

philanthropy at Stanford University, UC Berkeley's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, and Laney Community College, in Oakland, California. Bill was honored with the 2004 Gerbode Fellowship Award in recognition of outstanding achievement as a nonprofit executive and is a founding member of the National Advisory Board of the Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford University. He has also been an advisor to the Dean of the UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare and serves as an advisor to the Peery Family Foundation and the Junior League of Palo Alto.

Bill is the author, with Fred Setterberg, of *Grassroots Philanthropy: Field Notes of a Maverick Grantmaker*, a guide to creative grantmaking. In it, according to the *Financial Times*, May 2008, "Somerville describes in engaging prose how to be an effective philanthropist. With no agenda other than his need to set things right in the world, he lays out a series of principles that can be adopted by both endowed national foundations and those with lesser means, providing they have an urge to use their wealth to improve the world."

Bill Somerville's career as a maverick grantmaker spans 50 years in nonprofit work. In 1990, he founded Philanthropic Ventures Foundation (PVF) which specializes in creative giving programs customized to donors' interests. Under his stewardship, PVF has distinguished itself as a leader in "venture philanthropy," a term coined by Somerville to describe PVF's quick-response, high-impact grant mode, including immediate response grants and paperless giving.

Larry Purcell, the highly respected founder of the Catholic Worker House in Redwood City, California, reports that more than 40 years ago he and Bill Somerville became teamsters for the poor by picking up free fresh produce from the South San Francisco Produce Terminal. The Catholic Worker House has continued to distribute thousands of pounds of produce each week, using three 15,000-pound trucks acquired through Bill Somerville's generosity and that of Philanthropic Ventures. A decade ago, Bill Somerville and Philanthropic Ventures Foundation gave the Catholic Worker House seed money to purchase a two-bedroom house in Redwood City for day laborers. In 2018 Bill Somerville and Philanthropic Ventures Foundation provided seed money for Catholic Workers to buy a home in Oakland to house men coming out of San Quentin State Prison. Meanwhile, Catholic Workers in Redwood City, San Bruno, San Jose, and Santa Maria, California, have been feeding, clothing, sheltering, and educating the very poor by the thousands. Bill Somerville and Philanthropic Ventures Foundation have supported each of those Catholic Worker Houses in magnificent ways. According to Purcell, Bill Somerville is great, humble, dedicated, and serves the poor with deep, deep kindness.

In *Grassroots Philanthropy* Bill said "Philanthropy is a fascinating pursuit. It's the stuff of dreams made practical, a lever that can move the world. Philanthropy is a subject about which I remain unequivocally and unapologetically passionate."

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring the extraordinary work of an extraordinary man, Bill Somerville, and thanking him for his unique leadership. He has strengthened our communities and bettered our nation through his vi-

sion, passion, and integrity, and he stands as a role model of what a citizen can do to create transformative change in the lives of so many.

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RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN & HI TECH

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 20th anniversary of the Indiana based nonprofit, Women & Hi Tech. Founded in 1999, the organization seeks to promote the participation of women in science and technology fields, and to ensure that opportunities in STEM jobs are equally inclusive for all. The organization has demonstrated consistent leadership in our community and helped open doors for many women. The people of the Fifth Congressional District are grateful for Women & Hi Tech, and it is my pleasure to congratulate the organization in celebration of this special occasion.

In 1999, two women leaders in our community, Joyce Gustafson, a scientist working for Eli Lilly, and Georgia Miller, an academic at Indiana University, discovered that there were few women like themselves working in high tech jobs in Indiana. Together, they sought to create an organization that would fill the gaps they saw in women leaders in the Indianapolis area. Their initial launch saw much support from the community, including many professionals in a wide variety of industries. The first Board of Directors of Women & Hi Tech included Jennifer Sander, Donna Gastevich, Jamie Eicher, Lisa Robertson, Jennifer Scheerer, Sue Ream, Suzanne Nutter, Cindy Royer, and Julie Nahvi. Other significant contributions to Women & Hi Tech in its infancy were provided by Susan E. Ziel, Esq., a female attorney who drafted and filed the organization's incorporation documents, and other women and men who have served on the organization's all-volunteer Board of Directors over the years.

