

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on October 16 due to illness. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on Roll Call No. 556, and “yea” on Roll Call No. 557.

HONORING THE 64TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLARKSVILLE NAACP

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 64th Anniversary of the Clarksville, Tennessee chapter of the NAACP.

This local chapter was chartered 64 years ago in 1955, just as the Civil Rights Movement was starting to gain momentum throughout the nation, culminating in 1963 with the March on Washington and Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “I Have A Dream” speech. The leadership of Dr. King and the NAACP challenged the nation to live up to its own founding ideals of liberty and justice for all.

The Clarksville NAACP has continued to serve the community since its founding, particularly in its engagement with the young people of Clarksville and its support for education.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Clarksville branch of the NAACP for its service to the community over the past 64 years.

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF QUEENS PUBLIC LIBRARY, RIDGEWOOD BRANCH

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90th Anniversary of Queens Public Library, Ridgewood Branch. I also rise to thank Friends of the Ridgewood Library and Principal Librarian Thomas Maxheimer for their contributions to this celebrated anniversary.

Queens Public Library, Ridgewood Branch opened on October 15, 1929. Not only was Queens Public Library, Ridgewood Branch the first library to open in Queens, but also the first library to be publicly-funded by the City of New York.

Over the last 90 years, Queens Public Library, Ridgewood Branch has served as a cornerstone of the Queens community. In one of the most diverse counties in New York State, the Library continues to invite individuals of all ages and ethnicities to learn, research and discover. In addition, Queens Public Library, Ridgewood Branch serves the community through unparalleled accessibility, providing

resources for individuals with physical and/or visual impairments. From children’s story time to genealogical research tools, the library offers a wide range of programming and learning opportunities.

I ask my colleagues of the 116th Congress to join me in celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Queens Public Library, Ridgewood Branch by recognizing its crucial contributions to the Queens community.

CALLING ATTENTION TO AN IMPRESSIVE PROGRAM THAT ORIGINATED IN POCATELLO, IDAHO

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2019 Idaho Career & Technical Education (ICTE) Special Program Award recipient, the Construction Combine.

At the Construction Combine, program participants learn to demonstrate their construction skills to builders who are potential employers. The program recruits local contractors to teach construction skills to interested high school students and others, and construction materials suppliers such as Home Depot generously provide the necessary supplies and tools to facilitate building sheds for this two-day event. The completed sheds are donated to deserving veterans at no cost.

The Construction Combine is the brain-child of Mr. Scott Stevens. As a staff member in Idaho State University’s (ISU) Continuing Education and Workforce Training Program (CEWT), Mr. Stevens recognized the need to attract more skilled workers to the construction industry and to increase the housing stock in order to promote economic growth. He teamed up with Brad Landon, the Pocatello/Chubbuck Home Depot Store manager, to execute his vision—one that helps home builders, veterans and students. There was extensive additional support from the surrounding high schools; local contractors; Gary Salazar, the Director of ISU’s CEWT; and others in ISU’s CEWT Program.

The first Construction Combine event took place at the Pocatello/Chubbuck Home Depot in the Spring of 2018 with 54 participants, producing eight sheds. The following year, in 2019, the Construction Combine hosted six events in Idaho and Oregon with 228 participants, producing 41 sheds. I am eager to see the continued growth of this program in years to come.

Madam Speaker, I would like to join the ICTE Awards Selection Committee in recognizing the Construction Combine as an innovative solution to the construction and low housing stock issues associated with Idaho’s very low unemployment rate and our booming economy. I would like to recognize ISU’s CEWT, the Home Depot, and the local contractors for their efforts to make the Construction Combine a success and to give back to their communities. Congratulations.

RECOGNITION OF WOOD COUNTY, OHIO’S 200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Bicentennial of Wood County, Ohio. This Crossroad of America was established by the Ohio State Legislature on February 12, 1820. Wood County has historical ties to the earliest days of Ohio history, gaining its name from Colonel Eleazer D. Wood, the planning engineer of Fort Meigs in 1813.

