

learned what was right and just for MWD. Raymond was considerate, but he also had a strong voice when necessary. He was well respected when he retired in 2004 after working ten years as an Executive Legislative Representative.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Debra, their sons Brian and Eric, stepson Michael, and stepdaughters Belinda and Mary. They had five grandchildren, Brianna, Morgan, Regan, Kennedy, and David.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and achievements of my friend Raymond "Ray" Corley Jr. He was a respected member of the state of California and will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

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IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL W. BURNES AND THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF MISSIE B'S

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**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to rise today to recognize and celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Missie B's, an institution that is instrumental to the identity of the LGBTQ+ community throughout Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. Without places like Missie B's that encourage all individuals to pursue their true and genuine selves, Kansas City and its people would not be what and who they are today.

Missie B's first opened in April of 1994, perched on the corner of Southwest Trafficway and 39th Street, located in Kansas City's historic Westport entertainment district. Missie B's started as a piano bar, but within its first few months of opening, the owner decided to produce drag performances a few nights each week. Today, Missie B's has nightly drag shows, dancing, karaoke, and the Late Night Theatre program. Missie B's has fostered arts and entertainment in Kansas City for the past twenty-five years while providing a place for the LGBTQ+ community to flourish and thrive.

Michael W. Burnes, owner of Missie B's, has dedicated his life to serving and bettering the people of his community. Before opening several successful businesses and LGBTQ+ inclusive establishments throughout the United States, he served his country during the Vietnam War, earning the Purple Heart after being wounded while on active duty. Upon his return to Kansas City in the 1980s, Mr. Burnes opened his first LGBTQ+ bar, the Kon Tiki Room and later, the Dixie Belle Saloon. Throughout his career as an entrepreneur, Michael Burnes has dedicated his businesses to being spaces for the LGBTQ+ communities to express and enjoy themselves. When the Dixie Belle Saloon was in operation, members of the LGBTQ+ community faced discrimination from the rest of the country as a result of uncertainty and fear caused by the AIDS epidemic. While running the Dixie Belle Saloon, Mr. Burnes kept a supply of the limited HIV medication behind the bar to give to those who needed it but could not afford it. This is merely one testament of the benevolent and caring nature of Michael Burnes that has been demonstrated throughout his life in all that he does.

Missie B's reflects Michael's generous spirit and is well known among Kansas Citians for its involvement in numerous causes and charities. Missie B's actively fundraises for and is involved in the Kansas City AIDS Walk, the Good Samaritan Project, the Kansas City Care Health Center, Saint Michael's Veterans Center, among many others. In 2016, after the horrific and heartbreaking Pulse Nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida, Missie B's joined with Kansas City's other LGBTQ+ bars and nightclubs to raise \$54,000 in one day for the victims and their families. Missie B's has not just changed the lives of the members of the LGBTQ+ community in Kansas City, but across the country as well.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing and thanking Missie B's for all they have done for Kansas City and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. I am honored to have such an impactful, inclusive and inspirational institution be a part of the district I represent.

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IN HONOR OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SHERIDAN BEING NAMED THE OUTSTANDING SMALL CLUB IN ROTARY DISTRICT 5440

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**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rotary Club of Sheridan for being named the Outstanding Small Club in Rotary District 5440.

The Rotary Club of Sheridan is a staple of the local community and is dedicated to community service in Lander and around the world. Rotary Clubs across Wyoming represent the service-minded approach to community that makes our country great. The Sheridan Club has distinguished itself with its commitment to community service and a steadfast belief in helping others.

Again, Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to the Rotary Club of Sheridan on being named top chapter, and thank them for their service to the community of Sheridan.

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HONORING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VETERANS LEGAL CLINIC

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**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 10th Anniversary of the Veterans Legal Clinic in Syracuse, NY, and to recognize Mr. John Powers, Attorney and U.S. Army Veteran, for providing pro bono legal assistance to veterans. For 10 years, Mr. Powers, through his work with the Veterans Legal Clinic, has devoted himself to helping veterans, working with over 600 former servicemembers to provide access to readjustment after service and legal services.