With a mission to make careers in STEM equally inclusive to all, Women & Hi Tech has grown its membership to nearly 2,000 professionals and students. Their focus is broad. Some programs support girls as young as kindergarten, while others support women in academic careers and on to their professional lives. Programs like Passport to Hi-Tech and Ignite Your Superpower (IYS) teach young girls about the wide variety of opportunities available to them in science and technology fields, while simultaneously connecting them with leaders already working in those fields. Other programs including OperationAll, Executive Women's Forums and the Leading Light Awards focus on working professionals, educating and empowering them to achieve higher in their careers. They also hold seasonal networking events, which are held at notable locations around Indiana like the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and serve to reinforce their already robust series of education and empowerment programs.

Women & Hi Tech continues to invest into the future of our community through their efforts to build lasting partnerships with local businesses. These partnerships give the organization a unique ability to support women in

a wide variety of industries, and for a wide variety of purposes. For example, as part of their #WHT20for20 campaign, Women & Hi Tech will be donating over \$30,000 in scholarships and grants to Indiana women and girls pursuing STEM. Directed primarily at women pursuing academic goals, these funds open doors and provide opportunities that are of immense value. It is programs like this that allow the organization to attract a large number of professionals and students, from across many sectors of our economy, to its ranks.

Women & Hi Tech has done, and continues to do, great things for the people of Indiana. Under the leadership of President Angela Freeman, I am confident that the organization will continue growing and succeeding. Many of the most influential leaders in our community give their time to help this organization succeed, and it is my great pleasure to congratulate Women & Hi Tech on 20 years of service. I commend them on their continuing mission of empowerment of women leaders in our community, and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

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RECOGNIZING THE NORTHEAST WISCONSIN COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work, dedication, and outstanding service our County Veteran Service Officers provide in assisting veterans in Northeast Wisconsin.

County Veteran Service Officers are self-appointed, concerned veterans who take it upon themselves to aid and assist fellow veterans and survivors with benefits and resources. The first CVSO in Wisconsin was appointed in 1932. In 1935, the Wisconsin CVSO Association was established, and in 1946, Wisconsin passed legislation requiring each county to hire a CVSO who served in the Armed Forces.

For nearly 90 years, Wisconsin CVSOs have led the way in connecting veterans and their families with benefit programs. CVSOs work hard to provide caring counseling, assistance, and advocacy for veterans in need.

I am incredibly proud of the work our CVSOs from Brown, Calumet, Door, Kewaunee, Marinette, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, and Winnebago counties, and our Tribal Veteran Service Officers from the Oneida Nation, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians and Ho-Chunk Nation provide for Northeast Wisconsin. These officers and their staff are key to the success of veterans who look for assistance as they transition to civilian life.

I am proud to have such quality County Veteran Service Officers and Tribal Veteran Service Officers in my district. The task of being a CVSO is not always easy. These officers are veterans who served our nation, returned home, and continue their service in our communities. These men and women truly demonstrate what it means to engage in selfless service.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in applauding the County Veteran Service Officers and Tribal Veteran Service Officers of Wisconsin and those of Wisconsin's 8th Congressional District for their unceasing service to veterans.

HONORING JERRY ZREMSKI, BUFFALO NEWS WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEF, UPON RECEIVING THE 2018 REGIONAL REPORTING AWARD

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jerry Zremski, The Buffalo News' Washington Bureau Chief, for winning the National Press Club's Washington Regional Reporting Award for 2018.

Zremski was recognized for this award due to his hard work and diligence in the reporting field. He has produced thorough, well-written work that gives the people of Buffalo and beyond the information they need from a trusted voice they know and love. He has reported on breaking news regarding federal issues, several presidential elections and political conventions. Zremski was embedded as a correspondent during the Iraq War, has reported on events in France, and also spent time in Asia as part of his "From Burma to Buffalo" series.

Zremski has been with The Buffalo News, starting out as a business reporter, since 1984. In 1989, he began his work in Washington on behalf of the beloved Buffalo paper, and has served as the Washington Bureau Chief since 2007. Previously, Zremski was a National Press Club president and the Nieman fellow at Harvard University. He is not a stranger to awards such as this, as he won the 2016 Professional Journalists award and last year received the Washington Press Club Foundation's David Lynch Memorial Reporting Award.

Reporters are often present in places the general public cannot be, due either to restrictions or because they simply are not able to be. Jerry Zremski has done a wonderful job conveying the facts and figures of any given story to allow his readers a glimpse into what has happened. We salute and honor your work here today, Mr. Zremski. We know we can plan to see even more great things from you in the future.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor Jerry Zremski for receiving this award and his body of work.