Wood County was once home to the Great Black Swamp. This made settlement of the area extremely difficult, but the pioneering spirit of early residents produced an extensive system of ditches which drained the swamp and revealed the rich farmland beneath. There are still more than 3,000 miles of drainage ditches keeping the county dry to this day.

The oil and natural gas industries were the first to enter Wood County in the late 1800s. This caused a large spike in population as people migrated to the county in hopes of obtaining riches. Wood County currently covers nearly 620 square miles of land and water which provides evidence of the rural traditions and history of the area, while fostering agricultural ingenuity, manufacturing developments, and educational success.

The celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Wood County is a meaningful reminder of the hard work, grit, and pioneering attitude upon which Wood County, Ohio and the United States of America were founded. Congratulations to Wood County in celebration of its Bicentennial Year.

300TH ANNIVERSARY OF GARRETSON FORGE AND FARM

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Garretson Forge and Farm, a national historical landmark in Fair Lawn, New Jersey. This year marks the 300th anniversary of the settlement of Garretson in 1719. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the volunteers of Garretson Forge and Farm Restoration, Inc., this special property has been preserved and kept open to the community. In recognition of Garretson’s anniversary, I would like to include in the RECORD the poem ‘A Heritage to Keep,’ by William F. Haywood which captures the long history of Garretson Forge and Farm, a Bergen County treasure:

The traffic moves in swifter pace
Around the bend that holds this place
In gentle curves where time has flown
And countless passers it has known.

The silent step of moccasin,
The echoing of forge’s din;
A gangling pine saw all of these,
New homes replacing other trees.

The continental soldier came,
Lone hunter seeking wary game,
A farmer tilling fertile soil
Where the river turns its coil.

So generations came and went
Through seasons ill and fairly spent.

The Garretsons had built to last,
While time has added to the past
A heritage for here and now—
To keep it whole should be our vow.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Garretson Forge and Farm's 300th anniversary. I know that we will continue to enjoy Garretson for many generations to come.

HONORING LYLE ENDICOTT

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lyle Endicott of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, for his selfless service to our country during World War II and for his upcoming 98th birthday. Mr. Endicott served his country with honor, started multiple successful businesses, and is a staple in his community.

Mr. Endicott was born in Mt. Vernon on December 7, 1921. Twenty years later, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the United States Navy and became a fighter pilot. As a naval aviator, Mr. Endicott deployed to the Pacific on the Steamer Bay Aircraft Carrier, where he supported the invasions of Iwo Jima and the Okinawa Islands. After his honorable discharge, he married Elizabeth "Annie" Piercy and started a family. Upon settling in Woodlawn, Illinois, the two opened a grocery store and Endicott Interiors, a furniture business that still operates today. Mr. Endicott later became the head pilot for Self Oil Company in Mt. Vernon and was renowned as one of Southern Illinois' finest aviators. Those who know Mr. Endicott say that he is fun-loving and fearless in his approach to life. As a father, grandfather, and now great-grandfather, he is a true family man who has touched countless lives.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Lyle Endicott for his unwavering patriotism and celebrate his birthday. On behalf of Southern Illinois, happy 98th.

IN HONOR OF KRISTI FEHR

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a special teacher, Mrs. Kristi Fehr. Mrs. Fehr is an educator at Cassidy Elementary School in Lexington, Kentucky.

Mrs. Fehr has been selected to receive a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching by the National Science Foundation. This award, administered on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, recognizes outstanding K-12 teachers for their contributions to the teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science.

Mrs. Fehr, a graduate of Xavier University, has been an elementary teacher for 24 years and has taught at Cassidy Elementary School since 2014. She is a science lab teacher for grades K-5. Among many of her accomplish-

ments, she partnered with a bio-systems engineer at the University of Kentucky to implement a science garden at Cassidy. She led a Scientists and Engineers Empowering Kids (SEEK) Science Club for 3rd through 5th graders. She annually recruits engineers from the community to lead sessions with students during National Engineers Week. Mrs. Fehr has been awarded numerous environmental and sustainability awards. She is a recognized leader in her school and among science educators.

