

our community and the lives of those she has touched.

It is because of dedicated women such as Ms. Mardell Urish that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Ms. Mardell Urish's life and her service to this great country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARIN LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, I experienced delays traveling from Peoria, IL to Washington, D.C. Unfortunately, due to a delayed and then canceled flight, I did not make it to D.C. in time for the 6:30 p.m. vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 269; yea on Roll Call No. 270; and nay on Roll Call No. 271.

HONORING THE TOWNSHIP OF
MONTCLAIR'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Township of Montclair, County of Essex, New Jersey, on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary.

The story of Montclair as a settled community begins with the Crane family. Azariah Crane, his wife Mary Treat Crane, and their son Nathaniel, built a home in 1694 near the present intersection of Orange Road and Myrtle Avenue. Other pioneers arrived soon after, and the frontier settlement of Cranetown came into being in what is now the southern part of Montclair.

During the Revolutionary War, First Mountain in Montclair provided observation points for following the movements of the British to the east. A strong tradition holds that both George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette were in Cranetown briefly in October of 1780. The boulder at the corner of Claremont Avenue and Valley Road marking the site of "Washington's Headquarters" is one of Montclair's better-known landmarks.

Beginning about 1800, several developments led to the transformation of Cranetown into a small commercial center. One development was the opening of a general store by Israel Crane. Further, in 1806, Crane led a group of businessmen in obtaining a charter from the State for building the Newark-Pompton Turnpike. Constructed over the next several years, the turnpike came through Montclair as Bloomfield Avenue and vastly increased the flow of commerce. Israel Crane broke new ground as well in opening a wool mill on Toney's Brook. Other small industries followed. Also important for the economic development of the area was the completion of the Morris Canal in 1831. In 1812, the Bloomfield ward of Newark became a separate township, which included the future Montclair. The village of Cranetown now became known as

West Bloomfield and a post office was established under that name.

The most decisive event for the emergence of Montclair was the coming of railroads. By 1860 West Bloomfield was becoming a commuter town with its own marked identity and influential residents persuaded the post office to adopt the name Montclair.

The population of the community grew rapidly as New York businessmen and their families began building homes along the mountain-side. The new residents sought to create in Montclair a model "country town" with convenient access to the city. Their vision was shared by a notable artist colony that began forming in the 1870's. A central figure was the landscape painter, George Inness. Able and dedicated community leaders endowed the town with superior schools, an excellent public library, a distinguished art museum and many large and influential churches.

By the opening of the 20th century, a richly diverse population characterized the community. A new influx of New Englanders was joined by African-Americans from the South and by Irish, Germans, Italians, Scandinavians and others newly arrived from Europe. Great mansions went up, but so did many modest homes. Between 1880 and 1930, Montclair's population leaped from 5,147 to 42,017. The period following World War II was marked by tremendous expansion of the metropolitan area. New suburbs popped up in the hinterland along with shopping malls and corporate offices.

Montclair is home to New Jersey's second largest public university, Montclair State University. Building on a distinguished history dating back to 1908, Montclair State University is a leading institution of higher education in New Jersey. Designated a Research Doctoral University by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, the University's 11 colleges and schools serve more than 21,000 undergraduate and graduate students with more than 300 doctoral, master's and baccalaureate programs. Situated on a beautiful, 252-acre suburban campus just 12 miles from New York City, Montclair State delivers the instructional and research resources of a large public university in a supportive, sophisticated and diverse academic environment.

Today Montclair is a community of about 39,000 inhabitants. Its heritage in education has been enhanced by its innovative public and private school educational programs and the expanded offerings at Montclair State University. Once again it has become a haven for artists and writers. This is a seasoned community whose many old houses enhance its charm, yet at the dawn of a new century, Montclair remains alive to the spirit of the times.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating the Township of Montclair on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF CARMINE PALOMBO FOR HIS YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AT SEMCOG

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carmine Palombo of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG). His leadership efforts have been critical in serving southeast Michigan for decades.

