

Dutch Hollow Farm and has become an esteemed advocate and clarion voice for the dairy farming industry across New York State.

Dairy farming is a vitally important part of our identity in Upstate New York, and Nate has worked tirelessly to ensure it remains the engine of our local economy. Through his active participation in the Columbia-Greene Cornell Extension Board, the Agri-Mark Young Cooperators Board, and as a local 4-H dairy leader for over two decades, Nate has become a fixture within the farming community as well as the greater Rensselaer County community.

This Hometown Alumni Award is a true testament to Nate's steadfast commitment to his community and to dairy farming. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this honor. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Nate on receiving this award. His lifetime of hard work is inspirational, and I am grateful for his many contributions to New York State and to our robust dairy industry.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JASON LEWIS

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, on June 20, 2018, during roll call vote No. 276 and No. 278 on the passage of H.R. 5797, the IMD CARE Act, and H.R. 6082, the Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety Act, I was not present on the floor to cast my vote. I fully intended to vote "yes" on both pieces of legislation which will help address the opioid crisis facing our nation.

HONORING WALTER J. CORTER

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and community contributions of Walter J. Corter, of the Third Congressional District, who will retire on July 1, 2018, after over thirty four years of public service to Burlington Township.

Walter has dedicated his career to serving the public. He was hired as a Burlington Township Police Officer in 1974 and held various assignments in the Patrol Division and Investigation Division. He was then appointed as the Public Safety Director in 1983, and remained in that position until 1994. From 1995 to 2003, he served as the Chief of Investigations for the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office. He additionally served 12 years as Burlington Township's Emergency Management Coordinator. In 2004, he returned to the role of Public Safety Director where he remained until 2011. He was ultimately appointed as the Township Administrator in 2012 and has served in that position ever since.

Walter has received numerous recognitions throughout his career, including several lifetime achievements from the Jewish Relations Council of South Jersey, the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office, the FBI National Acad-

emy Associates, and the Burlington County Police Chiefs Association. He has served on FBI Director Mueller's National Law Enforcement Advisory Committee and is a lifetime member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the FBI National Academy Associates. Through his efforts, several partnerships have been formed with various agencies and organizations, which continue to benefit the residents of Burlington Township.

Walter is a highly respected individual whose leadership abilities, perseverance, and integrity are widely recognized and demonstrate his commitment to public service. He has continued to further initiatives and programs within Burlington Township that benefit the community as a whole.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously honored to have Walter J. Corter as a member of their community. Walter has shown a desire to serve the public and to give back to his community, and has worked continuously to do so at the best of his ability. I am honored to recognize his career of public service and to commend him for all that he has contributed to his community.

RECOGNIZING JUNE AS SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize June as Scleroderma Awareness Month.

Scleroderma is a chronic connective tissue disease generally classified as one of the autoimmune rheumatic diseases. Hardening of the skin is one of the most visible manifestations of the disease. The disease is also known as "systemic sclerosis," a subset of the disease in which internal organ systems (such as kidneys, lungs, heart, and gastrointestinal tract) and skin, or internal organ systems only, are affected. It is estimated that about 300,000 Americans have scleroderma with one-third of those having the systemic form of the disease.

Scleroderma varies from patient to patient and often presents with symptoms similar to other autoimmune diseases, making diagnosis and treatment extremely complicated. There may be many misdiagnosed or undiagnosed cases. Currently, there is no cure for scleroderma.

On behalf of the scleroderma community, I am proud to be the lead sponsor of H.R. 4638, the National Commission on Scleroderma and Fibrotic Diseases Act. This bill would establish a National Commission on Fibrotic Diseases within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to evaluate and make recommendations regarding improvements to the coordination and advancement of NIH-supported research activities related to fibrosis and fibrotic diseases.

I call on my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation by becoming a cosponsor of H.R. 4638, which will increase research and treatments for the fibrotic community.

COMMEMORATING THE GROUND-BREAKING FOR THE STEPHEN D. "STEVE" HOGAN PARKWAY

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the groundbreaking for the Stephen D. "Steve" Hogan Parkway in Aurora, Colorado. Named in honor of Aurora's Mayor Steve Hogan, who sadly passed away on May 13, 2018, this parkway represents a long awaited major improvement and expansion of Aurora, Colorado's Sixth Avenue. The parkway is fittingly named to honor the life of this well-loved public servant, who I was fortunate enough to call a friend.