I thank Mrs. Fehr for educating and inspiring her students in the field of science. This prestigious award is well-deserved by Mrs. Fehr due to her innovation, dedication, and passion that she brings to science education. I congratulate her on being awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

MISSING AND MURDERED
INDIGENOUS WOMEN

SPEECH OF

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letter regarding the Special Order on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women on October 17, 2019.

NEZ PERCE,
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
Lapwai, ID, September 18, 2019.

Hon. JERROLD NADLER,
Chairman, House Committee on the Judiciary, Washington, DC.

Hon. RAÚL GRIJALVA,
Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources, Washington, DC.

Hon. DOUG COLLINS,
Ranking Member, House Committee on the Judiciary, Washington, DC.

Hon. ROB BISHOP,
Ranking Member, House Committee on Natural Resources, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIARMEN NADLER AND GRIJALVA AND RANKING MEMBERS COLLINS AND BISHOP: As Congressman Newhouse stated in his June 6 letter, Native American and Alaska Native women face a murder rate ten times higher than the national average, with 84% experiencing some form of violence in their lifetime. Still, the tools and resources to document and address this issue are severely lacking in Indian Country due to outdated databases and a lack of coordination between law enforcement agencies. In addition to the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019 (H.R. 1585), legislation such as Savanna's Act (H.R. 2733), the Native Youth and Tribal Officer Protection Act (H.R. 958), and the Bridging Agency Data Gaps and Ensuring Safety for Native Communities Act (H.R. 4289) are each distinctly designed to provide an array of solutions to some of these unique problems.

To fully understand the need for this type of legislation and the federal resources and programs necessary to combat violence against women and the resulting issues, it is important to hear directly from communities to learn how reservations, families, and law enforcement are impacted by this crisis. The Nez Perce Tribe has suffered the loss of a number of our tribal citizens as a result of violence. It is for this reason, and because Washington State encompasses some of the Tribe's treaty-reserved homelands,

that the Nez Perce Tribe supports Congressman Newhouse's request that either one or both of your committees host field hearings in the state of Washington to examine issues relating to missing and murdered Indian women.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

SHANNON F. WHEELER,
Chairman.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF LOUIS M. CHIBBARO, JR.

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, during the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riot, it is my honor and pleasure to rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing my friend, Ward 6 neighbor and Washington institution Louis M. Chibbaro, Jr. Chibbaro is the Senior News Reporter for our nation's LGBTQ newspaper of record, The Washington Blade.

Washington, D.C. contains one of the largest LGBTQ communities in the United States. Among the thousands of LGBTQ Washingtonians, two names stand out: the late Dr. Franklin Kameny, who made the headlines, and Lou Chibbaro, Jr., who wrote the bylines.

Chibbaro is a native New Yorker who came to D.C. in 1971 as a college student with the State University of New York at Brockport Washington Semester Program. Upon graduation, he returned to work for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He continued his studies at American University before beginning his career as a reporter for several Washington-based independent newsletters, Environment Report, Energy Today and Science Trends.

Chibbaro became a public information representative for the American Public Power Association in 1975. Chibbaro volunteered as a freelance news writer and co-host for the then D.C. gay radio program "Friends." He soon began freelancing for The Washington Blade. The Blade hired him in 1982 part-time and later promoted him to full-time staff in 1984.

Chibbaro pounds the LGBTQ beat. He has covered the panoply of national and local LGBTQ interests of social, religious, and governmental institutions: the White House, Congress, the U.S. Supreme Court, the military, law enforcement agencies and the Catholic Church. Chibbaro began reporting on D.C. local politics with the 1978 mayoral and council elections. He commenced his chronicles of the Democratic and Republican conventions as a credentialled reporter in 1984.

Chibbaro has covered HIV and AIDS since the 1980s. He reported on the Matthew Shepard trial from Laramie, Wyoming. Chibbaro filed radio news reports on LGBTQ developments for the Sirius XM Radio Network's "OutQ News" program from 2013 to 2019.

Chibbaro has received accolades for his contributions to journalism. The Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia presented him with the 1998 Justice for Victims of Crime Award. The Office cited his "outstanding service to crime victims and their families" through his news reporting. His colleagues at Society of Professional Journalists