

slightly belated event along with Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas. Sadete exemplifies the originality and creativity needed to be a great teacher.

Sadete currently works at the Legacy High School, a state-sponsored charter school for children with learning disabilities on Roosevelt Island. Sadete is an IEP coordinator and English teacher with over 13 years of experience in education, including six years as Education Director at the Muslim American Society Ibn Sina Community Center. Sadete believes that every child deserves a safe educational environment in which to learn and grow and recognizes that each child has something unique and special to offer to the world.

Sadete has worked on projects to help improve schools, such as school change projects, restructuring school growth and goal setting. Her efforts as an educator and administrator have led to the development of school-wide teacher development and the creation of programs to enhance classroom instruction.

A dedicated educator who constantly strives to improve her ability to communicate with students and colleagues, Sadete takes every opportunity to learn new techniques and new ways to encourage her students to succeed. Sadete has completed many credential programs to supplement her skills, including the FDC for Leaders credential program where she learned to empower the work place, encourage cultural competence and promote supervision with skill and heart.

Sadete devotes much of her time to the MAS Ibn Sina Center where she directs an after-school program that offers homework help and tutoring for up to 300 children, oversees women's fitness and wellness classes, conducts arts programs for adults and young people and teaches ESL classes. Sadete has demonstrated strong leadership skills, overseeing the budget, recruiting, hiring, training and managing staff, spearheading marketing and awareness programs, fundraising and mentoring young people. Committed to supporting the students, parents and staff of the MAS-Ibn Sina Center, Sadete works to help them reach their full potential academically, socially and physically.

Through education, Sadete touches the lives of thousands of young people, helping instill confidence and a love of learning. We are truly fortunate to have someone as committed, enthusiastic and resourceful as Sadete, helping to make our community a wonderful place to live.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of Sadete Mujovic, an educator whose passion and skill is reflected in the achievements of her students.

**SALUTING TIM AND SUZANNE OLSON FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO OUR NATION'S VETERANS**

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2018*

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize Tim and Suzanne Olson for their leadership in the Space Coast Honor Flight program serving Florida's Brevard and Indian River County veterans.

A United States Navy veteran, Tim Olson began his service to Honor Flight in 2010 while working his full-time job in Maryland. As a "Green Shirt" volunteer at the Baltimore-Washington International Airport, he helped welcome veterans from around the United States as they made their way to Washington, D.C.

Based on his rewarding experiences, Tim encouraged his wife Suzanne to volunteer with the newly formed Honor Flight program in Melbourne, FL in late 2010. Since that time, Tim and Suzanne have been an integral part of Space Coast Honor Flight. Working with a small group of volunteers, they helped build a board of directors to lead a team of over 300 volunteers that have made 49 trips to our nation's capital, allowing 1,250 World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials.

For the last eight years Tim has served as the Space Coast Honor Flight Operations Director responsible for the planning, coordination, and execution of the trips to Washington, D.C. Suzanne served as Secretary/Treasurer, Guardian Coordinator, Mail Call Coordinator, and currently as Programs Director responsible for planning and coordinating all events in Melbourne, Florida.

One of the greatest privileges Katie and I have is greeting our veterans as they depart on their honor flight to our nation's capital to visit their memorials, or greeting them in Washington, D.C., as they arrive on the National Mall. Their courage, and that of veterans since, has helped change the course of history and has protected America and the freedoms we hold dear.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in saluting the passion, dedication, and commitment of Tim and Suzanne Olson. Their service honors our veterans and has been vital to the success of the Space Coast Honor Flight mission.

**HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DIANA MUCCIO**

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2018*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the retirement of Mrs. Diana Muccio as a teacher at John F. Kennedy Catholic School Lower Campus in Warren, Ohio.

