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HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PERFECTING CHURCH

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2019*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Perfecting Church, a growing ministry and house of worship in Detroit, on its thirtieth anniversary.

Perfecting Church held its first service in 1989 in the home of Pastor Marvin L. Winans with a congregation of only eight people. The church and its congregation grew quickly and found its self in need of a building before ultimately settling into its current home on Detroit's east side. The church's final move was symbolic of two of its guiding principles, unity and serving others. Since its opening, Perfecting Church's mission to serve and bring community together has been reflected in its outstanding charitable work and its service-based programs. Under the leadership of Pastor Winans, Perfecting Church has expanded its services to include youth programming, performing arts, as well as transitional housing for women in the community. Perfecting Church is a community asset to Detroit and has truly become an integral part of its faith-based community.

Please join me in tribute to Perfecting Church in honor of its thirtieth anniversary and its ongoing community service.

RECOGNIZING ORANGE COUNTY CONSERVATION CORPS FOR 25 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

**HON. HARLEY ROUDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2019*

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Orange County Conservation Corps (OCCC) and its 25 years of service in the Orange County, California community. OCCC was founded in 1993 and is a voluntary work and learn program for at-risk and disadvantaged youth ages 18 to 25.

Over the course of the last quarter century, OCCC has provided career guidance and workforce training to more than 8,000 young adults. Because of the OCCC's hard work and dedication, Corps members have received more than \$1.5 million in financial assistance, received pay for nearly two million hours of work and job training, and have earned over 3,000 high school diplomas and job certificates.

OCCC's dedication to the young adults of Orange County is only rivaled by their dedication to environmental stewardship and conservation. Since its founding, OCCC has protected and restored nearly 3,000 acres of public land, diverted 9,000 tons of recyclable ma-

terial from landfills, and planted more than 120,000 native plants and trees. They exemplify true dedication to Orange County and our communities' public lands.

I ask that all Members join me in recognizing the amazing work and contribution of OCCC.

RECOGNIZING RICK AND MARY MCQUEARY

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2019*

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible work and life of Rick and Mary McQueary.

Rick McQueary and Mary Haseltine McQueary are a couple with a deep love and respect for the rich history in Springfield and Greene County. Each of their families arrived in Greene County in the mid to late 1800s. Rick's family began a pharmacy business in Ash Grove, Missouri and later moved it to Springfield where it grew into the premier drug wholesaler in southwest Missouri. Mary's family was active in farming and had the largest apple orchards in Missouri. Others in her family, including her father, were interested in practicing law and were noted lawyers in the area. Family stories fostered a love of learning about the history of this community still exist for both of them today.

Mary currently serves as the president of the Board of Directors of History Museum on the Square, has been an active volunteer with the Museum for over 19 years, and has spent the last several years spearheading the development and construction of the Museum's new facility that opened in August of 2019. She and Rick are the co-chairs of the capital campaign for the Museum and she has served as the project manager for the Museum's construction project, overseeing a team of industry professionals, steering the direction of museum content, writing copy and even picking out finishes. This project is one of the largest historic revitalization projects in downtown Springfield. The ultra-modern History Museum on the Square is projected to attract 30,000 visitors each year with galleries featuring the Birthplace of Route 66, the first Wild West shootout with Wild Bill Hickok, and many other stories of the unique Ozarks crossroads.

Rick and Mary have been able to show others that historic buildings and local history are worth preserving. The new facility allows the Museum to provide additional educational and community programming for both children and adults. Downtown is the heart of our community and this museum is the perfect place to tell the rich history of Springfield. So much of the area's history occurred right outside the windows of the Museum—the Trail of Tears, Civil War encampments, the first quick draw shootout in the Wild West, the Butterfield-Overland Stage route, and Route 66. Preserving and promoting this history while also contributing to downtown revitalization and improved tourism is a gift to the entire community.

Their love of this community is only rivaled by the great love they have for their alma mater Greenwood Laboratory School and surpassed by their love for their family. They

have been married for forty-four years and have three children and eight grandchildren.

