

The Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo proudly extols and celebrates the rich history of architecture, arts and culture that makes Western New York home to the work and legacy of such legends as Louise Bechtune, Joseph Dart, Frank Lloyd Wright, H.H. Richardson, Frederick Law Olmsted and Louis Sullivan. Recognizing the value of preservation, performance and visitor experiences delivered with authenticity and creative energy, the Community Foundation continues to invest in organizations that strengthen these sectors. Their understanding of the significant economic impact of such inspirational and unique treasures has led to more than doubling their investment in just the last five years. Arts and culture are alive, thriving and attracting international recognition and adding to our quality of life thanks to such sustained support.

It is in making that connection between the past and present that the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo has chosen the Kleinhans Music Hall as the venue for “The Centennials” celebration on Tuesday, September 24. Edward and Mary Seaton Kleinhans left a gift in 1934 directing the Foundation to build “a suitable music hall for the people of Buffalo.” The Foundation ensured their vision was realized and now, 80 years later, their gift continues to provide a home for the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, world-class performances and personal milestones. Looking to the future, this celebration will award one million dollars in honor of 12 local change makers who have made a difference in the lives of Western New Yorkers through a community-wide nomination process. As stated by the Foundation’s current President and CEO Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker, “The Centennials will celebrate everything we stand for as an organization—focused forward.”

Again, I wish to acknowledge, congratulate and praise the Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo on their Hundred Years of extraordinary generosity, impressive accomplishments and collaborative engagement that has improved lives and continues to drive positive change throughout Western New York. Their celebration is well-deserved, and we stand ready to work with them as the next century of opportunity and growth begins for The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

HONORING SPECIALIST FOURTH CLASS JOHN WESLEY DAHR

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Tenth District of Pennsylvania and a grateful Nation to honor the memory and exceptional service and sacrifice of Specialist Fourth Class John Wesley Dahr of Dillsburg, Pennsylvania. Specialist Dahr earned the Distinguished Service Cross for his unhesitating and selfless bravery in combat during the Vietnam War, and made the ultimate sacrifice for the cause of his fellow Soldiers, and for our Nation.

On 8 January 1967, Specialist Dahr was participating in search and destroy missions near Cu Chi with elements of the 25th Infantry Division, when his company was pinned down

by Viet Cong and received heavy incoming fire. Specialist Dahr willingly subjected himself to enemy fire and waded through waist-deep water to aid a wounded comrade. After carrying the wounded Soldier 100 meters to safety, he repeated his heroic actions, rescuing two more Soldiers before returning to the center of the battlefield to combat the enemy.

As he fired upon the Viet Cong, he saw yet another wounded Soldier and ran to his aid. Despite extreme risk to his own life, he stood up in the open to hold the injured warrior above water while he sought help to get them both to safety. Specialist Dahr was mortally wounded during his attempt to rescue a fourth Soldier.

Specialist Dahr’s actions set the standard by which all others should be judged. Our Country owes him a debt of eternal gratitude for his extraordinary actions in the line of duty and in the face of terror. Specialist Dahr’s tireless, selfless and heroic actions are a credit to himself, his Family, the United States Army and the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my votes on the following dates, September 24, 25, and 27, due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted: “yea” Roll Call No. 541; “yea” Roll Call No. 542; “yea” Roll Call No. 543; “yea” Roll Call No. 544; “nay” Roll Call No. 545; “yea” Roll Call No. 546; “yea” Roll Call No. 547; “yea” Roll Call No. 548; “yea” Roll Call No. 553; “yea” Roll Call No. 554; and “yea” Roll Call No. 555.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CONSERVATION CORPS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of the Orange County Conservation Corps (OCCC), now celebrating their 25th anniversary. Founded in 1993, the OCCC provides at-risk and disadvantaged youth a chance to learn valuable skills while giving back to their community. The OCCC is considered a “Second Chance at Success,” ultimately ensuring a positive life for our youth.

The OCCC provides youth with a pathway to earning a high-school diploma, via an on-site charter school. By embracing a culture of teamwork and cooperation, the OCCC instills a strong work ethic in our youth, providing experience and job skills that will make them valuable members of our workforce.

