

was class president, homecoming queen, and valedictorian. Virginia graduated from Graceland University, and the University of Iowa, and earned a master's degree in library science from Western Michigan University. She began her career working in an elementary school in Illinois. Virginia returned home to help with the family business after the death of her father. She worked for the Council Bluffs Public Library and was the librarian for Bloomer Elementary School and returned to Thomas Jefferson High School to help establish the first computer lab. Virginia has remained active in her community and is best known as one of the "peanut-brittle ladies" who help raise money for a school in Haiti and for other church ministries.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Virginia on the honor of being a member of the Hall of Fame at Thomas Jefferson High School. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in congratulating Virginia and wishing her nothing but continued success in all her endeavors.

DANA ABBOTT RECEIVES SWIM
COACH HALL OF FAME AWARD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dana Abbott of Katy, TX for receiving the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Hall of Fame Award.

The Hall of Fame Award from the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association is one of the most significant awards for the sport. Two association members are named annually and have their names engraved on the trophy at the International Swimming Hall of Fame. In 2016, Coach Abbott led the St. John XXIII College Preparatory swim team to a girl's state championship and a boy's regional crown for the Lions. Coach Abbott founded the Tiger Swim Club in Katy and the West Houston Aquatic League. He also served as an assistant coach at the University of Texas before working as the head swim coach at Katy High School from 1980 to 2005. During his career, Abbott has received numerous awards including the TAPPS Male Coach of the Year in 2016, the 2008 Paragon Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame, and the TISCA Theron Pickle Lifetime Achievement Award.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Coach Abbott for receiving the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association Hall of Fame Award. I thank him for his dedication to our education system and for sharing his passion for swimming with our students.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH RE-
UNION OF THE BRAVE MEN AND
WOMEN OF THE 6TH AIRLIFT
SQUADRON

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, the 6th Airlift Squadron is part of the 305th Air Mobility Wing at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. It operates the C-17 Globemaster III supporting the United States Air Force global reach mission worldwide. The 6th Airlift Squadron is the oldest airlift squadron in the Air Force, having served with distinction since 1 October 1933—85 years ago. It must be understood that any aviation squadron which boasts a proud 85 year history can only be considered extraordinary. The squadron was initially assigned to the 2nd Transport Group, at Shreveport, Louisiana, and later reorganized in August 1937 with Reserve personnel at Columbus, Ohio. The squadron was activated on 14 October 1939 into the Army Air Forces at Olmsted Field, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The squadron made airlift history during World War II when, in October 1942, it was transferred to Port Moresby, New Guinea. Then flying C-47s, the 6th became the first personnel transport squadron to fly in the Pacific. It was during this assignment that the squadron earned the nickname Bully Beef Express, as it carried tons of boiled beef to allied combat troops in Australia and New Guinea. The French called it "boujili boef", and the Americanization of the term has continued to this day to be the squadron's emblem. The 6th performed aerial transportation in the Pacific Theater and Southwest Pacific Theater during World War II and in the Far East during the Korean War and after until 1968, when it was temporarily deactivated but then reactivated in April 1970 during the Viet Nam War as more C-141 Starlifters were coming into service. It has performed worldwide airlift operations since then. The 6th conducted resupply missions in support of scientific stations in the Antarctic during Operation Deep Freeze from 1971 to 1974. It re-supplied Israel during the 1973 Yom Kippur War. It evacuated Vietnamese refugees during the fall of Saigon, April through June 1975. It has also supported U.S. forces in Grenada, October through December 1983, during the invasion of Panama, December 1989 through January 1990, and during the liberation of Kuwait, August 1990 through March 1991, and continues to support military operations throughout the Middle East. In June of 1979 current and past members of the squadron organized the first of what would be 40 consecutive annual reunions spanning 4 decades—the longest continuous running reunion in the Air Force. On June 6, 2018, those past and present members of this distinguished military unit will celebrate a milestone with the 40th Annual Bully Beef Reunion. Today, we recognize the fine, dedicated men and women of the 6th who have served selflessly and honorably over 85 years, and congratulate them on their 40th Reunion.

HONORING LAURIE KRACKO

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a pillar of the Anshe Sholom community, Ms. Laurie Kracko, who this year is being honored by the congregation for all she has accomplished.