After receiving his bachelor degree in civil engineering from the University of Detroit Mercy, Mr. Palombo started what would be a lifelong career in southeast Michigan. Since he was young, he has had a deep interest for transportation planning and bettering accessibility throughout the state he loves. He has served in various roles related to transportation planning since joining SEMCOG almost 40 years ago. SEMCOG supports local planning with coordinated intergovernmental resources and serves to improve the quality of transportation systems and encourage economic development. Mr. Palombo has played an integral role in furthering SEMCOG's mission throughout his career.

Mr. Palombo has served as SEMCOG's director of transportation planning for over 20 years and played a key role in many statewide transportation efforts. Throughout southeast Michigan, Mr. Palombo is known for his dedication to his work and keen understanding of the needs of various Michigan communities. He has been at the forefront of Michigan's transit changes over the past two decades and plays a key role in the decision-making processes that occur in communities throughout southeast Michigan. In addition to his work with SEMCOG, he has served as Chairman of the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council and is a former chair of the Michigan Intelligent Transportation Systems board of directors. Mr. Palombo has had a tremendous impact on the future of Michigan's transportation infrastructure, and we look forward to his continued positive impact on our state in the coming years. We know his next chapter will continue to help all of us.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Carmine Palombo upon his retirement for his leadership at SEMCOG and in the southeast Michigan community. Mr. Palombo's career and efforts have been critical to transit innovation in our state.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOODVIEW ASSOCIATES

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to the Gianotti family and the residents of Woodview Associates as they celebrate the 40th Anniversary of this very special apartment community.

With a vision well before its time, Howard and Elizabeth Gianotti built Woodview to ensure that they elderly and disabled of their

community would have an affordable, beautiful, and safe place to live as they enjoyed their twilight years. With Howard as the driving force and Betty as the quiet compass by his side, that vision soon became a reality. In Howard's words, he "wanted to build a place that he would be proud to have my mother live."

Woodview is well known as a safe, beautiful housing facility, however, it is the special care that they provide to their residents that make it a real home instead of just somewhere to live. Today, their daughter Robbin, along with her husband, Don, and their children Rachel and Don, Jr., continue that legacy overseeing the property and management of what is arguably the most sought after subsidized housing in East Haven, Connecticut.

Caring for our elderly population has become a national issue as America's "baby boomers" are growing older, and safe, affordable housing is needed more than ever. Additionally, those who suffer from disabilities are in growing need of facilities which will meet their needs as well. By providing our seniors and disabled with affordable housing, Woodview gives its residents so much more than shelter from the elements—they are giving them pride, comfort, independence and stability.

I want to extend a special note of thanks and congratulations to Robbin and her family. Though Howard and Betty are no longer with us, they are ensuring that their legacy continues to leave an indelible mark on this community. I thank them for their invaluable contributions and continued dedication to their residents—they have set a standard of service, compassion, and commitment that inspires us all. Once again, my heartfelt congratulations to them on this remarkable milestone—Happy 40th Anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, yesterday my flight was diverted to Richmond due to inclement weather surrounding the capital, causing me to miss evening votes. Had I been able to, I would have voted for bills that passed the House last evening on suspension of the rules.

CHINA MUST END PERSECUTION OF THE FALUN GONG

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, 2018 marks the 19th year since the Communist government in Beijing banned the practice of Falun Gong. We must remember how the Chinese government has purposefully denied the human rights of so many over the last 20 years.

The Falun Gong movement stands for some of mankind's most respected virtues: truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance. The Chi-

nese government saw this peaceful movement growing, and rather than embrace it, they have taken every possible step to destroy it. So the Communists took away Falun Gong's most basic human right: the right to live and worship freely. The Chinese government's top priority is not its citizens, but staying in power at all costs, even if it means persecuting the most peaceful among them.

Beijing's evil knows no limits. We know they murder many Falun Gong practitioners and harvested their organs for profit. We know this shameful practice is going on, because brave men and women have come forward, including family members, practitioners, and even victims themselves. The evidence is undeniable.