Since 1993, OCCC has served more than 8,000 young adults, recycled 9,000 tons of recyclable materials, and planted over 120,000 trees. Preserving our environment empowers our youth, allowing them to help others and positively affect our community. These stu-

dents can develop their educational, professional, and personal skills.

OCCC has provided corpsmembers with more than \$1.5 million in financial assistance. Over 3,000 high school diplomas and job training certificates have been provided to corpsmembers to seek higher education. OCCC’s Corps-to-Career Specialist assists students in transitioning from the corps to their future goals by introducing them to local colleges, trade schools, and ROP programs. Corpsmembers learn resume writing, interviewing skills, and a professional demeanor that will prepare them for a bright future.

Today, we celebrate not only 25 years of success for OCCC, but we honor its future. A future that continues to uphold the values of hard-work, teamwork, and service. It is for these reasons that I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and recognizing the Orange County Conservation Corps for their commitment to our youth and our communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF FIREFIGHTER STEPHEN ALMEIDA

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement of Mr. Stephen Almeida, a 41-year veteran of the Fairhaven Fire Department.

Stephen began his career in 1978 as a call-firefighter and was later appointed as a full-time firefighter for the town of Fairhaven, where he would serve for the next 32 years as a full-time firefighter. Once a full-time firefighter, Stephen rose quickly in his career. He was elected to the Fire Union’s Executive Board, and in a few short years would assume the role of Union President of the Fairhaven Firefighters Association, a position he would hold for the next twenty years.

During Stephen’s tenure, the town transferred the ambulance service from within the Police Department over to the Fire Department. As Union President, Stephen worked closely with the town and Fire Chief to ensure this undertaking went smoothly. Embracing a proactive approach to fire safety, Stephen was also heavily involved in Fairhaven’s fire prevention program. Going above and beyond his duties to permit and inspect, Stephen also volunteered as the town’s Santa Claus, arriving not in a red sleigh but rather a red fire truck.

Stephen attributes much of his passion and success to his mentor, Lt. Earl Faunce, who instilled in Stephen the values and traditions of the Fire Department.

Stephen has been married to his wife Cheryl for 37 years. They have 3 children and 4 grandchildren, and I wish them many years of happiness and more time spent with their family.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Stephen Almeida and his commitment to ensuring the safety of his community. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his hard work and dedication as he celebrates his retirement.

HONORING BLACK FINE ART MONTH

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Black artists inspire the citizens of Chicago with the power of their imaginations and create works that heal, uplift, and transform our community; and

Whereas, Black artists create works in all art forms that reflect a wide range of experiences and perspectives; and

Whereas, the appreciation of the full diversity and complexity of Black lives is crucial for the common good of our local, national, and international communities; and

Whereas, Black artists play a leading role in shaping public attitudes about diversity and provide valuable role models for future generations; and

Whereas, Black artists create work that touches our deepest emotions and builds bridges among people of all ages, abilities, races, religions, and sexual preferences; and

Whereas, Pigment International,TM the Black art collective, in collaboration with The DuSable Museum of African American History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, and in partnership with the bold gallerists, esteemed art purveyors, talented curators, and prominent arts organizations across Chicago, across the country and globally, has organized a new international holiday called Black Fine Art Month, which is celebrated annually during October.

Whereas, the citizens of Chicago are joining with artists and art supporters around the world to celebrate the Black fine art aesthetic and its global impact during this inaugural Black Fine Art Month proclaimed this October 3, 2019; now, therefore be it

Resolved that I, ROBIN L. KELLY, serving as a Member of the House of Representatives, do hereby proclaim October as “Black Fine Art Month,” in the Second Congressional District of Illinois.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. EVA FELDMAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Eva Feldman for receiving the 2019 Distinguished Achievement Award from the Michigan Medicine Alumni Society. Her esteemed work in neurology is worthy of commendation and makes her an excellent recipient of this great honor.

Dr. Eva Feldman received her Ph.D. and M.D. in neuroscience at the University of Michigan Medical School in 1979 and 1983, respectively. After performing her residency in neurology at The Johns Hopkins Hospital—becoming the first neurologist to receive The Johns Hopkins Award for Medical Teaching and Excellence—she returned home to the University of Michigan to complete a Neuromuscular fellowship in 1988. She has been

part of the University of Michigan faculty ever since and continues to devote her career to understanding neurological disorders and developing new and innovative treatments. Under her supervision, nine scientists have received their Ph.D. degrees, and over 100 postdoctoral fellows and neurologists have been trained to treat neurological diseases.

