

CONGRATULATING AMY CAMPBELL ON BEING NAMED WASHINGTON STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Amy Campbell, from Camas, Washington on being named Washington state's Teacher of the Year.

Amy has been teaching special education at Helen Baller Elementary for the past 12 years and has been an invaluable resource for students and families in Camas.

The Washington State Teacher of the Year program helps shine a much-deserved light on our educators who are dedicated to their students and communities—and Amy is no exception.

From helping make her students feel inspired, to encouraging them to see their own potential, Amy works tirelessly to ensure each one of her students is successful. This kind of hard work and dedication is exactly why Amy was given this well-earned recognition.

Once again, I want to congratulate Amy on receiving this honor. I want to thank her and all of our teachers for their hard work and devotion in serving our students and families in Southwest Washington.

HONORING THE KESSELING NAVAL PROPULSION SITE IN WEST MILTON, NY FOR RECEIVING THE TOWN HERITAGE AWARD ON THEIR 70TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Kesselring Naval Propulsion Site in West Milton, NY for receiving the Town Heritage Award on the occasion of its 70th anniversary.

The Kesselring Naval Propulsion Site was founded in 1948 and began operations in 1955. Previously known as the West Milton site, it was renamed the Kenneth A. Kesselring Site in 1968. Despite being established to serve as a testing location for liquid-metal cooled power breeder reactors, the site's focus changed to the testing of propulsion plants through the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program. Over the next four decades, several generations of power plants were successfully tested at Kesselring before being deployed onto submarines like the USS *Ohio*.

Today, the Kesselring Naval Propulsion Site serves as a training site for Nuclear Reactor Operators. Kesselring allows for trainees to have a hands-on experience to better prepare them for operating these complex systems. Kesselring has trained over 50,000 sailors since 1955.

On behalf of New York's 21st congressional district, I want to join The Saratoga County

History Roundtable in honoring the Kesselring Naval Propulsion site and the Town of Milton on this historic occasion. I also want to thank the leadership team at Kesselring and the service members who have trained there for their dedicated service. I look forward to the continued success of the Kesselring Naval Propulsion site training future generations of sailors and submariners.

RECOGNIZING BUMP BOXES FOR WINNING SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR THROUGH THE TURNER CENTER SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bump Boxes in Peoria, Illinois for winning the Small Business of the Year award through the Bradley University Turner Center's Small Business Awards.

Bump Boxes was founded in 2015 by Christine and Leland Deehring as an idea to provide healthy and chemical-free products to expecting mothers through a monthly delivery service. They moved to their first warehouse in 2015, and by 2016 hit a \$1 million revenue with six employees, which meant they had to add a second warehouse. In 2017, they hit \$3 million in revenue with 11 employees and acquired Hello Mamas in addition to launching Glow Organics. By 2018, the business hit \$8 million with 32 employees. They are currently thriving and continuing to develop their company. It takes dedication and hard work to keep a small business prospering and I am so proud of all Bump Boxes has done for the Peoria community.

It is because of community leaders like those at Bump Boxes that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Bump Boxes for winning the Small Business of the Year award through the Bradley University Turner Center's Small Business Awards.

IN RECOGNITION OF AUBURN UNIVERSITY BASS FISHING CLUB WINNING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the Auburn University Bass Fishing Club for winning the first ever Major League Fishing College Redcrest National Championship.

The championship took place in August in LaCrosse, Wisconsin on the Mississippi River.

The Auburn University Bass Fishing Club was founded in 2007. This season, the club will compete in up to 20 events.

Club members include Logan Parks, Lucas Lindsay, Will Phillips, Chase Mundhenke, Patch Pelt and Anthony Vinston.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Auburn University Bass Fishing Club.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL BAUER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Michael Bauer, a larger than life, beloved Chicagoan who made an impact on the most powerful American leaders as well as the most humble and vulnerable people.

Michael Bauer was only 66 years old when he passed away after a battle with cancer on August 29th. On September 3rd, hundreds gathered at Anshe Emet Synagogue on Chicago's north side to pay tribute to Michael and hear from some of the people whose lives were deeply affected by this passionate and exuberant activist.

Speakers included Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, a long-time and very close friend, who Michael worked day and night to help elect, as well as Senator DICK DURBIN, a friend and political ally. Governor JB Pritzker was in attendance along with several Members of Congress, including me, and many members of the State Legislature as well as officials at the County and local level.

Michael had a law degree and an MBA, but his real passions were fighting for the rights of the LGBTQ community, Holocaust Remembrance and progressive politics. As a gay man, he began his activism during the ravaging days of the AIDS epidemic, but he never stopped fighting to end all forms of discrimination. He worked to change laws at every level of government to assure the right of gay couples to marry and the rights of transgender people, among other issues.

Both of Michael's parents were Holocaust survivors, and he and his brother Jerry grew up without grandparents, aunts and uncles or cousins. Poignantly, Michael's beloved mother Tema Bauer, 103 years old, was at the funeral of her younger son. Not surprisingly, Michael played an important role in the establishment of the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center in Skokie, Illinois, a city that is home to many survivors.

And Michael was deeply involved in politics, raising money and campaigning for his chosen candidates. His endorsement was heavily sought by Democratic candidates, but each had to pledge support for Michael's priorities, including protecting women's reproductive rights.

For nearly four decades, Michael shared his life with his partner and husband Roger Simon. They were inseparable, particularly going through the difficult phases of Michael's illness—Roger always at his side, always lovingly caring for his every need.

Michael was a dear, dear friend of mine. My husband and I loved to be in the same room with Michael and Roger, often watching Michael command the space—always forcefully making a point, or making a joke and being the force of nature that he was. He will be deeply missed.

