David Ortiz, I would be remiss to not share his professional accolades. While some came at the expense of MY New York Yankees, no one can deny his dominance: 7x Edgar Martinez Outstanding DH of The Year; 7x American League Silver Slugger; 10x American League All-Star; 2011 Roberto Clemente Award Winner; 2x American League Hank Aaron Award Winner. And then there is the Post-Season: 2004 American League Champion Series Most Valuable Player; 3x Major League Baseball World Series Champion; and 2013 World Series Most Valuable Player. And it all began after graduating from Estudia Espailat High School.

I end with the inimitable words of Pedro Martinez, "Whether you loved David or hated him, he gave you everything to love or hate. He was a force of nature. He was a big brother to a lot of Latin players . . . Nobody—none of the other players from the Dominican, including me—does more for society than David. He's a better man than he is a baseball player." As the first Dominican American elected to the U.S. Congress, it is my distinct pleasure to celebrate David Ortiz—"Big Papi"—for all his success.

IN RECOGNITION OF RASHEDA
ALI'S TIRELESS ADVOCACY FOR
PARKINSON'S DISEASE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rasheda Ali as she is recognized by the American Human Rights Council (AHC). Her efforts have been paramount in bringing recognition and hope to those suffering from various neuro-cognitive disorders.

Founded in 2014, the AHC brings together community leaders and civil rights activists to promote and defend human rights defined in the United States' Constitution and by the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights. Initially focused on protecting and preserving the rights of prisoners, the AHC has expanded its advocacy efforts to address pressing humanitarian issues in the United States and abroad. The AHC has been able to draw attention to human rights issues through its work with local and state partners, including Rasheda Ali.

As the daughter of Muhammad Ali, Ms. Rasheda Ali has witnessed the devastating toll of Parkinson's Disease firsthand. After watching her father suffer for more than 30 years from the disease, she was inspired to speak publicly about his struggles and help shine a light on Parkinson's Disease. Her book "I'll Hold Your Hand So You Won't Fall—A Child's Guide to Parkinson's Disease" has been read by families all across the world. Ms. Ali travels across the globe raising awareness for neuro-cognitive disorders and meeting with families who shared her family's experience. Her work has elevated her to a public platform and she has appeared on many news networks including NBC, CNN, MSNBC and FOX. Through her speaking events and travel, Ms. Ali has raised awareness and funds for Parkinson's Disease, and we are grateful for her work. It is my hope that she will continue to advocate for medical research and lead the way into a world without Parkinson's Disease.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Rasheda Ali for her life's work as a Parkinson's Disease advocate. Her actions inspire us to put others before ourselves and speak up to advance the causes that we believe in.

RECOGNIZING LISA BUCHHOLZ
FOR WINNING THE GOLDEN
APPLE AWARD

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Lisa Buchholz, a first grade teacher at Abraham Lincoln Elementary School in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, for being awarded with the prestigious 2018 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching & Leadership.

This honor is bestowed on those teachers in recognition of their contributions to building a stronger, better-educated society. Every year since 1986, Golden Apple has chosen 10 outstanding teachers to receive the award. Award recipients are nominated by their fellow educators, students, parents and community leaders. The 2018 award recipients were selected over 650 nominations, highlighting Mrs. Buchholz's worthiness.

Over the course of 27 years in the classroom, Mrs. Buchholz has encouraged thousands of students to strive for the highest of standards and to expect more of themselves and each other every day. It is no coincidence that as a result of her leadership many of her students adopt an "I can" attitude in school and life. According to a former-Golden Apple recipient who reviewed Mrs. Buchholz's nomination, "It's like you can tell the magic and the chemistry the minute you walk into her classroom."

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me to recognize Mrs. Lisa Buchholz for her outstanding leadership in teaching and congratulate her on being awarded with a 2018 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching & Leadership.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NON-FEDERAL
RESERVOIR OPERATIONS
IMPROVEMENT ACT

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, as we in the San Joaquin Valley know, "food grows where water flows."

We also know the ravages of drought and are the first communities in California to experience drought's harmful effects.

For over 30 years, I have worked to strengthen water supply reliability for the San Joaquin Valley and throughout California.

While I was in the California Legislature, I authored the legislation to create the Kern County Water Bank, led 2 water bonds and helped to pass 2 others, providing more than \$2 billion dollars to improve California's water system and provide for safe, reliable drinking water.

In Congress, I have secured approval of the Madera Irrigation District Water Bank, the San Luis Intertie, and the North Valley Regional Recycled Water Project, bringing hundreds of thousands of acre-feet of more secure water to the San Joaquin Valley.

I also worked on a bipartisan basis to pass the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the