Rick and Mary's willingness to serve has led them to participate in all parts of the community including boards of major medical facilities, schools, universities, civic organizations, and their church. They have worked tirelessly to better the community they love so dearly. The History Museum on the Square is proud to award them the inaugural William F. "Rick" McQueary and Mary Haseltine McQueary Groundbreaker Award for their years of dedicated service to the preservation and display of the history of Springfield and Greene County. This award will now be presented annually to an individual, family or corporation making significant contributions to the History Museum on the Square and its mission.

Madam Speaker, it is clear the McQueary's have an unbelievable love for their community and its history and am honored to be able to recognize them today.

RECOGNIZING THE WORKERS AT THE ADVANCED MIXED WASTE TREATMENT PLANT

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2019*

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today with great respect and gratitude for the 480 men and women of the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) as they complete the facility's waste treatment mission for the State of Idaho and the country.

The State of Idaho didn't generate the waste treated at AMWTP, but the citizens of Idaho along with the entire nation benefitted from our nation's unrelenting drive to keep the peace through our strength. In many ways, the waste that the AMWTP team retrieved, characterized, treated, certified, and shipped out of the state was the byproduct of our freedom. It was the legacy of the Cold War. Through their hard work, dedication, and sacrifices, they helped close the chapter on this part of the Cold War.

In addition to the AMWTP employees, we owe Idaho governors Cecil Andrus, John Evans, Dirk Kempthorne, Jim Risch, Phil Batt, C.L. "Butch" Otter, and Brad Little a great thanks for their insistence that this waste would not remain in Idaho in perpetuity over our precious Snake River Plain Aquifer. Our aquifer, our citizens, and our nation are safer with this waste safely disposed of at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

We also owe the Department of Energy (DOE) a heartfelt thank you for committing to this project in the mid-1990s and staying with it until the end. It wasn't easy; it wasn't without contention or disagreements, but all sides worked together for a common goal of success.

The contractors that have been associated with the AMWTP also must be recognized, from BNFL Inc., to Bechtel BWXT, to the Idaho Treatment Group, to the current contractor; Fluor Idaho. The amount of ingenuity, engineering, and technology at this waste treatment facility is unmatched anywhere else in the world. AMWTP, backed by the DOE and its contractors and committed management and employees, had the brawn and brains to

complete its transuranic debris waste treatment mission.

But none of this would have been possible without the men and women of the AMWTP. Each and every one of them made sacrifices to support this mission. They sacrificed quality time with family members to commute to the facility in the early hours of the morning, often leaving at night—never seeing the light of day. They knew they were effectively working themselves out of a job, just as all employees of the Idaho Cleanup Project are doing.

The employees of the AMWTP should be the models for the entire workforce of the DOE Complex. When they encountered challenging waste types and containers, they developed the procedures and processes to safely and compliantly address them. When the specialized equipment didn't exist, they fabricated it, tested it, and put it to work. They adapted and found solutions to the most complex challenges they encountered.

Several more years will be needed to ship out the balance of the 65,000 cubic meters of waste to WIPP. For those who stay with the project, the Idaho Congressional Delegation wishes them the best of luck in safely carrying out the remainder of the shipping mission.

For those who retire, take other jobs in Idaho, or leave to pursue opportunities elsewhere, we wish them the best of luck and again sincerely say thank you. AMWTP and the impact of its workforce to the State of Idaho and the nation will be remembered for generations to come.

DEDICATION OF ONU'S JAMES  
LEHR KENNEDY ENGINEERING  
BUILDING

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2019*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the dedication of Ohio Northern University's James Lehr Kennedy Engineering Building. The 105,000 square foot building is already fostering a community of technological growth, innovation, and collaboration at the university. The additional room and lighting make it easier for students to work with faculty in an environment conducive to learning.

Ohio's 5th Congressional District is home to more than 60,000 manufacturing jobs, and facilities like this state-of-the-art engineering building will help prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow.

The construction of this building would not have been possible without countless people that provided financial support. Special recognition is reserved for James Lehr Kennedy, who has given his continuous support and dedication to the university.

This new facility will provide students with excellent new learning opportunities and will help them to reach their maximum potential. The dedication of this new building is great for students, great for the university, and great for the region. Congratulations to Ohio Northern University!

HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF POWER HOPE & GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2019*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Power Hope and Grace Bible Church, a house of worship in Detroit, Michigan.