Laurie has been a life-long member of Congregation Anshe Sholom. Her grandparents, Selma & Erich Kracko became members in 1946. Her father Elliot was born into Anshe Sholom, and when he married Ellen in 1972, they continued their membership and have been involved ever since. Laurie grew up in New Rochelle and in Mamaroneck, went to Solomon Schechter grade school, and graduated from Scarsdale High School. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Communication from The University of Hartford in Connecticut.

Right out of college, Laurie started working for her father in one of his businesses. After a few years, Laurie chose to work in the non-profit world where she spent five years working at The National Jewish Council for Disabilities/Yachad, as office manager. In 2009, Laurie left Yachad to, once again, work in one of her father's businesses. In 2010, Laurie opened her own business, City Sprint Safety and Supply. In just under three years of being in business, a competitor approached Laurie and her business partner with an offer to purchase City Sprint. They sold the business in the winter of 2012. In March of 2015, Laurie bought out her father's business partner in Modern Paint & Hardware Corp. and together, Elliot & Laurie formed The Modern Paint Group, where they went from one paint & hardware store to eight in a matter of 90 days from April to July of 2015. This rapid growth turned Modern Paint into the second largest chain of paint stores in Westchester County.

Over the years, Laurie has become more and more active in Anshe Sholom. She is involved in planning events, weekly Kiddush preparation, social media and weekly Shabbat announcements. She is on the Chesed committee, the Outreach Committee and much more. Laurie became a Board Member in 2015, and in 2016 became Secretary of the Board.

In 2016, Laurie represented Congregation Anshe Sholom at the Westchester Jewish Council Leadership Development Program and has participated in many of their events and meetings on behalf of Anshe Sholom.

As you can see, Laurie has done it all, and is most deserving of this warm recognition. Congratulations to her on this grand occasion.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE CENTER
FOR DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20th Anniversary of the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) which will be celebrated on June 14th.

On June 1, 1998, the Center opened its doors to America's first responders. Over the past 20 years, the staff of the CDP have provided cutting-edge training to first responders from all 50 states, every U.S. territory and many tribal nations. Through the years, the Center's unique training capabilities have prepared the nation's communities to plan for, respond to and recover from disasters. As the nation's only facility that trains local responders with live toxic materials, the CDP's training builds skills and confidence within the response community that can save American lives in a homeland security crisis.

Since its inception, the Center has continued to expand its facilities and curriculum to better meet the training needs of first responders. Today, the CDP serves an essential role within the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency for helping provide critical training that ultimately helps keep our communities safe.

I am pleased to recognize the staff of the Center for Domestic Preparedness today for reaching this important milestone, and look forward to witnessing its continued service to the nation.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the CDP on this exciting milestone in their history.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA
KEIFFNER ON THE OCCASION OF
HER RETIREMENT FROM IBJ
MEDIA

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patricia "Pat" Keiffner on the occasion of her retirement from IBJ Media. For the past twenty-three years, Pat devoted her life to providing exceptional service to her co-workers, authors, IBJ partners, and vendors. In her more than two decades of service, Pat published various statewide publications focusing on education and launched over 400 books. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Pat's commitment to literature and educating the next generation of Indiana students through her work in publishing.

Before residing in the Hoosier state, Pat earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and Sociology from Morehead State University in Kentucky. She later attended Southern Methodist University, where she earned her Master's in English. Passionate about education, Pat began her career as a secondary and post-secondary English coordinator and instructor at Plano Senior High School in Texas. After four years of teaching, Pat became the Dean of Academic Affairs at Sawyer Business College, and then was Senior Security Coordinator for Northrop Grumman, and later General Manager at the Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce. These positions led her to Indianapolis where she started her own press firm, Magna Graphic/ Midwest Incorporated. Her leadership at Magna Graphic/ Midwest Inc. prepared her for her career at IBJ Media where she has been influential in the management of various projects and publications.

During her career at IBJ Media, Pat stood out as a leader. Her role in revamping the

graphic production and print processes was instrumental in the financial successes of the firm. Along with her superb management skills, Pat brought her passion for education into the publishing world. Pat started the Custom Publishing division of IBJ Media, responsible for launching several statewide education publications including Next Indiana, GRAD, and Career Ready. The Custom Publishing division is also responsible for producing publications for grades K-10, reaching hundreds of thousands of students across the State of Indiana. Relationship oriented, Pat developed long-term partnerships with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development making these highly respected publications possible. During her time with IBJ Media, Pat's influence reached beyond the education sector.