RECOGNIZING THE LAUNCH OF
THE 50TH UPWARD ACADEMY AT
THE TYSON FOODS PLANT IN
ZEELAND, MI

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the launch of the 50th Upward Academy at the Tyson Foods Plant in Zeeland, Michigan.

This unique in-plant educational program offers a plethora of empowering resources and courses to all workers, from the frontlines to the offices, at no-cost. By partnering with local community organizations, Upward Academy provides team members the opportunity to access important classes that would otherwise be unattainable. Examples include English as a Second Language, General Educational Development (GED), and United States citizenship, among others. For new immigrants to the U.S., Upward Academy helps to assimilate and integrate them into American society, thereby creating a bedrock for their future success.

Moreover, the Upward Academy includes multiple components focused on workplace skills and professional training to develop talent, especially in rural or marginalized areas. This includes classes in driver education, computer technology, financial literacy, and a variety of soft skills. Through these programs, Upward Academy brings knowledgeable experts directly to workers so they can move beyond entry-level jobs, receive valuable qualifications, and perform at high levels.

The 50th launch of Upward Academy will open the door for all team members at Tyson's Plant in Zeeland, MI to strive beyond current limitations. Tyson Foods and Upward Academy's commitment to cultivating a modern workforce that is prepared for the 21st century will help our community grow stronger and make West Michigan a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Madam Speaker, please join me in officially recognizing the launch of the 50th Upward Academy at the Tyson Foods Plant in Zeeland, MI.

CONGRATULATING TIM HOYER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Tim Hoyer, this year's recipient of the Encompass Health Advocate Award.

Tim has been active with brain injury support groups since his own injury in 2012. In January 2016, Tim assumed leadership of the Blair County Brain Injury Support Group. He has also founded an Asperger's support group. Tim has taken special interest in each group member and encourages them to reach whatever goals they have set.

Tim is a tireless advocate in our community, and his work is truly deserving of this recognition.

Congratulations once again to Tim on this recognition

HONORING THE LIFE OF DON
ALLEN WOLF

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the incredible life of Mr. Don Wolf. Don was an upstanding citizen, father, husband and business leader in northeast Indiana who dedicated his life to the humble service of others. The lives of his fellow Hoosiers have been vastly improved because of Don's generosity and good will.

Don truly lived out the American Dream. He established Do It Best Hardware which is presently the largest privately-held company in the state of Indiana and has a large presence across the entire country. The City of Fort Wayne and the entire Hoosier State feels a deep sense of pride in counting him as one of our own.

Achieving great success, Don set out to better the community he loved so much and worked to significantly improve the lives of those around him. His many philanthropic efforts range from serving as the first president of Big Brothers of Greater Fort Wayne, the founder of Study Connection, and a member of the Junior Achievement Hall of Fame. There can be no doubt that Don's top priority was to set our future generations up for success.

The positive impact Don made on his city, his state, and people across the country will not soon be lost or forgotten. Through a life as a business leader and community servant, Don Wolf shines as an example of what it means to live well and live for others.

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HON. CHERI BUSTOS

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council for winning the Community Partner of the Year award through the Bradley University Turner Center's Small Business Awards.

The Greater Peoria Economic Development Council—a non-profit organization focused on helping local businesses, site selectors and the local community develop in the Peoria community—is a wonderful resource for all businesses in the Peoria area. The Council currently runs several programs, including Elevate, Manufacturing Network, Economic Gardening, Startup, Pathways, Hello Greater Peoria, Farm Forums and Co Starters. These programs all help local businesses thrive. I commend the Council for all of its work in Peoria and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

It is because of community builders like the Greater Peoria Economic Development Coun-

cil that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council for winning the Community Partner of the Year award through the Bradley University Turner Center's Small Business Awards.

HONORING EPISCOPAL HOMES OF
MINNESOTA ON ITS 125TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Episcopal Homes of Minnesota on its 125th anniversary of caring for and serving senior communities in Saint Paul.

Episcopal Homes began in 1894 with a visionary leader named Sister Annette Relf. Sister Annette was a hospital nurse and Minnesota's first Episcopal Deaconess, who saw a need for a home and place of comfort for poor and elderly women. The first home was founded at 710 Martin Street in Saint Paul. In 1909, Sister Annette herself became a resident of the home until she died in 1915. The tradition of strong women's leadership continued in 1930, when Eliza May was elected as the first President of the Board and women took over daily management of the home.

The Great Depression brought major challenges to the community, and the federal government responded by granting the home an exception from taxes. The Social Security Act was passed which kept many residents out of poverty by providing retirement security. After World War II, the home grew to accommodate 70 residents. In 1970, the home officially became the Episcopal Church Home of Minnesota. The need for more supportive services led to the hiring of an occupational therapist who could address the physical, recreation and social needs of residents.

Episcopal Homes has continued to grow to serve residents, receiving a major grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to build subsidized housing for seniors. In 2011, Kings Crossing Apartments opened in Saint Paul's Frogtown neighborhood, which HUD lauded as a model for innovative community planning and neighborhood revitalization. This federal investment has continued and been valuable to Episcopal Homes' nine senior communities located near Green Line Light Rail stops along University Avenue in Saint Paul. Episcopal Homes has won numerous awards and recognition for its care and services—including those from Aging Services of Minnesota, the Metropolitan Council, the Midway Chamber of Commerce, the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce and U.S. News & World Report.

Today, Episcopal Homes is home to more than 1400 residents who thrive in their retirement years through the continuum of care offered through the homes in the heart of Saint Paul. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the 125th anniversary of Episcopal Homes of Minnesota's dedication to building affordable, diverse, vibrant communities and enhancing the lives of older adults.