In July 2009, Mr. Powers entered into a partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Syracuse Vet Center to establish the Veterans Legal Clinic. Mr. Powers works with veterans from all branches of the military

and from all walks of life to provide free confidential legal services. Through Mr. Powers's partnership with the VA, his clinic has become a vital resource for veterans attempting to secure earned benefits or upgrade a military discharge. Additionally, Mr. Powers coordinates and provides legal staff to support veterans with ongoing legal needs.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the 10th Anniversary of the Veterans Legal Clinic and Mr. John Powers for providing professional legal services to our community's veterans. I commend the Veterans Legal Clinic and all those who donate their time to ensure veterans, who have sacrificed so much for this country, have access to legal services.

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RECOGNIZING THE 11TH ANNUAL DC BEER WEEK

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**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 11th annual "DC Beer Week," a week-long series of events celebrating the independent craft beer industry, local beer culture and the rich brewing legacy in the District of Columbia. Sponsored by the District of Columbia Brewers' Guild, DC Beer Week will take place this year from September 8 through September 15. Many of the District's breweries, taverns, restaurants and cultural institutions will participate in more than 30 beer-related events throughout the week to highlight the successful rebirth of the brewing industry in the District, and the quality and diversity of craft beer produced in our area and across the nation.

DC Beer Week not only serves to celebrate the brewing industry. It also serves as a nod to the rich brewing history we have right here in the District. The first brewery in D.C. opened in 1796. The District became home to dozens of breweries in every section of the city, many right here in the shadow of the Capitol. By the late 1800s, our area was home to some of the most prosperous breweries and recognizable beer brands in the nation, such as the Christian Heurich Brewing Company in the District and the Portner Brewing Company in Alexandria. The District became especially known for the introduction and production of quality lagers in the southeast United States. Although most of our breweries did not survive prohibition, the Heurich Brewing Company reopened after the repeal of the 18th Amendment in 1933 and remained operational until 1956. The legacy of Christian Heurich is preserved at his Victorian mansion—"the Brewmaster's Castle"—in Dupont Circle, which is operated by the Heurich House Museum.

Of course, DC Beer Week would not be possible without the rebirth of the brewing industry in our city. After more than a 50-year absence, over the past decade we have seen the opening of more than a dozen D.C.-based production breweries and brewpubs. Despite limited industrial space, production breweries such as DC Brau Brewing Company, Atlas Brew Works, 3 Stars Brewing Company, Hellbender Brewing Company and Right Proper Brewing have gained a national reputation for producing high-quality beer. In addition,

since the opening of the District Chophouse and Brewery in 1997, District residents now have several options to enjoy a quality meal with their locally brewed beer at establishments such as Bluejacket, Gordon Biersch-Navy Yard, the Public Option, Right Proper Shaw Brewpub and our newest additions, Red Bear Brewing Company and Valor Brewpub. These breweries not only provide great craft beer for local consumers, but also provide hundreds of jobs for local residents, make significant contributions to our local tax base and serve as anchors for economic development in neighborhoods throughout the District. Our tight-knit breweries are outstanding and active citizens of our community and support various charitable causes and community non-profit organizations. They are also leaders in supporting diversity and inclusion in our local business community.

I urge all of my colleagues, constituents and visitors to the District to come together to raise a glass in support of DC Beer Week and the local brewing community. There are great events throughout the week, such as Fun Run on Sunday from Right Proper to Red Bear, the Kickoff Party at Bluejacket, a Home Brewing Competition hosted by 3 Stars, a Record Fair at Right Proper, a celebration of Women in Beer at Red Bear and a Sunset Cruise hosted by DC Brau. Taverns such as Roofers Union, Boundary Stone, Churchkey and Church Hall will be hosting exciting events featuring beers from multiple local breweries, and there will be the annual “Brewers on the Block” festival at Union Market. In addition, the Heurich House will be curating an Educational Events series that will include opportunities to learn about beer history, culture and the art of brewing. There truly will be something for everyone.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing DC Beer Week for its contribution to the District's historic beer culture and our local economy.

HONORING WILLIAM “DOC” SCHMITZ, NATIONAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, William “Doc” Schmitz.

Doc was elected to this prestigious and well-deserved post on July 24, 2019. Helping and advocating for Veterans is not an uncommon practice for Doc, but rather a continuation of the work he does each and every day. His unwavering dedication to his country and the Veterans he serves is one of the many traits I admire most about him.

