

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.

OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND PATIENT SAFETY ACT, H.R. 6082, AND IMD CARE ACT, H.R. 5797

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, today I was unable to vote for two important bills that add to the House's ongoing efforts to combat the opioid and substance abuse crisis in America. Had I been present, I would have voted Yes on H.R. 6082, the Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act, to align 42 CFR Part 2 with HIPAA privacy regulations, allowing doctors to provide the best medical care for patients who suffer from the crippling disease that is substance use disorder. Doctors cannot treat a whole patient with half a medical record. I would also have voted Yes on the IMD Care Act, H.R. 5797 to expand treatment options for patients.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB GIBBS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. GIBBS. Mr. Speaker, due to inclement weather conditions, my flight from Columbus, OH to Washington, D.C. was canceled and I was unable to arrive in time for 6:30 p.m. votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 269; YEA on Roll Call No. 270; and YEA on Roll Call No. 271.

HONORING THE IOVANNE FAMILY AND FUNERAL HOME ON 90 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with a warm heart that I rise today to congratulate the Iovanne family on the 90th Anniversary of Iovanne Funeral Home—a remarkable milestone for this New Haven institution. Now run by the third generation of the family and located in the heart of Wooster Square, the neighborhood of my own childhood, Iovanne's is a bedrock of our community.

Founded in 1928 by E. William Iovanne and his wife, Angelina, the Iovanne Funeral Home was established in a time when wakes and funerals were held in family homes. As time passed and traditions changed, they found a new home at 11 Wooster Place where they continue to operate today. With the unexpected passing of his father, Bill Sr. took the helm of the family business and has served his profession with honor and distinction for more than forty years. Today, Bill Iovanne, Jr., better known in the neighborhood as simply Billy, is the family's third generation to serve as President. Having learned at the feet of his grandmother and father, Billy keeps his grandparents' original motto of "always treat a per-

son the way you want them to treat you" close at heart as he and his staff help guide families through the loss of those closest to them.

The Wooster Square neighborhood has always been the heart of New Haven's Italian-American community and is home to many iconic businesses and cultural institutions—Sally's and Pepe's Pizza, St. Michael's Church, Columbus Park, Libby's, the St. Andrew's Society, the Santa Maria Maddalena Society, and, of course, Iovanne's. Each has played a role in the community's rich history and continue to help shape its future. The Iovanne family, particularly Bill Sr. and Billy, are not only neighborhood business owners, they are dedicated and devoted members of the community. They have both long devoted their time and energies to ensuring the preservation of the Wooster Square neighborhood and its Italian-American roots. That is why they were honored by the Greater New Haven Columbus Day Parade Committee in 2012 as that year's Grand Marshalls.

There are few that families trust more with the final celebration of life for their loved ones than the Iovannes. There are no words of thanks for the care and compassion they provide to their clients during that most difficult time. Indeed, when I lost my own mother, Luisa, last year, there was no question as to who I would entrust with her final arrangements. I have known the Iovanne family my entire life and am fortunate to call them family. It is my great honor to have the opportunity to stand today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Bill Iovanne, Sr., Bill Iovanne, Jr. and the entire Iovanne family as they celebrate their 90th Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO GERTRUDE AND FRED MATTHIES

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 honor Gertrude and Fred Matthies of Walnut, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 75th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 7, 1943 at the Catholic parsonage in Avoca, Iowa.

Gertrude and Fred's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 75th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 75th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

IN HONOR OF COACH JACK M. POWELL

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man of purpose, sincerity,

and high character, Coach Jack M. Powell. Sadly, Coach Powell passed away on May 12, 2018. His funeral services were held on Saturday, May 19, at 2:00pm at First Baptist Church of Eufaula in Eufaula, Alabama.

The Andalusia, Alabama native was born on March 20, 1922, to the union of George Bennie and Lilla Lawson Powell as one of ten children. A graduate of Pleasant Home High School of Andalusia, Coach played basketball in the state tournament for three years before going on to play basketball at Auburn University.

Jack was a highly respected coach who also served as an educator for 40 years while at Lockhart and Eufaula High Schools (1947–1966); Livingston University (1966–1972), and Sparks State Technical College, in Eufaula, Alabama (from 1972 until his retirement). Highlights of his remarkable coaching career include several "Coach of the Year" awards and Hall of Fame inductions; numerous district, area, regional, state, and all-star championships; and the establishment of the Tri-State Basketball Try-Out Clinic and Alabama's Junior Pro Basketball League.

He dedicated his life to helping others—especially our most precious resources—young people. He used the season of his life to help others reach their full potential. He was dedicated to his craft as both a teacher and a coach. Coach Powell was well respected by his peers, players, students, and colleagues. He knew that his life would be measured not by wins and losses on a sports field, but by the difference he made in the lives of his students and players.

Jack's faith inspired him to serve through virtually every segment of church life. He served as a Sunday School Teacher for more than 50 years (with his class at First Baptist Church of Eufaula being named after him) and a Sunday School Superintendent. He also served many years as a Deacon and was Chairman of the Deacon Board for 12 years. His walk as a devout Christian was the foundation of his life.

His greatest role in life was that of a dedicated husband to his late wife, Opal, and loving father to his two sons, Doyle and John.

While I did not know Jack personally, I know his son, John, the Executive Director of the American Peanut Shellers Association, which is based in Albany, Georgia. It has been said that the tree is known by the fruit it bears. If that is true, Coach Jack M. Powell was truly a fine and exemplary man, having molded and shaped the character of his devoted and loving son—John. John was a dutiful son and throughout his dad's life, especially in his sunset years, he truly honored his father as administered by the scriptures.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and I, along with more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District in extending condolences to his family, friends and loved ones. To "God Be the Glory" for the life of Coach Jack M. Powell for his contributions to the betterment of human-kind.