Pat was responsible for overseeing more than forty custom publications annually for government, not-for-profits, and various industries. She also oversaw the expansion from print to web and mobile apps.

Her many awards are a testament to the exceptional work ethic of this incredibly talented individual. A hard worker, Pat published hundreds of books through IBJ Book Publishing, three of which were picked up by national publishers including Simon & Schuster. Most recently, one of these books received the National Jewish Book Award. Of particular note, Pat published *Breaking Cardinal Rules*, which drew national attention as a #1 best seller of basketball books.

Pat's impact on her community goes far beyond publishing. Rooted in a desire to make positive change, Pat used her extensive expertise to create successful public and private sector partnerships and received the Presidential Citation from Ronald Reagan for her statewide initiatives.

Pat's dedication to her community is evidenced by her service on the boards of Community Health Network Foundation, Little Red Door, Teachers' Treasures, Lugar Series, and Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce's ChamberAction. The Indiana Commission for Women recognized Pat as a Trailblazer as a recipient of the Torchbearer Award for her work with public/private partnerships.

Pat has made a remarkable impression on her community and the lives of her friends, family, and colleagues. She has truly left a legacy of success at IBJ Media that will be built upon for years to come. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Pat Keiffner on her extraordinary career and extend my gratitude for all the wonderful contributions she has made to our Hoosier community. While I know Pat will be missed, I wish the very best to her husband John and the rest of her family as she enjoys a well-deserved retirement.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF DR. JO
MARSHALL

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Jo Marshall in recognition of her retirement after a lifetime of dedication as a highly esteemed post-sec-

ondary education administrator in Kentucky and Alabama, including her last 18 years of leadership as President of Somerset Community College (SCC) in Somerset, Kentucky.

Dr. Marshall and her late husband, Dr. Scott Marshall, were a dynamic team with immense passion for post-secondary education, who worked tirelessly to improve access to college degrees and open new doors of opportunity for those most in need. In fact, when the Marshalls first arrived in Somerset, they surveyed the rural Lake Cumberland region and quickly realized the tremendous need for a scholarship fund to help our students pay for tuition. So, Dr. Marshall launched the SCC Foundation, which is a nearly one-million-dollar fund today, making college dreams come true for countless local students.

Despite severe budget cuts and rising unemployment rates, Dr. Marshall guided SCC through some of its greatest successes. She expanded the local campus with several new state-of-the-art buildings, increased enrollment numbers to historic levels, developed key partnerships with four-year colleges and universities to streamline student transfers, and garnered a multitude of accolades for her personal leadership and SCC's achievements.

Dr. Jo Marshall is an incredibly gracious and humble individual who leads with a steady hand and a heart of compassion. She has made a remarkable difference in our community and in the lives of countless students in Kentucky. Although she is retiring, Dr. Marshall has laid a foundation for future success and growth as SCC continues to serve our region.

My wife, Cynthia, and I wish our dear friend, Dr. Marshall, many joyful years of retirement with her children and grandchildren.

HONORING MIRIAM WESTHEIMER
& JOEL EINLEGER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to honor two individuals who have done outstanding work as part of the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale (CSAIR) community, Miriam Westheimer and Joel Einleger.

Joel and Miriam found a home at CSAIR that spoke to their divergent backgrounds. Yeshiva-educated, Joel grew up in a Modern Orthodox family in Washington Heights connected to the local Jewish community. Miriam also grew up in Washington Heights, and her family's connection to Judaism was primarily cultural, with shul attendance reserved for High Holidays. They both were drawn by CSAIR's warmth, evident when the Havurah offered to make a minyan after Miriam's father passed away, and when food showed up on their doorstep after their oldest, Ari, was born.

Miriam served on the Education Board and the Social Action Committee; chaired the Gala honoring Rabbi Katz and Shoshi Talesnick; and worked on the Child Protection Committee. She organized the interfaith Seder, developed a partnership with the Creston Avenue Baptist Church, and started regular Israeli folk dance evenings. She also chaired the most recent Capital Campaign, which through