

States National Team, Morgan traveled all over the world to compete. In 2012, Morgan competed in the Olympic Trials and was named team alternate for the London Olympic Games. Her alternate status drove her to reach even higher. She was named USA Shooting's Women's National Champion in 2014 and Female Shooter of the Year in 2015. In 2015, she won silver and bronze World Cup medals and a gold at the 51st International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championships, securing one of the two spots for Team USA at the 2016 Summer Olympics. In 2016, she added a gold World Cup medal to her collection and competed at the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. She earned a spot in the Olympic final by winning a three-way shoot-off against Argentina and Russia. Morgan finished in fifth place in Rio.

It is an honor to recognize Morgan on her induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May her story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

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#### REMEMBERING MARGERY MAGILL

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#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of Margery Magill, a Yuba City native and UC Davis alumna who embodied the American spirit of positivity and devotion to one's community.

Born in 1992 to her parents Jeff and Bonnie, Margery grew up on the family ranch in Yuba City with her sister Raeann. From a young age, Margery developed a passion for both agricultural issues and helping those around her. This passion led her to UC Davis, where she majored in International Agricultural Development.

As a student at UC Davis, Margery engaged with her community beyond the classroom and volunteered in extracurricular programs. She served as an Aggie Ambassador for four years, as a peer advisor in student housing, and participated in the UC Davis Washington Program. Her passion for travel brought her to over 27 countries across the globe. While abroad, she participated in several programs to help improve foreign agricultural communities and was a strong advocate for women's rights in Turkey.

After completing her undergraduate career, Margery worked at the Jane Goodall Institute and subsequently went on to complete her master's degree in International Relations at the University of Westminster in London. Following her time in London, Margery returned to Washington, D.C. to pursue a burgeoning career in environmental and agricultural development.

In life, Margery exemplified the promise of what optimism and passion for one's work can achieve. In the wake of her loss, the mark she undoubtedly left on those whose paths she crossed around the world ensures a lasting legacy that will endure for many years to come. My prayers and thoughts are with her family and friends in this difficult time.

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#### HONORING AVIATION MACHINIST MATE FIRST CLASS BERNARD BARTUSIAK ON HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

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#### HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Aviation Machinist Mate First Class Bernard Bartusiaak of Chicago, Illinois, who is being honored with two Distinguished Flying Cross medals and seven additional service medals. Mr. Bartusiaak is a veteran who bravely served our nation in the United States Navy during World War II.

Even as a young boy, Mr. Bartusiaak felt a sense of duty to his community and his country. Since he was ten years old his dream was to join the United States Navy Air Force and at seventeen, he realized his dream and enlisted. Mr. Bartusiaak served as a Navy Flight Engineer and bravely flew in over forty combat missions during World War II.

Following the war, Mr. Bartusiaak worked as a corporate accountant before opening his own accounting and tax service. He was married to Dolores for 65 years and they raised two daughters together, Candy and Jill. He now has two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mr. Bartusiaak is a loving father, grandfather, and friend to many.

For Mr. Bartusiaak's heroism and extraordinary achievement as aircrew of a PB4Y Liberator Aircraft in the European Theater of World War II, he has been awarded two Distinguished Flying Cross medals as well as seven additional service medals. These decorations exemplify Mr. Bartusiaak's dedication to the Navy's core values of honor, courage, and commitment, as well as his country.

Mr. Bartusiaak's sacrifice and dedication to our country are an inspiration to us all. He is a man who defended our country at a time of tremendous need. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his service, bravery, and dedication to his family and community.

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#### RECOGNIZING THE BAT MITZVA OF LEAH WENDY SELTZER

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#### HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues, Representatives ALCEE HASTINGS and DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, in honor of Leah Seltzer on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah at Congregation Kol Tikvah in Parkland, Florida. We know that Leah has been eagerly looking forward to this moment, and we are honored to share this special day with her friends and family.

As a seventh grader at Donna Klein Jewish Academy, she excels at English and Art where she is known by her classmates and teachers to have a great eye for detail. Outside of the classroom, Leah loves to sing, dance, and play soccer, as well as travel with her whole extended family.

Leah's passions also include helping less fortunate members of her community, through programs organized by the Children's Services

Council of Broward County. Her Bat Mitzvah project, which was making peanut butter and jelly lunches and stocking shelves for LifeNet for Families, further speaks to this passion and demonstrates that Leah lives by the Hebrew phrase "Tikkun Olam", to repair the world.

We join in wishing "Mazel Tov" to Leah and her family. We also wish her every success in her promising future as she continues her personal and academic pursuits. It is with great pleasure that we honor this remarkable young woman on her special day.

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#### RECOGNIZING THE CLEAR LAKE AME CHURCH FOR ITS CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

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#### HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2019

Mr. BABBIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Clear Lake African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) for nearly three decades of Christian ministry in the Clear Lake area of Houston, Texas and the dedication of their new church home. The church is growing, both in membership and spiritual richness and has embraced its mission statement, "Kingdom Building, One Soul at a Time."

The first meeting to organize an AME church in the Clear Lake City area began with prayer and praise on August 18, 1992 in the home of Reverend Brenda Payne and her family. Bro. Jerry Payne led the praise service, Presiding Elder X. L. Williams of the South Houston District read the scripture, and Rev. Payne offered prayer. There were nine adults and five children present at the very first worship service.