Founded in 1959, Power Hope and Grace Bible Church has persisted and prevailed despite the many changes in the City of Detroit. The church and its congregation have continued to thrive because of their incredible commitment to community service and generosity to those in need. The Power Hope and Grace community has regularly provided assistance and supplies to local shelters for the homeless, runs an annual back to school fair, offering free school supplies, hair cuts, and more, and assists in annual holiday toy drives. Beyond its charitable works, the congregation has been a training site for the Michigan Alliance for Families and participated in the Career Works summer program. In addition to this milestone anniversary, Power Hope and Grace Bible Church recently celebrated the paying off of its mortgage, further cementing this institution as an asset in the community.

Please join me in recognizing Power Hope and Grace Bible Church in honor of their sixtieth anniversary.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIG SUR HEALTH CENTER

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2019*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Big Sur Health Center. Big Sur Health Center opened in 1979 with a mission to bring quality medical care to the rural community of Big Sur and continues to serve as the only medical facility in the immediate area. The non-profit center provides affordable, culturally sensitive healthcare centering on diverse patient needs to both residents and visitors alike. When it opened, Big Sur Health Center offered services one day a week and facilitated 850 patient visits a year. Recognizing the need in the area and with community-wide fundraising support, the center quickly expanded to a 2,100 square-foot medical facility providing services five days a week. To date, they have administered more than 73,000 patient visits.

In its 40 years of service to the central coast of California, Big Sur Health Center has grown to meet the needs of our local community. Their team has developed vital programs and services, including a pharmaceutical service for urgent care medications and supplies, a fully-equipped dental suite to provide full-service oral healthcare, chiropractic care, acupuncture care, and a multicultural outreach program. Their bilingual staff aims to provide personalized, comprehensive, and holistic care to the diverse cultures and communities in Big Sur.

With unpredictable coastal hazards and frequent geographic and climate challenges, the Big Sur community faces unique medical needs. Big Sur Health Center has responded to these needs by offering 24-hour-on-call service and home visits and coordinates with local emergency teams during extreme weather conditions and natural disasters. In recent years, the center has offered healthcare services to thousands of firefighters during six large-scale fires. They have remained innovative in their response to local needs, working in partnership with medical facilities on the Monterey Peninsula to limit the need for residents to commute 30-miles for laboratory testing and other immediate medical services.

I am honored to recognize Big Sur Health Center and its important contributions to the health of residents on the Central Coast over the past 40 years. They have made incredible progress from their small clinic in 1979 and will undoubtedly continue to evolve with the needs of the community to provide quality, affordable healthcare services to our rural coastline. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating and thanking Big Sur Health Center for 40 years of service to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PATRICIA  
"TRISH" B. (PAINTER) ANDRE

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 8, 2019*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Patricia B. "Trish" Andre of Wauseon, Ohio, who left this world for a higher grace-filled existence on Friday, August 2, 2019.

As we remember Trish, we are reminded of a life dedicated to our earth's fabric in agriculture. A graduate of Purdue University, her academic studies were based in science where she received a degree in Agronomy. Serving as a Certified Crop Advisor, a 4-H Advisor, a member of the Ohio Jersey Breeder's Association, and a member of the Farm Bureau, Trish led an extraordinary life dedicated to agriculture.

I can still see her stooping in the fields picking off tiny creatures on plants, studying their meaning, marveling at nature and its infinite connection to a higher cosmos. Her work raising the next generation of her own family and the larger 4-H youth family is legendary. She was a prophetess in her own time.

Trish's deep dedication to agriculture was shared with her loving husband of 34 years, Nathan (Nate) L. Andre who survives her. Nate and Trish formed a strong bond in marriage and as agricultural stewards. He is a proud organic and fanning consultant for Andre Farms, a family-owned business that has served Ohio and Michigan communities for over 60 years. I know Nate will honor his wife's memory by upholding the Andre Farms' mission of integrity driven land stewardship.

As a parishioner of the North Clinton Church in Wauseon, Ohio, Trish was a devout woman of faith. As a member of Gideon International Auxiliary, a Christian nonprofit, and a Bible Quiz Coach, her service to community was firmly rooted in faith.

Trish will be profoundly missed by her friends, family, and the community she served.