

## HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JAMES COAKLEY

### HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2019*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a great American hero, James "Shimmie" Coakley.

Mr. Coakley was born on March 15, 1920 and raised in Houston County, Tennessee. He married Mildred Clark Coakley in 1940, and they remained together for the next 73 years and 9 months until her passing.

Mr. Coakley was drafted in December of 1944, and he fought in France and Germany as part of the 143rd Infantry Regiment, 36th Division under General Dwight D. Eisenhower. Mr. Coakley was honorably discharged from the Army as corporal in 1946 with a combat wound from shrapnel.

After surviving a ten day journey back across the Atlantic through a hurricane, Mr. Coakley began a longtime career back in Tennessee with the Meriwether Lewis Electric Company, where he served for 33 years. In retirement, he enjoys spending time with family and visiting the residents of Signature Healthcare of Erin, TN.

Mr. Coakley currently holds the distinction of being the oldest living WWII veteran in Houston County. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mr. James Coakley on his induction into the Signature Healthcare Hall of Fame.

## MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN

SPEECH OF

### HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2019*

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to and urge Congressional action on the Crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

Mr. Speaker, more than 4 in 5 American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime. More than half of American Indian and Alaska Native Women have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime.

American Indian and Alaska Native women are over one and half times more likely than White women to have experienced violence in the past year. Native women face murder rates more than 10 times the national average in some parts of the country. They also are almost 2 times as likely to have experienced rape than non-Hispanic White women over the course of their lifetime.

Given all these statistics of acts of violence, 96 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women victims of sexual violence experience violence at the hands of a non-Native perpetrator. To reiterate, nearly all of the violence committed against Native women are committed by non-Natives.

Mr. Speaker, I do not believe the protection of all women and children is or should be

treated as partisan issue. Tribal governments, through trust and treaty obligations should have the same authority as states to protect women and children in vulnerable situations. All states, tribal and local law enforcement authorities should have access and the use of the same tools to prevent these crimes, on or off the reservations. Hunters know where to hunt; fishermen know where to fish. And predators know where to prey.

I am pleased to see the House has taken action on this issue with the passage of the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, and I urge the Senate to take up this important legislation and include strong tribal provisions to ensure tribal governments have all the resources available to protect their communities.

## IN RECOGNITION OF KIMBERLY KRAMER

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kimberly Kramer and congratulate her on being a Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC) Women of Achievement Award Honoree. Her commitment to our community in Michigan makes her a deserving recipient of SWCRC's Entrepreneur Award.

Kimberly Kramer established Your Look Logos, LCC, a promotional product distributor in Lincoln Park, Michigan in 2013. As a member of the Advertising Special Institute, Your Look Logos supplies companies with every promotional product companies can imagine like branded mugs, pens, tote bags, t-shirts, and watches from over 3,000 suppliers. With a mission to help business owners create long-lasting and memorable relationships with clients, Your Look Logos specializes in consulting with businesses to find the best promotional products to suit their unique needs.

Being involved in customer service for over 25 years, Kimberly Kramer personally knows the importance of cultivating meaningful relationships between businesses and their clients. Six years ago, she put her professional experience into action, creating a company that would help others generate brand awareness and leave a lasting impression on the clients they encounter. Since its inception, Your Look Logos has become an important resource for many businesses across Michigan, especially throughout Metro Detroit.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Kimberly Kramer as she receives SWCRC's Entrepreneur Award. Kimberly's dedication to helping business thrive and establish deeper connections with clients has truly made a difference in our community. We are grateful for her work and wish her and Your Look Logos continued success in the years ahead.

CONGRATULATING DR. JASON  
DINKO ON THE RECEIPT OF THE  
INAUGURAL FOUNDERS AWARD

### HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2019*

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to congratulate Dr. Jason Dinko of Luzerne County on receiving the inaugural Founders Award from Geisinger Commonwealth Foundation.

Dr. Dinko, graduated from Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine in 2014. Throughout his career, he has consistently demonstrated his remarkable care and compassion for his patients and our community. Dr. Dinko earned his undergraduate degree from Marywood University and completed a residency in family medicine near Pittsburgh. He now serves the people of Montour County as a family medicine clinician for Geisinger in Danville, where the courtesy and compassion he shows his patients has earned him a reputation in the community for quality care. I can think of no one more deserving of this honor.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Dinko on this great honor and thank him for his care of the people of our community.

## HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2019*

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Rotary Club of Peekskill, New York, as the institution celebrated its 100th anniversary on Thursday, October 17.

Established in 1919, the Peekskill Rotary Club was the 547th club charged by Rotary International and among the earliest Rotary clubs in Westchester County. The club focuses on raising funds to help local charities continue the critical, often challenging, work of helping those in need in the City of Peekskill and across the Lower Hudson Valley. The more than 10,000 people who attend the club's annual fundraiser at Peekskill High School are a testament to the widespread support for the club's contributions to our community.

A highlight of its 10 decades of service was the Rotary's involvement in recovery efforts after the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Rotary volunteers assisted the Salvation Army in coordinating the delivery of supplies to workers at Ground Zero and raised funds for the families of the four victims who were Peekskill residents. The club also designated a memorial monument and tree to those four individuals at Riverfront Green Park on July 4, 2002.

The Rotary Club of Peekskill has been an invaluable partner in making the Lower Hudson Valley a healthier and more prosperous community. Madam, Speaker, I urge my fellow members of Congress to join me in expressing

both congratulations and thanks to the Rotary Club of Peekskill and its past and current members for their century of service to our community.

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HONORING TC AND MAEGAN  
SCHWINDLING AND ALL ADOPTIVE  
FAMILIES IN ALABAMA

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**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2019*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, our opening prayer yesterday morning was offered by Pastor Phil Waldrep from Decatur, Alabama. I want to thank Pastor Waldrep for his dedication to the scripture and his passion for families.