Mrs. Muccio was born and raised in Warren, Ohio. She attended St. Mary School, grades K-8, later graduating from John F. Kennedy. She continued her education at Youngstown State University, earning a Bachelor's of Science in Elementary Education and Master's of Science in Early Childhood Education. Additionally, she completed post graduate work at Walsh University. Mrs. Muccio has been an educator for 43 years, devoting her career to advancing Catholic education. She has taught at many Catholic schools including Mount Carmel, St. James, St. Plus, and John F. Kennedy Catholic School Lower Campus. Her dedication to teaching has not gone unnoticed. She was awarded the Golden Apple Award which is given to exceptional Diocesan administrators and educators, a two-time recipient of the Tribune A+ Award, and the WFMJ Dunkin Donut Class Act Award.

Mrs. Muccio has left a lasting impression on my life. I will forever remember how Mrs. Muccio made learning fun. One of my favorite memories was when the weather broke in the spring, she would take us outside to sing and drink lemonade. She had a way of making every student feel special. She has lived a life of service to her family, her students and her church.

Congratulations on your retirement Mrs. Muccio. May God Bless you and your family for many years to come.

**COMMENDING LOCAL 2018 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FOR THEIR DECISION TO ENLIST IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA FOR HOSTING THE INAUGURAL HIGH SCHOOL ENLISTEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2018*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 7 Fairfax, Virginia area high school seniors who plan to enlist in the United States Army after graduation. These students have excelled in their academic and extracurricular activities, and I offer my sincere congratulations upon their high school graduation.

I commend these student leaders for their selflessness and courageous decision to serve their country as members of the United States Army:

Jacob Ziemann; Kage Smith; Brian Letchworth; Nathaniel Brown; Izik Austin; Jamalia Richards; Eric Kim.

These students will be honored by the Fairfax Chapter of Our Community Salutes at their Inaugural Military Enlistee Recognition Ceremony on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at the Trump National Golf Club in Sterling, VA.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these young men and women and their families for their dedication to serving this great Nation. We owe them and the many Americans who have served and will serve a debt of gratitude.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. DAVID LOEBSACK**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2018*

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, I was unexpectedly detained from votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 207; YEA on Roll Call No. 208; and YEA on Roll Call No. 209.

**IN RECOGNITION OF MARCY SYMS**

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2018*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the extraordinary contributions of Marcy Syms, a strong

businesswoman, a philanthropist and an activist who has worked tirelessly to open doors for women. Ms. Syms is receiving the Carolyn Maloney Leadership Award tonight from our great Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright. Not only is Ms. Syms a corporate leader, but she has generously given of her time, experience and resources to leveling the playing field and helping other women find success.

President and founder of the Sy Syms Foundation and former CEO of the Syms Corporation, Ms. Syms has played key roles in both private and non-profit companies. She was one of the youngest women ever named President of a publicly-traded New York Stock Exchange company.

At a time when many entrepreneurs were grooming their sons for leadership but overlooking their daughters, Ms. Syms was fortunate enough to have a father who gave her opportunities and encouraged her to learn the business. Ms. Syms started working at Strauss Communications WMCA and Channel 13 before joining Syms Corporation. She joined Syms Corporation in 1978 when the company expanded into women's clothing. At first, she was invited to be the voice of the company in a radio commercial, but then used her marketing skills to create a media plan for the company. She realized quickly that she loved the business and that she wanted to spend her career working for the company her father had created. Benefitting from the trust and support of her father, she took increasingly prominent roles in the company and eventually became its CEO.

Ms. Syms also has served as the Chair of the Small Business and Agricultural Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Ms. Syms has served as a director of Rite Aid Corporation.

Throughout her career, Ms. Syms has been dedicated to helping open doors for other women. She has been a leader in speaking out for women's rights and encouraging the passage of an equal rights amendment to the US constitution, a cause that is very dear to my own heart.