The parkway's design was finalized in February of 2017, and completion is scheduled to occur prior to the end of 2019. This expansion of Sixth Avenue will greatly facilitate east/west mobility in Aurora and provide substantial safety and congestion improvements at the 6th Avenue entrance to Buckley Air Force Base.

Throughout his time serving the citizens of Aurora as a state legislator, as a member of Aurora City Council, and as its Mayor, Steve Hogan tirelessly worked on behalf of the citizens of the City of Aurora. During his time in elected office, Aurora has grown from a medium sized suburb of Denver to become Colorado's third largest city with a full range of amenities, services, and its own distinct identity.

The Stephen D. Hogan parkway will symbolize his lasting legacy as a public servant. I am pleased that this vital transportation project will do so much for Aurora, the wonderful city that Mayor Hogan loved, by bringing it new growth and economic opportunities.

Steve Hogan was truly a model citizen and a great mayor of my hometown. It is my honor to take this opportunity to commemorate, here on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, this important event in the legacy and the life of Mayor Steve Hogan.

IN HONOR OF MR. JERRY C. GRIMSLEY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I pay tribute to a devoted and hard-working businessman, Mr. Jerry C. Grimsley. Mr. Grimsley passed away on Monday, June 11, 2018. A funeral service was held on Friday, June 15, 2018, at First Baptist Church in Colquitt, Georgia.

A Georgia man through and through, Jerry was born on July 19, 1939, to Clarence E. Grimsley and Julia Tassie Odom Grimsley on their family farm in Miller County, Georgia. After graduating from Miller County High School in 1957, he attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia.

Mr. Grimsley was a highly trusted leader in the agriculture and financial services industries. He built quite an impressive career

which began in 1962 at Farmers Fertilizer and Milling Company as Vice-President and Co-Owner with his father-in-law. He became the President of Farmers Fertilizer and Milling Company in 1974 and helped it to grow from a small feed and fertilizer manufacturer into an internationally recognized leader in the peanut shelling industry. Mr. Grimsley also was the Founding Director of Peoples Bank, now Peoples South, when it was chartered on March 16, 1973. During his tenure as Founding Director, the bank grew from one small branch in Colquitt to twenty-nine branches across Georgia, Alabama, and Florida. He served in this capacity for 45 years until early 2018, when his health started to decline. Upon his retirement, he became the Director Emeritus of Peoples Bank and the owner of a local golf course which he named "Clydesdale Meadows".

Throughout his career, Mr. Grimsley served on a number of boards and was affiliated with several associations. He was President and Chairman of the Board for the Southeastern Peanut Sheller's Association (1975 to 1976); the Board of the National Peanut Council (1985 to 1987); and President of American Peanut Sheller's Association (1990 to 1991). In addition to these roles, he also served as the Chairman of several peanut-based committees. In 2000, Birdsong Peanuts purchased Farmer Fertilizer and Milling Company, and Jerry served as a consultant in the Southeast Division.

George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are all so blessed that Mr. Jerry C. Grimsley passed this way and during his life's journey did so much for so many for so long. He leaves behind a great legacy in public service to the countless residents of Colquitt whose lives he touched and brightened.

He is survived by his sons, Gerry and Scott; and a host of family and friends who will miss him dearly.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, along with my wife, Vivian, and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in paying tribute to Mr. Jerry C. Grimsley for his remarkable leadership in our great State of Georgia. We extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends and the Colquitt, Georgia community during this difficult time and pray that they will be comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAJOR GENERAL WAYNE P. JACKSON (RETIRED), UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major General Wayne P. Jackson, Retired, a true patriot and fellow veteran who I had the honor of joining in throwing out the first pitch earlier this month at Roger Dean Stadium.

Born in Chicago in 1929, General Jackson was commissioned in 1951 as a Second Lieu-

tenant after several years of enlisted service in the U.S. Army Air Force and U.S. Navy. His 37 years in the service was defined by profound courage and many accomplishments.

He served in various overseas theaters of operation and has commanded Signal Corps, Military Intelligence and Civil Affairs units. As a General Officer he served as the Director of Counter Intelligence and Security, the Assistant to the Chief of Staff for Intelligence at the Department of the Army Headquarters, the Commanding General of the 352nd Civil Affairs Command, and the Deputy and Commanding General of the 97th Army Reserve Command.

