

behavioral health challenges facing Virginians. He traveled the state and worked with public officials, medical professionals, and all invested in our Commonwealth to find answers. Before the tragic car accident, he had been in Harrisonburg attending a conference of advocates for Virginians with intellectual and developmental disabilities, where he gave a speech and talked with the attendees.

In addition, Madam Speaker, I knew him and talked to him over the years about health challenges in our home of Southwest Virginia, including the opioid crisis. As was typical, I last saw him volunteering his time alongside his wife Dr. Sarah Melton at the Remote Area Medical clinic in Wise on June 29. It is a loss for all the Commonwealth of Virginia and particularly Southwest Virginia.

He is survived by Sarah, daughters Maggie and Claire, and his father Howard. My prayers are with them. As they grieve the loss of their family member, Virginia grieves the loss of an outstanding public servant.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF KENNETH HOFMANN

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 9, 2019*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Bay Area businessman and devoted philanthropist Kenneth Hofmann.

Ken was born February 15, 1923 in Oakland, California. He graduated from Fremont High School in Oakland and later attended Saint Mary's College in Moraga before embarking on a successful career in home-building in 1948 as a plastering contractor.

In 1957, Ken founded his real estate development company, Hofmann Company. By the mid-1980s, Hofmann Company had built more than 30,000 homes and apartments and more than \$150 million worth of commercial and industrial properties. In recognition of this remarkable achievement, Ken was inducted into the California Building Industry Association's hall of fame class of 1986.

Throughout his life, Ken used his success in real estate to enrich and give back to his community. A true philanthropist, Ken was a supporter of youth sports and education. For nearly 30 years, Ken donated millions to De La Salle High School, helping finance new facilities, and he opened the De La Salle Academy to provide food, books, and tutors to underprivileged students. Additionally, Ken was an ardent supporter and benefactor of the Saint Mary's Athletics Program. He was named SMC Alumnus of the Year in 1983 and served as both a Regent and a Trustee over the course of two decades.

Ken was an avid outdoorsman and provided the leadership and assistance necessary to jump-start the creation of the Pacific Flyaway Center, a project that is currently seeking final permits. Passionate about wildlife and waterfowl, Ken dreamed of creating the Center to showcase the story of the primary north-south route for migratory birds in the Western U.S.

Ken is survived by Jean, his wife for 60 years, and their two daughters Lori and Lisa. Ken's contributions to the Bay Area will be cherished, and his devotion to sports, youth, and wildlife will long be remembered.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY FAIR

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 9, 2019*

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and excitement that I rise today to honor the Northumberland County Fair on its 20th Anniversary.

For two decades the Northumberland County Fair has brought communities together to share in the county's traditions and achievements. What began as an exhibition for local 4-H programs has quickly become a community staple. The fair showcases the county's extensive achievements in agriculture, crafts, baking, gardening, and so much more. As they say, "If you don't learn something at the fair, you just aren't paying attention."

Representative FRED KELLER and I ask our colleagues to join us in congratulating the Northumberland County Fair on twenty incredible years celebrating our communities. May this tradition continue for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MR. ROBERT HERRING

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 9, 2019*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Robert Spencer Herring, who passed away on Monday, August 5th at the age of 79.

Robert, a lifelong resident of Guntown, Mississippi, dedicated his life to bettering his community.

He served Lee County as both the Justice Court Judge and the Sheriff for two terms. Robert was also a former Mayor of Guntown. He and his wife, Jo Ann, attended Guntown First Baptist Church.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Jo Ann Robison Herring of Guntown; his sons—Barry Herring of Hattiesburg and Darren Herring of Guntown; his six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren as well as many more family members and friends.

Robert's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE MARGIE N. GARRETT

HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 9, 2019*

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the extraordinary life of the Honorable Margie N. Garrett, Trustee of the Compton Unified School District Board of Education.

Beginning as a Noon Duty Aide before going on to be a Head Start Teacher, State Preschool Teacher and Kindergarten Teacher at Carver Elementary School in Compton,

Garrett's career as an educator spanned four decades prior to her retirement in 2009.

During her decades-long career as an educator, Garrett served as President and Vice President of the Board of Directors, Bargaining Committee Chairperson and as Political Action Chairperson for the Compton Education Association—she was honored for her work with the California Teachers Association South-eastern Service Center.

Margie N. Garrett was first elected to the Compton Unified School District Governing Board of Trustees in 2009 and was re-elected in 2013. As a trustee, Garrett served as President and Vice President to the Board and led Compton Unified School District's legislative advocacy in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento, California.