RECOGNIZING MT. JOY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN EDWARDSVILLE

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mt. Joy Missionary Baptist Church in Edwardsville, which

is celebrating 150 years as a church congregation this year.

Mt. Joy was founded in Edwardsville in 1869 by ex-slaves who conducted church services in their homes. Early members and founders dedicated their efforts and time into selling barbeque and wild game dinners to fund the construction of a log cabin in 1871 to hold church services for their community. After overcoming many obstacles over the years, including a fire that destroyed the original cabin in 1909, the church still stands strong on its mission to spread God's word in the Metro East.

There have been countless leaders in the church's 150-year history, but I want to congratulate Pastor Steve Jackson and Chairman Donnie Howard for leading this church at this historic time. Mt. Joy Missionary Baptist Church is an important piece of Edwardsville's history, and I'm proud to honor the church and its legacy.

COMMEMORATING THE HON. MARGIE GARRETT

**HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, we lost a pillar of the Compton community and a dedicated champion for our students, Hon. Margie Garrett. Although she will be greatly missed by her friends, family, and our community, we take comfort in knowing that her accomplishments in her mission for educational excellence has forever left a mark on the life of every child in the Compton Unified School District. Let us honor her legacy by providing everyone with the highest quality of education they deserve.

TRIBUTE TO VICE ADMIRAL C. FORREST FAISON, III, UNITED STATES NAVY

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and achievements of an esteemed and valued member of our Armed Forces, Vice Admiral C. Forrest Faison, III, United States Navy, on his retirement after 39 years of honorable and dedicated service to our country. His unwavering commitment to those entrusted in his care will remain his legacy long after his departure.

For the past two years, I had the opportunity to work directly with Vice Admiral Faison in his position as the Navy Surgeon General. Throughout his tenure, he provided invaluable support to Congress, particularly its Members and committee staff as he presented the mission, vision, and execution of Navy Medicine for our country's sailors, marines, and their families. As a fellow Northern Ohioan, I would like to share with you some highlights of his distinguished career.

For 39 years, Vice Admiral Faison excelled in his leadership and the training of medical professionals in America's Navy at home, sea,

and abroad. He served as the Deputy Surgeon General of the Navy and Deputy Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, from 2013 to 2015, and as our 38th Surgeon General of the Navy.

As Commander of Navy Medicine West and Naval Medical Center San Diego, he was responsible for medical care and support to over 850,000 eligible beneficiaries with a staff of 16,000 at 10 hospitals and over 30 clinics from the West Coast to the Indian Ocean. He served as Deputy Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery for Current and Future Healthcare Operations; Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton; Commanding Officer, U.S. Expeditionary Medical Facility; and U.S. Medical Task Force, Kuwait, where he led a tri-service task force of subordinate commands and was responsible for all healthcare operations in Kuwait, Qatar, and Southern Iraq, including all medical logistics support throughout U.S. Central Command.

Additional assignments included Deputy Commander, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Portsmouth, Virginia; Group Surgeon, 3d Force Service Support Group, Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific; Director of Department of Defense Telemedicine, Washington, D.C.; Chief Information Officer, Navy Medicine; Director, Clinical Services, U.S. Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Japan; Naval Hospital Lemoore; USS *Texas* (CGN 39); and Amphibious Group 3.

As Vice Admiral Faison closes this chapter of his life to embark on new adventures, I urge my colleagues to join me in extending our congratulations to him on his retirement. We wish him, his wife Michelle, and family, "Fair Winds and Following Seas."

RECOGNIZING PEORIA ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER ON THEIR 130TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Illinois American Water from Peoria, IL, for achieving the milestone of 130 years of continued water quality service to 1.3 million citizens in the State of Illinois.

Illinois American Water has represented exemplary values since its founding in 1890. With a dedicated and skilled work force, members of Illinois American Water ensure the safety of the Peoria area's water supply. They offer an abundance of water services and provide education to the public about our world's most precious resource. They are invested in new technologies and renewable energy methods that continue to set the standard for their industry. Their 130 years of integrity and environmental stewardship displayed in the community is to be celebrated.

Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Illinois American Water on 130 years of service, and I join the rest of the community in wishing them every success in the future.