General Jackson has also been awarded the Expert Infantry Badge, the Parachute Badge, and the Master Aviator Badge. His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and several other military awards and decorations.

However, General Jackson's life of excellence extends not only to his military service, but to his academic work as well. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Arts degrees in psychology at the University of Tulsa. He did post graduate work at the Illinois Institute of Technology and the University of Southern California. His military education includes the basic and advanced officer courses at the Signal and Military Intelligence Schools. He has also completed the advanced courses at the Civil Affairs and Infantry Schools. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

General Jackson and his wife, Lahoma reside in Jupiter, Florida. His son Wayne Jr. and two daughters, Jacky and Jennifer, four grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren also reside in Jupiter. In the tradition of his father, his son Wayne Jr., is also retired from the U.S. Army.

General Jackson has lived a life of excellence and of many great accomplishments both in the military and as a civilian. Mr. Speaker, that is why I am honoring General Jackson and thank him for his many years of service to our country. I have no doubt that he will continue to accomplish great things in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. LILIA GIACOMAZZI

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Lilia Elizabeth Giacomazzi as the 2018 Distinguished Dairyperson by the June Dairy Month Committee of Kings County, California.

Mrs. Giacomazzi was born Lilia Elizabeth Curti on July 23, 1913 in Fresno, California to her parents Miro and Domenica Curti, immigrants from the small town of Albonico in the northern Italian Alps. The oldest of five siblings, Lilia graduated from Tulare Union High School in 1927.

On July 12, 1936 Lilia married Fred Giacomazzi and the newlyweds moved to a home on the Hanford-based Giacomazzi Dairy, Kings County's longest-continuously-operating dairy. Their initial home now houses the Giacomazzi Dairy offices.

In October 1937, Lilia and Fred had their first child, their son Donald and three years later, in March 1940, welcomed their daughter, Patricia. Mrs. Giacomazzi was actively involved in her children's education, serving as a room mother and president of the Hanford High School Parent-Teachers Association. Additionally, she helped many Kings County 4-H participants learn to cook, sew, and garden.

Her love of gardening led to her work establishing the LaCasa Garden Club and, eventually, LaCasa Park in Hanford, California. Her love and passion for gardening has remained a constant during her 105 years.

On July 12, 1998, Mrs. Giacomazzi lost her beloved husband of sixty-two years, Fred. However, she has found comfort from her seven grandchildren and to eight great-grandchildren to whom she is known as "Nonna."

Mrs. Giacomazzi also served as President of the Kings County Dairywomen and Western United Dairy Women of California. This year marks Mrs. Giacomazzi's fifty fifth year of service to the Kings County Dairywomen. She has also been actively involved in the Sons of Italy Lodge, the Central Valley Hospital Auxiliary, the Kings County Republican Women Federated, the Kings County Historical Society, the American Theater Organ Society, the Kings Symphony Orchestra, and the Young Ladies Institute.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Mrs. Lilia Elizabeth Giacomazzi on her lifetime of service to the Central Valley and on receiving the 2018 Distinguished Dairyperson Award.

HONORING WORLD WAR II HEROES

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 22, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor deceased Trumbull County, Ohio resident 1st Lt. Olof M. Ballinger, pilot of the 42-299-28 B-17 Flying Fortress that was shot down over Normandy, France during WWII 75 years ago on July 4, 1943. 2nd Lt. George C. Williams, Bombardier of Warren, Ohio, was also aboard the aircraft.

Pilot Olof Maximilian Ballinger of Newton Falls, Trumbull County, Ohio evaded capture and walked alone, with no compass, over the Pyrenees Mountains during the winter. He reached safety in Spain in November 1943 and returned to the U.S. He eventually moved to California.

George C. Williams, bombardier from Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio, was killed in action. While assisting the nose gunner, his chute accidentally opened inside the aircraft. Pilot Olof Ballinger offered up his own parachute, but George Williams refused. It is thought that George Williams attempted to fly the plane after all the crew had evacuated.

Also aboard the aircraft was Harry W. Basucher Jr. of Cincinnati, Ohio and Albert Wackerman of Salinas, California who were killed in action by enemy cannon fire. Bryon J. Gronstall, of Van Nuys, California and John K. Lane, a radio operator from Deland, Florida, were captured by German patrol and were Prisoners of War at Stalag 7A. William C. Howell, of Goldsboro, North Carolina and Paul