Garrett's fight for and commitment to educational excellence and a cleaner and safer learning environment for students was unwavering. Her passion and dedication improved working conditions and installed career pathways for district employees. Her advocacy and leadership helped decrease Compton Unified School District's dropout rate and improved access to early childhood education.

I, along with the residents of California's 44th Congressional District, mourn the passing of the Honorable Margie N. Garrett and celebrate her service and the indelible impact she has had on the students of the Compton Unified School District.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 9, 2019*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join East Hill Family Medical in Auburn, New York in recognizing National Health Center Week from August 4, 2019 through August 18, 2019. This week honors the significant impact of Community Health Centers, like East Hill Family Medical, on America's healthcare system. For over 50 years, Community Health Centers have provided high-quality, affordable, and comprehensive primary and preventative healthcare services in our nation's underserved communities.

As the country's largest primary care network, Community Health Centers currently serve 28 million Americans across the country. These centers are a critical element of our healthcare system, providing healthcare to both rural and urban populations. Often, Community Health Centers serve as the only accessible and dependable source of primary care for underserved communities.

Every day, Community Health Centers work to develop new approaches to healthcare, integrating a wide-range of services beyond just primary care. Further, they are on the frontlines of emerging healthcare crises, providing access to care for our nation's veterans, addressing the opioid epidemic, and responding to public health threats in the wake of natural disasters.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me during National Health Center Week in recognizing the great contributions of East Hill Family Medical in Auburn, New York as well as Community Health Centers across the country.

## RECOGNIZING SHIRLEY COMBS

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 9, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Shirley Combs for the lifechanging impact she has made on the homeless community in Toccoa, Georgia.

Nineteen years ago, Ms. Combs opened Shirley's Sole Food Café in Toccoa. It was opening day, and she had just prepared heaps of homemade creamed corn, fried chicken, sweet potato cobbler—every southern food you could ever imagine. Luncheon time rolled around, and she opened her doors with excitement, but there was just one small problem—there wasn't a customer in sight. In an effort to ensure her delicious food didn't go to waste, Ms. Shirley walked out outside, found a homeless man, and told him to round up everyone he knew to come eat.

Nearly two decades later, and Ms. Shirley is still nurturing the homeless in more ways than one. Each afternoon when her restaurant closes to the general public, a line begins to form at the back door; a line of people looking for a second chance and a full belly. As one of her customers recently said, "discarded food nourishes the soul of another."

But Ms. Shirley's mission to nourish souls in need doesn't stop there. Listed on her menu is the option to donate to Shirley's Shelter—a 501c3 that has helped over 300 people get off the streets in the last 12 years, which is funded thanks to customer donations and a monthly breakfast. Through Shirley's Shelter, Ms. Shirley maintains three homes for previously homeless men and women who help at the restaurant until they get back on their feet while remaining drug free. Ms. Shirley also works to reconnect them to their families, often distanced due to addiction.

Reflecting on her restaurant and shelter, Ms. Shirley recently remarked, "all glory and honor goes to God. We are called to care for the least among us."

Ms. Shirley is certainly caring for the least among us, and in the most beautiful way—by turning her passion of cooking into care and compassion for those less fortunate. On behalf of the Ninth District, I want to thank her for transforming lives in Toccoa and beyond.

## HONORING THE WORLD WAR II, KOREAN WAR, AND VIETNAM WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 9, 2019

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on August 7, 2019 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors,

Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on August 7th answered our nation's call to service during several of its greatest times of need. Across the world, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Lawrence F. Anaszewicz, Walter J. Anzerewicz, Glenn R. Anderson, Gerald H. Arnott, John L. Augustine, Thomas Bartholomew, Randall E. Beck, William F. Bike, Dominic Biondi, Clarence Bowling, Matthew F. Bryla Jr., Raymond G. Cartwright, Frank R. Catuara, Leroy Cobb, Giuseppe Cursio, Thomas H. Diamond, Eugene G. Dilling, James F. Doddato, Ward W. Dunlap.

George J. Dusek, Sylvester R. Dziedzic, Florian C. Dziedzic, David Charles Eaton, George A. Eckberg Jr., David D. Evans, Theodore Rawland Floyd, Felix Grzelinski Jr., Vito Gulotta, Denis Harbison, Kastytis V. Ilginis, Howard A. Ischinger, Lauren Ray Jackson, Ronald E. Jacobsen, Richard J. Jaime, Ben F. Jimms, William R. Johnson, William J. Juneau, Melvin D. Keef, Gary L. Keen, Thomas F. Keith.