Ms. Syms has been a member of New York Women's Foundation, whose grants to underserved women and girls are helping to address longstanding inequities. She has been a generous supporter of Ms. Foundation and was an early chair of its Take Our Daughters to Work Day. She has supported the Women's Campaign Fund and the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund (now known as Legal Momentum). She was a founding member of the Womensphere Global Network, an organization dedicated to closing gender gaps, and in empowering women and girls to create the future through leadership, innovation, sustainability, entrepreneurship, education. She is a member of C200, a networking organization for women in business that encourages members to support one another's professional and personal growth while inspiring and advancing future women business leaders. She has been a board member of both Veteran Feminists of America and the ERA Coalition. In all of these activities, Ms. Syms has played a critical role in helping women network and breach barriers that stood in the way of their success.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary achievements of Marcy Syms, a dynamic and hardworking leader who has made a difference throughout her career.

## THE USO SUPPORTS OUR TROOPS AND VETERANS

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2018*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as American soldiers risk their lives in the Global War on Terrorism to protect American families, the United Service Organization (USO) is more important than ever. I am grateful to participate in the USO Care Package Day on the Hill today led by CEO and President J.D. Crouch, II, along with Senior Vice President Virginia H. Johnson.

The USO has always been at the forefront of entertaining and caring for our brave troops and their families. As a 31-year veteran of the Army Reserve and National Guard as well as a father of four sons who have served in the Armed Forces overseas, as well as a member of the Congressional USO Caucus, I am especially grateful for the USO.

Today, with the help of 30,000 volunteers, the USO provides approximately 1.5 million hours of community service each year.

I am especially grateful for USO South Carolina, led ably by Director Joanie Thresher. There are USO locations in the Second Congressional District at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport and Fort Jackson with extraordinary welcoming volunteers. I also thank longtime friend Jed Becker as President of the USO National Board of Governors.

In conclusion, God Bless Our Troops and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

## REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF PASTOR I.J. JOHNSON

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2018*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Pastor Isiah J. Johnson; senior pastor and founder of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, who, through his ministry, brought hundreds to Christ, was one of the longest tenured Pastors in the United States, and served as a valued member of the Toledo community.

Pastor Johnson was born to Mary and Levi Johnson in Troy, Alabama. He was one of eleven siblings. He was a graduate of Academy High School in Troy and Easonian Baptist Seminary in Birmingham.

His call to ministry came to him from youth experiences at church where his father was a deacon and he looked forward to Sunday services, especially listening to the preacher at his family's church. His family tells us that at the age of only 12, he felt the spirit had called him while playing church with some friends. After that moment, he would preach "to the corn stalks and any siblings who listened to him."

After being ordained at the age of 19, he served as a pastor of four churches in Alabama before settling in Toledo and founding St. Mark's in 1955. Pastor Johnson met the love of his life, Betty Rae Johnson in Toledo and they were married on August 26, 1958.

Pastor Johnson served the Toledo community for many years on various committees and boards. He is the past Chairman of the Civic Committee (Pastor's Conference—Toledo), President of the Baptist Ministerial Alliance, TARTA Board member, founder of the Fairside Community Center, Mental Health Board of Toledo member, and a member of the Evangelist Board of the National Baptist Convention.

Pastor Johnson was recognized by Mayor Ford of Tuskegee, Alabama on July 20, 1994, who sponsored a resolution that instituted July 20th as Rev. I.J. Johnson Day in Tuskegee. He was further recognized by the Mayor and City Council of Toledo on June 3, 2008 where Detroit Avenue from Fernwood Avenue to Dorr Street was dedicated as Rev. I.J. Johnson Way.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years; daughters Annie Wright, Denisee Gaston and Angela Taylor; sons, Jim, Eric, Izeah, the Rev. Michael, and the Rev. Curley Johnson; brother, Alonzo Johnson; 28 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by daughters Mary Stokes and Darlene Baker.

Pastor Johnson will be remembered admirably by the many people he ministered to, his fellow church and community members, and his family and friends. We offer them our prayers and hope that they find comfort in the wonderful memories of what Pastor Johnson had meant to each of the people who shared in his life. Mentor and friend to many, his charismatic leadership will be cherished.

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Moon Kyung Cho; Jannela Lopez De Guzman; Gabriel Nicole White; Reynaldo Campos.

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