This practice is a billion dollar business for the Chinese government. Organ harvesting is the number one source of revenue for Chinese medical centers. The Chinese government makes a profit while silencing a group it sees as threatening. They think they cannot lose. But they can't silent us. We know what is going on behind closed doors. And we will not remain silent.

Recent reports suggest that tens of thousands of transplants annually are funding the construction of new hospital wings devoted solely to these illicit procedures. The Chinese government recognizes only a fraction of these transplants, they claim most of their transplant organs come from prisoners on death row. The report verified that 712 medical institutions perform transplants in China, but estimates from the Executive Chairman of the China Organ Transplant Alliance are well over 1,000, many of which are undocumented. According to their own staff, some of these hospitals perform thousands of transplants every year.

Obviously, the Chinese Communist Party is lying. Dishonesty is standard practice for the CCP. And yet, we will keep fighting back. This fight has not been easy. Many have loved ones in jail right now. Others have been tortured. Others have simply disappeared.

I applaud all who continue to stand up for what is right. Their presence is a testament that no matter how hard Beijing tries to eliminate the Falun Gong, they will fail. I am proud to stand with them after all they have endured.

As a former judge from Texas, justice is of the utmost importance to me. I feel a duty to speak out against the most egregious wrongs committed against innocent people. The world must recognize China as an enemy of human rights. The Falun Gong practice peace. We must protect the rights given to all of us by our Creator.

And that's just the way it is.

CONGRATULATING WILLIAM WUNDRAM ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 74 YEARS OF HONORABLE SERVICE TO THE QUAD-CITY TIMES NEWSPAPER

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize columnist William "Bill" Wundram for 74 years of honorable service to the Quad-City Times newspaper. Mr. Wundram is a pillar in the Quad Cities community, and his

knowledge and ability to generate creative ideas will be missed.

Bill Wundram has made a longstanding career of writing stories that are substantive, interesting, and newsworthy for the Quad-City Times. Of his 39 years as a columnist, 36 were spent writing 7 days a week. This has been hailed by many as a marvelous feat for American journalists. Bill has achieved countless accolades: a green space named William Wundram Parkway, becoming the "Honorary Mayor for Life" in Davenport, Iowa, and a bronze statue in Bix Plaza in front of the Quad-City Times will forever stand in his honor. As a former journalist, Bill's legacy and contributions have a special place in my heart. He understands what it takes to create a good story, and presents it in a way that is engaging to his audience. His career reached beyond writing, as he connected to the hearts of the people in our community. The skillset and historical knowledge that Bill possesses is something that can never be replaced. Yet at the age of 93, Bill Wundram has decided to rest his pen and enjoy retirement alongside his wife Helen and dog Molly.

It is because of dedicated citizens like Bill that I proudly serve the people of the 17th District of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I would like to formally congratulate William Wundram on a tremendous career. I join the rest of the community in thanking him for the contributions he has made to journalism, and for setting an example of how to live a life of excellence.

TRIBUTE TO SANDY HILDING

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sandy Hilding of Shenandoah, Iowa, on her retirement as principal of Shenandoah High School in Shenandoah, Iowa. Sandy has served as principal there since 2008.

Sandy is a native of Fort Madison, Iowa. After graduating high school, she started working at the HyVee Food Store and transferred to Shenandoah, Iowa in the 1980s. She also worked at the Eaton Corporation in Shenandoah, Iowa when she realized her passion was in education and working with children. Sandy received her education degree from Peru State College in Peru, Nebraska. She began teaching mathematics in 1991 at Shenandoah High School and in 2002, she accepted a position as principal/athletic director at Farragut Community Schools in Farragut, Iowa. Six years later, she returned to Shenandoah High School as principal. Sandy has a reputation for working hard and being dedicated to her students and high school.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Sandy Hilding on her career and retirement. Sandy has made a difference by helping and serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in acknowledging her accomplishments in education. I thank her for her service to the Shenandoah community and wish her all the best in the future.