Thomas W. Kellner, Thomas M. Kelly, John Kennaugh, Joseph M. Kiefer, Howard L. Kirby, Lawrence P. Klaus, Daniel A. Konczak, Sr., Barbara A. Lloyd, Edward Ludwig, Charles Luhan Jr., Samuel J. Maggio, Joseph P. Maloney, Robert S. Mamrot, William D. Margwarth, Joseph Martinek, Ramon J. Mayer, Weeme McCullum Sr., Robert E. McDonald, Bruce McElhose, Raymond O. Meredith, Jr., Thomas A. Mlynuk, Loren H. Monsess, Frank F. Montefalco.

Larry Moton, Wallace Myers, Gary A. Nelson, George R. Nutter, Thomas G. Obmascik, Frank W. Passananti, Donald James Phelps, Phillip F. Pintor, George W. Podowski, Louis G. Puhl, Thomas Reddish, Andrej A. Remec, Ronald Riopel, Irwin Rosenson, Fred Roberto Rymar, Robert C. Sanders, Reynold Sanfilip, Allan F. Schaefer, Roger P. Schaff, Charles E. Schindler, Curt O. Schumacher, Edward Schwartz, Richard E. Scott.

Dennis F. Shea, Thomas A. Shumpert, Norman Simone, Robert Dennis Smith, David J. Smith, James S. Sowinski, Bernard R. Stack, Charles J. Stanek, Jerry T. Stewart, Gregory R. Stoltman, Vernon Strege, Joseph A. Stubits, William D. Swaggerty, Joseph J. Tortorich, Teddy Turner, Vernon Tweddle, Michael L. Urbano, Henry A. VanProyen, Allan L. Walraven, Keith A. Whitman, Edward A. Zimmerman, David Zorn, James R. Zwit.

## IN RECOGNITION OF THE VOLUNTEERS OF FRIENDS IN DEED OF YPSILANTI

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 9, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the volunteers of Friends in Deed of Ypsilanti. They have received the Outstanding Volunteer Program Governor's Service Award for their commitment to the service of those in the Washtenaw County community.

Since 1983, Friends in Deed of Ypsilanti has provided assistance to their neighbors in need in Washtenaw County. These services include direct monetary assistance, adaptive services, the providing of needed furniture, such as beds, and their own Circles program which helps families get out of poverty. These programs "fill the cracks of assistance" between other nonprofits and agencies. The Friends in Deed mission is "Helping People in Need; Building Community to End Poverty."

Over 200 volunteers serve nearly 7,000 hours per year at Friends in Deed of Ypsilanti. They assist their neighbors and their families in navigating crisis, help families with payment related to emergency medical needs, repair needed means of transportation, and other one-time payments. Those who are assisted by Friends in Deed are given the confidence, independence, skills, support and resources, to help them escape poverty. Friends in Deed of Ypsilanti's designation of Outstanding Volunteer Program of the Year is well deserved. Their services have vastly impacted and improved the lives of countless families in Washtenaw County.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the volunteers of Friends in Deed of Ypsilanti. Their commitment to helping and serving their community is unmatched.

## RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SCHOLARSHIP OF HISHAM AHMED

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 9, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and scholarship of long time Saint Mary's College professor, Dr. Hisham H. Ahmed.

Hisham was born in 1963 at the Dheisheh refugee camp near Bethlehem, Palestine. Despite being born without eyesight, Hisham committed himself to his studies as a child and scored third in the Palestinian National Exams, enabling him to study in the United States.

Hisham began his academic career at Illinois State University earning a bachelor's degree in political science in 1985. He went on to earn a masters and doctorate in political science from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1986 and 1988, respectively. Over the next 30 years, he would teach at Florida International University, the University of North Dakota, Bir Zeit University in Palestine, and ultimately here in Contra Costa County at Saint Mary's College of California.

Hisham was a renowned scholar of Middle East politics and international relations, as well as an expert on terrorism and the Hamas movement. In 1993, he served as a Fulbright Scholar in Palestine. Hisham worked constantly to improve international understanding through teaching and research, and co-founded several international bodies to enhance peace, democracy, and human rights in the Middle East.

Beyond his professional achievements, Hisham wrote poetry and was well-versed in Arabic literature. He was a loving husband and father, and had a wonderful sense of humor. As a teacher, scholar, and advocate, he spoke truth to power to remove walls, build trust, and empower others.