Today, Dr. Feldman serves as the Director of the University of Michigan ALS Center of Excellence and runs the Program for Neurology Research & Discovery, her own 30-scientist laboratory. In addition, she is the principle investigator of the first two FDA-approved human trials of intraspinal stem cell implantation therapy for ALS. Furthermore, Dr. Feldman formerly directed the A. Alfred Taubman Medical Research Institute until 2017.

Dr. Feldman is renowned for her neurological expertise. Throughout her tenure, Dr. Feldman has published over 420 original peer-reviewed articles, four books, and 70 book chapters, and has received continuous funding from the National Institutes of Health for more than 30 years. She is the Past President of the Peripheral Nerve Society and served as President of the American Neurological Association from 2011 to 2013. In addition to being an elected member of the Association of American Physicians and National Academy of Medicine, Dr. Feldman has earned a vast list of awards and recognitions including the 2016 Castle Connolly National Clinician of the Year Award and the 2017 Endocrine Society Gerald D. Aurbach Award for Outstanding Translational Research, to name only a few. Most recently, Dr. Feldman was honored with the 2019 PNS Alan J. Gebhart Prize for Excellence in Peripheral Nerve Research.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Dr. Eva Feldman for her extraordinary work in neurology. We are grateful for her lifetime of impactful work and wish her many years of continued success. The 2019 Distinguished Achievement Award is well deserved.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HARVESTERS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of Harvesters and recognize its countless contributions to Missouri’s Fifth Congressional District, the Kansas City region, and beyond. As part of a national network of hunger relief organizations, Harvesters is a cornerstone of many communities in the 5th District, and I am truly honored to have such an impactful, admirable organization based in the district I represent.

Harvesters began in Kansas City in 1979 when faith organizations, social service agencies, and businesses partnered to tackle the increasing issue of hunger in the greater Kansas City area. Harvesters is a food bank that acts as a liaison between more than 760 agencies in Missouri and Kansas to coordinate with emergency food pantries, homeless shelters, children’s homes, schools, and others to

end food insecurity. During its first year of operation, Harvesters administered 155,000 pounds of food within five counties. The non-profit has only increased in size and reach in the years since.

In 2018, Harvesters distributed 52,572,724 pounds of food throughout twenty-six counties in Missouri and Kansas. As operations expanded and flourished, the United States Department of Agriculture extended a partnership to Harvesters, offering the organization the opportunity to distribute federal commodities to qualifying agencies. In 2011, Harvesters was nationally recognized as the Food Bank of the Year by Feeding America, the largest domestic hunger relief organization in the United States.

Harvesters operates community-wide programs for children, families, and seniors out of its Topeka and Kansas City facilities. The BackSnack program works with schools to provide over 8,000 nutritious snacks and meals each week to children in the greater Kansas City area. The nonprofit has implemented mobile food pantries throughout Missouri’s Fifth Congressional District for families that may not otherwise have access to a grocery store. Harvesters also works with the federal government on the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which delivers boxes of nutritious food to seniors each month. Harvesters is inclusive of all, tailoring each of its programs to the diverse community it serves.

Harvesters set itself apart as an advocate and champion of human dignity in our communities. Throughout its twenty-six county service area, one in eight people are food insecure. The organization recognizes that many individuals and families need food assistance at times, and they strive to provide support with benevolence and compassion. Harvesters staff and volunteers are truly an inspiration to us all.

Madam Speaker, please join with me in celebrating Harvesters’ Fortieth Anniversary. Through magnanimous leadership and dedicated service, Harvesters has touched the lives of thousands of residents in Missouri’s Fifth Congressional District and beyond. We stand today to celebrate Harvesters’ indelible mark on our country and thank them for their enduring work to end hunger in our communities.

RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEST HARPELTH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 4, 2019

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th Anniversary of the West Harpeth Primitive Baptist Church.

The West Harpeth Primitive Baptist Church was founded circa 1869 under the leadership of Elder Peter Starnes. The first congregants were former slaves upon whose strong Christian faith the church was founded.

The land was purchased in 1881 and the initial facility was constructed on the property. The land, located near Old West Harpeth Road, is the same site on which their building