In October 1992 at the Texas Annual Conference held at Shiloh AME Church in Galveston, Texas, Bishop John R. Bryant formally gave Rev. Brenda Payne an appointment to begin a mission church in the Clear Lake area. On November 29, 1992, Clear Lake AME, held its first 11 AM worship service at the Piper's Meadow Community Center in Webster, Texas. Bible study continued initially in the home of the pastor until it was moved to the Piper's Meadow Community Center in July 1993. Clear Lake added Sunday Church School at Piper's Meadow on January 9, 1994.

On March 3, 1995, Clear Lake AME glorified God for the first time in a new "home" located on El Camino Real road. The Nehemiah Ministry under the direction of Wilbert Williams, built an altar and carpeted the pulpit area, helping to transform the former office space into a church sanctuary. On April 16, 1996, Clear Lake AME Church purchased 3.5 acres near the NASA Johnson Space Center and the University of Houston—Clear Lake. This land is believed to be the first church property purchased by African Americans in the historic Clear Lake area.

In October 1999, Clear Lake AME Church, joined with Primm Chapel AME Church, La-Marque, Reedy Chapel AME Church, Galveston, and St. James AME Church, Dickinson to form the "Mainland 4." The four churches, though small in numerical size, hosted the Texas Annual Conference.

At the 134th Session of the Texas Annual Conference in October 2000, Bishop McKinley

Young appointed Rev. Arthur Ferguson, Pastor of Clear Lake AME Church. Rev. Arthur Ferguson preached the gospel of peace, love, and reconciliation, preparing the church to grow and become a beacon in the Clear Lake community.

On Saturday, November 18, 2006, at the Post Conference Planning Meeting of the Texas Annual Conference, Bishop Gregory G. M. Ingram, Presiding Prelate, appointed Reverend Kevin L. Hodge, to serve as Pastor of Clear Lake AME Church. Pastor Hodge and his new bride, First Lady LaShawn Hodge came with a vision to take the congregation “to the next level” of spiritual growth, church construction, and church expansion.

On Sunday, February 17, 2013, Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie moved Pastor and Sister Hodge to a ministry at Shiloh AME Church in Galveston, Texas. On Friday, March 8, 2013, Reverend Derrick Cyprian was appointed Pastor of Clear Lake AME Church. Rev. Cyprian, his wife Chalita, and their two sons, Derrick and Jared, came with excitement and a desire to help the community reach their committed goals: to grow spiritually, increase God’s kingdom, and build a home sanctuary to house Clear Lake AME Church ministries. By the grace of God, this was fulfilled and the sanctuary was completed. Clear Lake AME Church held its inaugural worship service in its new home on Sunday, May 12, 2019 and the new sanctuary was dedicated on Sunday, August 11, 2019.

The Clear Lake African Methodist Episcopal Church is committed to fulfilling the Great Commission through worship, fellowship, youth programs, outreach initiatives, and Christian education. The Lord has used this church as an amazing witness and we are privileged to have such a place of worship in the 36th Congressional District of Texas.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BREANNE VEEDER FOR RECEIVING THE SPORTS MEDICINE SCHOLARSHIP FROM MEMORIAL HERMANN KATY HOSPITAL

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Breanne Veeder from Cinco Ranch High School for receiving a Sports Medicine scholarship from Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital.

Breanne received this scholarship through distinguished service students provide through KISD athletic programs. For 12 years, Memorial Hermann Katy has awarded these scholarships to KISD students who are worthy of this recognition, and Breanne rightfully earned this award. Breanne is planning to continue her studies at the University of Texas San Antonio. We wish her the best of luck in her future career.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Breanne Veeder on receiving the Sports Medicine Scholarship from Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAURA WHALEN SLANE ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete and Northeastern Pennsylvania native, Laura Whalen Slane. This year, Laura was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame at the 35th annual dinner on August 11, 2019 for her distinct athletic achievements in the sport of field hockey.

Every year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame

and recognition to the state of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

Laura is a graduate of Crestwood High School’s Class of 1996. There she played several sports including basketball, soccer, track and field, and field hockey. In 1995, Laura was named field hockey team captain and helped her team secure the AAA District Championship. For her impressive efforts, she was placed on the All-Conference first team and the All-State second team. In addition to her many accomplishments in field hockey, she was also the captain of the basketball team and set a number of district track records.

After high school, Laura continued her excellence in sports at Rutgers University. During her time at Rutgers, she won several field hockey awards including The Mission Statement Award, The Coaches Award, Rutgers Defensive Player of the Year, and Team MVP. She also earned other honors during her college career, including Big East Player of the Week, Big East Academic All-Star, and Rutgers Player of the Year. She played on the Big East All-Conference team and was named a Division I Regional All-American. While helping her team accomplish six shut-out games, she succeeded in breaking the Rutgers school record for most defensive saves in a single season.

In addition to her stunning sports record, Laura pursued an academic career which led her to become world history teacher in New Jersey. She has taught at Warren Hills Regional School District for 16 years while coaching for the past 13 years. To date, her teams have only lost a total of 5 games under her leadership. Laura still has time to participate in other sports as well; she plays in a soccer league and runs 5ks and half-marathons when time allows. She is supported in her sports endeavors by her husband Roger and son Andrew.

It is an honor to recognize Laura on her induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May her tremendous athletic career and service to the community be a source of inspiration to future athletes in Pennsylvania.