

D.C. Professional Chapter (SJP D.C. Pro) have awarded Chibbaro several Dateline Awards for Excellence in Local Journalism, most recently in 2016. Chibbaro became the first out-LGBTQ inductee to SJP D.C. Pro's Hall of Fame, where he joined such journalistic greats as Nina Totenberg and Bob Woodward.

This Friday, October 18th, The Washington Blade celebrates its 50th anniversary with a gala at Washington's Wharf. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Lou Chibbaro's accomplishments and his contributions to journalism, The Blade and our Nation's Capital.

MISSING AND MURDERED
INDIGENOUS WOMEN

SPEECH OF
HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the ongoing epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Alaska Native and American Indian women and girls face disproportionately high rates of violent crimes including murder, rape, kidnapping, and trafficking. Alaska Native and American Indian women are 10 times more likely to be murdered than other Americans. The National Crime Information Center reported that, in 2016, there were close to 6000 reports of missing American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls. According to the Urban Indian Health Institute, Alaska is the fourth highest state in terms of the number of these cases.

In Alaska, extreme isolation and lack of law enforcement in remote Native communities make it difficult to prevent and respond to these crimes. In fact, only one out of every three Alaska Native villages have any law enforcement at all. These villages are not connected to the road system, and it can take days for state troopers to respond to incidents, particularly when weather prevents flights from landing. Women and girls in urban areas also face risk factors, particularly when they are away from the support of family and culture.

Given the scale of the crisis, it is troubling that tribes and Native communities do not have adequate resources to respond. Native communities around the country are governed by a varying patchwork of criminal jurisdictions that complicate law enforcement and leave Native women and girls unprotected. Native communities and tribes also lack full access to crime databases, which undermines the efforts of tribal law enforcement and tribal courts. In addition, the Justice Department, which is responsible for pursuing the most serious crimes in Native communities, declines to prosecute the majority of these cases.

Instead of simply acknowledging these issues, Congress must act. We must reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. VAWA funds vital programs, like domestic violence shelters. The House's reauthorization bill expands legal authority for tribes to prosecute violent crimes against women. It also includes a new demonstration program, enhanced by an amendment I offered, that would expand Alaska Native villages' jurisdictional authority.

We must pass the BADGES Act, which Rep. HAALAND sponsored and I cosponsored. The BADGES Act improves BIA law enforcement recruitment and retention. The bill also improves federal law enforcement reporting mechanisms for missing and murdered Indigenous women. In addition, it expands tribal access to federal criminal databases. Congress must honor the trust relationship and pass this crucial legislation.

HONORING THE NEW MEMORIAL PARK IN THE TOWN OF SARATOGA DEDICATED TO THE HISTORIC SURRENDER OF BRITISH GENERAL BURGOYNE TO AMERICAN GENERAL GATES ON OCTOBER 17, 1777

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the new memorial park in the town of Saratoga dedicated to the historic surrender of British General Burgoyne to American General Gates on October 17, 1777.

242 Years ago, the first and second battles of Saratoga marked a crucial turning point in the American Revolutionary War. The courage and effectiveness of American troops during the battles broke the British Army's air of invincibility and led to the Franco-American alliance that proved crucial to winning the war. Today, that famous battle is memorialized in the rotunda of the Capitol with the famous painting by John Trumbull depicting General Burgoyne surrendering his sword to General Gates. That image was used to create a bronze relief that is displayed at the new memorial park. Many historians rank The Battle of Saratoga as one of the most consequential battles in history and I am glad to see this recognition for the heroism and sacrifices made that day.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to thank The Friends of Saratoga Battlefield, Open Space Institute, the Hudson-Hoosic Partnership and Saratoga National Historical Park for their hard work making this memorial a reality. It is crucial that we honor the achievements and sacrifices of those Americans who came before us as we chart our path forward. I look forward to this memorial serving as a space for all Americans to come and reflect on our history while we contemplate the future.

COMMEMORATING THE 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY HUMAN SERVICES

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues in the House join me in congratulating Community Human Services on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary. Throughout the last half-century, Community Human Services has not only brought attention to, but also alleviated the hardships that

middle and low income individuals and families in Monterey County face on a daily basis. Under the leadership of Chief Executive Officer Robin McCrae, the agency has grown from three programs, 55 employees, and a \$1 million budget to a multi-million dollar organization with a workforce that has doubled and operates twelve programs throughout Monterey County.

Community Human Services' mission is to address the tribulations that can be associated with addiction, mental illness, emotional health, domestic violence, child abuse, homelessness, and any other issue individuals may have trouble solving on their own. The institution allows people of all ages access to the tools necessary to overcome these challenges, creating lasting and sustainable changes on the central coast of California.

A key aspect of Community Human Service's mission involves connecting with individuals in our community and ensuring them that help is available to them without insurance or monetary compensation. Information regarding programs and corresponding issues are widely distributed to schools, businesses, civic groups, churches, and service organizations.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing and congratulating the commitment that Community Human Services has provided the Central Coast. As the organization celebrates its 50th Anniversary, I am proud to recognize Community Human Services for its continued work to address the challenges of individuals and families on the Central Coast. We are fortunate to have an institution like Community Human Services call the 20th Congressional District of California home.

SALUTING THE CHINESE AMERICAN PLANNING COUNCIL BROOKLYN COMMUNITY SERVICES ON THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to salute the Chinese American Planning Council Brooklyn Community Services on its milestone 40th Anniversary Celebration. I thank them for their commitment to bettering Chinese-American Communities in Brooklyn and greater New York City.

Since 1979, CPC Brooklyn Community Services has provided Chinese-American residents in Brooklyn with vital social services, such as child care, youth organizing, workforce development, adult literacy opportunities, senior services and housing support. Since inception, it has delivered culturally competent social services and has been instrumental in enriching and enhancing the quality of life of Chinese-American families in Brooklyn and beyond. The families it serves are grateful for their dedication and commitment to the community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Chinese American Planning Council Brooklyn Community Services on this special anniversary. These dedicated individuals exemplify outstanding leadership through their public service to the community. I am confident the Chinese American Planning

Council Brooklyn Community Services will wish them continued success and many years continue to build on its history of service. I of service.