Six years ago, Pastor Waldrep's extended family grew through the gift of adoption. In Spring of 2013, his oldest daughter, Maegan Schwindling, and her husband, TC, began pursuing adoption from the Democratic Republic of Congo. They were matched at the beginning of summer 2013 with a young girl in Lubumbashi, DRC.

Things took an unfortunate turn a few months later. On September 25, 2013, adoptions from the DRC came to a halt as President Kabila blocked internationally-adopted children from leaving the country. Child placement agencies and adoptive families scrambled to find their way through this roadblock yet they were undeterred in getting these children home.

I had the privilege of meeting Maegan and several other Alabama families during this season while they were stuck with children on the other side of the world. We worked closely with the Congressional Caucus on Adoption and the U.S. State Department to help these families be united here in their new homes.

Pastor Waldrep's granddaughter Zoe finally came home to the United States with Maegan and TC on April 16, 2016. She became a proud American citizen on September 27, 2016—almost 3 years to the day after President Kabila suspended international adoptions in the DRC.

On Thursday, a little over 6 years after Zoe's journey with her family began, Zoe was in the gallery to watch her grandfather open the House of Representatives in prayer. Zoe has suffered loss and tragedy in her life, but through the gift of adoption and the love and care of her parents and extended family, she has become a true example of beauty in broken places.

As the House Republican co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Adoption, I'm honored to recognize the Schwindlings and all of the adoptive families in Alabama. Next month we will celebrate National Adoption Month. May Zoe's story be a reminder to us all of the magnitude of loss and the beauty of coming home that can be found in adoption stories across the country.

IN MEMORY OF REVEREND  
THEODORE GIBSON

**HON. DONNA E. SHALALA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2019*

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Reverend Theodore Gibson, champion of civil rights in Miami.

Born in 1915, Reverend Gibson emerged as a leader in South Florida's desegregation movement. Determined that his son would attend an integrated school, Reverend Gibson filed a lawsuit against Dade County Public Schools. He also led desegregation efforts at lunch counters and department stores, and even helped integrate Crandon Park Beach by leading a swim-in.

Reverend Gibson served as president of the Miami NAACP from 1954 to 1964. During that time, he refused to turn over the names of the members of the local NAACP chapter to the Florida state legislature, which was hunting for communist influence in American political organizations. Reverend Gibson was arrested and fined for standing up for the dignity of the NAACP.

In 1972, Reverend Gibson was appointed to the Miami City Commission, where he continued to promote civil rights and empower African American communities. A powerful orator and moral leader, Reverend Gibson devoted himself to the Christ Episcopal Church in Coconut Grove, where he served as a rector until his death in 1982. He is survived by his wife, Thelma Gibson.

Reverend Gibson dedicated his life to promoting the rights and welfare of the African American community of Miami. His influence continues to resonate in South Florida and will be felt for years to come. I'm proud to honor his memory.

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IN RECOGNITION OF SARAH KEW

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sarah Kew and congratulate her for being a Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC) Women of Achievement Award Honoree. Her commitment to our community in Michigan makes her a deserving recipient of SWCRC's Unsung Heroine Award.

Kiwanis International is a global community of clubs and members with a mission to "empower communities to improve the world by making lasting differences in the lives of our children." Kiwanis Clubs throughout our community embody this mission and tirelessly strive to serve the needs of children in creative ways by tackling hunger, improving literacy, promoting leadership, and offering guidance.

Kiwanis Clubs throughout Michigan cannot operate without strong and effective leaders who demonstrate a true commitment to the organization's mission. As Kiwanis of Michigan

District 5th Lieutenant Governor, Sarah Kew dutifully leads our community's Kiwanis Clubs, working quietly behind the scenes to ensure the organization continues to improve the lives of our children. Known amongst her peers and colleagues for her high degree of professionalism, compassion, and ambition, and she is well-loved and cherished by so many within the Kiwanis organization and beyond. Sarah truly embodies all the qualities of an admirable leader—she humbly strives for excellence without seeking praise or recognition for any of her significant accomplishments.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sarah Kew as she receives SWCRC's Unsung Heroine Award. Sarah's dedication to our community's children is remarkable, and her continued leadership in the Kiwanis Club is deeply appreciated. Sarah truly deserves the SWCRC Unsung Heroine Award.

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HONORING BILL WINKKY IN  
HONOR OF HIS EIGHTIETH  
BIRTHDAY

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**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2019*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Bill Winkky who recently celebrated his eightieth birthday.

Bill Winkky, son of Mary Emma and Robert Winkky, was born in Kingston, New York on September 29, 1939. In his eighty years of life, he has been a mentor, a friend, a father, a husband and an all-around good man that deserves to be recognized.

In 1963, Bill married Charlotte Sommerfeld and has remained by her side for the past fifty-six years. Bill has such dedication to his wife and his family, it is heartwarming to see.

Yet, his family is not the only thing he has been dedicated to over the years. He was a teacher, dedicating thirty-two and a-half years to educating and enriching the lives of the youth he taught. He also coached several sports, including football, wrestling, swimming and track. The hours he spent dedicated to young people were well spent, and he had a profound impact on his students.

Bill also has dedicated time to serving people as the Town of Veteran supervisor for ten years and continues to hold this role now.

It is not often you have the pleasure of meeting a man as dedicated to helping others as Bill Winkky. He is a pillar in the community, has given so much of himself to our youth through his coaching and teaching tenure. He continues to do a great deal as the Town of Veteran supervisor. I am honored to know him, and I am equally honored to celebrate his achievements, his legacy of hard-work, compassion and community-mindedness here today.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor Bill Winkky on his eightieth birthday.