While Doc currently serves Veterans, he has also served his country well over the years. Doc was in the United States Navy from 1966 to 1970, during the Vietnam War. During that time, he served as a Navy Corpsman attached to the Marine Corp in Vietnam. In recognition of his efforts, he received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Doc does not allow politics to get in the way of serving Veterans, which is another thing I admire. He doesn't look at their qualifiers or whether they fit a certain criteria, but rather helps people simply and solely to help them. Previously, he worked for a Democratic Congressman, but decided to stay on in my office because of his commitment to the cause.

Doc is my resource for all things Veteran related and he contacts me personally with any information on local, state and national Veterans' issues. He is a venerable source of information and experience that I rely on and trust deeply.

I cannot think of a better National Commander-in-Chief than the one we are honoring today. We can all be assured that the man leading this national organization has Veterans' needs as a first priority and he will fight to make sure they are well taken care of. Congratulations to you, Doc, for this new position—and I thank you for all that you have done and will do in the future. I know that Veterans everywhere have just gained a staunch defender, a wise leader and a genuinely honorable and good man with you as their Commander-in-Chief.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, William “Doc” Schmitz.

**CONGRATULATING RICHARD BRADSHAW ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF GRAPEVINE, TEXAS**

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard Bradshaw on his well-earned retirement from the Grapevine Police Department. After twenty-four years of service as a Crime Scene Technician, Richard has created a lasting impact on the department by working tirelessly to preserve the public safety.

Richard began his career in law enforcement by honorably serving as a military police officer with the United States Army in 1972. He continued his service as a Sergeant with the police department in the Army Active Reserve until 1978. During that time, he also earned his associate's degree in Criminal Justice and served as a police officer for the Penn Hill Police Department in Pennsylvania until December of 1979.

In 1980, Richard joined the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport Police where he served as both a police officer and an aircraft rescue firefighter. On August 14, 1995, Richard joined the Grapevine Police Department as a Crime Scene Technician and has proven invaluable to the collection of critical evidence in major criminal investigations.

During his tenure in Grapevine, Richard has produced a quality of work that has earned him the respect of his colleagues, supervisors, and the community. His commitment to professional development has driven him to complete more than 1400 hours of training and stands as evidence of his outstanding service and professionalism.

Richard's contributions to law enforcement operations have helped to ensure that countless officers have been adequately supported in their mission to uphold the rule of law. His legacy will leave a lasting mark on the City of Grapevine for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize the dedication that Richard has devoted to the city of Grapevine and the state of Texas. I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Richard Bradshaw for his many years of service.

**FRANK LATORRE**

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend longtime Bellmawr, New Jersey resident Private First Class Frank Latorre, Camden County Town Hall Veteran Honoree.

After graduating from Philadelphia Central High School in 1942, Frank volunteered for the Army Air Forces, and although he was initially turned down, shortly thereafter he received a draft notice accepting him into the United States Army.

In 1943, Frank boarded the RMS *Aquitania* for England and two days later he was on a truck to a town called Bridgewater and in April 1944 he participated in Exercise Tiger a D-Day practice run, and after a battle with the Germans at Slapton Beach, Frank departed England for the D-Day invasion.

They departed for Normandy, France and arrived at Utah Beach where Frank jumped into the gun turret of his half-track and took down a German fighter strafing the landing troops, and after the D-Day invasion, Frank and his unit later helped push back the German counteroffensive at the Battle of the Bulge and briefly occupied Berlin after the German surrender.

Shortly after the bombs dropped at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, he received his military discharge as a Private First Class and went on to work for Pepsi-Cola, married in 1947, had two daughters, and retired in 1987.

Today Frank enjoys golfing, the camaraderie of fellow veterans and is an active member of the Bellmawr Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9563.

In recognition of his valiant service to our nation, Frank humbly received numerous medals and citations including the Bronze Star, American Theater Service Medal and the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Private First Class Frank Latorre of Bellmawr, New Jersey who is a constant reminder of the sacrifices that our men and women of the military made so that we can enjoy the liberties we do today.

IN HONOR OF MARK LEHMAN

**HON. KEVIN BRADY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 6, 2019*

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Mark Lehman for his twenty