

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

HONORING TC AND MAEGAN SCHWINDLING AND ALL ADOPTIVE FAMILIES IN ALABAMA

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.

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.

HONORING BILL WINKKY IN HONOR OF HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY

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.

CONGRATULATING NOBLE “BUD” QUANDEL 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 Ninth District Resident, Noble “Bud” Quandel of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania on receiving the inaugural Founders Award from Geisinger Commonwealth Foundation.

Mr. Quandel began his career as a laborer and apprentice while attending Bloomsburg University, since succeeding his father in 1976, he has served as Chairman and CEO of Quandel Enterprises. Although under his guidance, his business has experienced great success across the country, Mr. Quandel has remained a cornerstone of our community. Mr. Quandel has overseen significant Quandel projects throughout our community including Geisinger’s Medical Sciences Building and the new Geisinger St. Luke’s facility in Orwigsburg.

Mr. Quandel has consistently demonstrated his commitment to being a good friend, businessman and neighbor. From producing “quiklime” for local building projects, Quandel later added consulting services and instituted an Employee Stock Ownership Program that gave all its employees a vested interest in the company’s success.

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 Noble “Bud” Quandel on this great honor and thank him for his commitment to the betterment of our community.

CELEBRATING AULTMAN HOSPITAL AND CANTON CITY PUBLIC HEALTH BEING HONORED WITH THE AHA DICK DAVIDSON NOVA AWARD

HON. ANTHONY GONZALEZ

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aultman Hospital and Canton City Public Health in Canton, Ohio—winners of the 2019 American Hospitals Association Dick Davidson NOVA Award for their joint efforts to create the Stark County Toward Health Resiliency for Infant Vitality and Equity (THRIVE) program.

THRIVE promotes women’s health before, during and after pregnancy. After conducting a fetal infant-mortality review, the collaborating stakeholders selected interventions that would have the greatest possible impact on overall infant mortality and the disparity between white and black infant mortality rates. THRIVE’s goals include raising awareness of the value of prenatal care, linking women to prenatal services, addressing barriers to prenatal care and meeting socio-economic needs. THRIVE also focuses on safe sleep education, policies and resources to stop the problem of

infants dying at home because of unsafe sleeping conditions.

While local hospitals provided the initial collaborative funding, additional funding was provided by the Ohio Department of Medicaid and the March of Dimes. THRIVE’s strength is also due to other collaborative partners such as local school districts, community health providers and faith-based groups. It is THRIVE’s stated goal that every baby born in Stark County has the opportunity to reach his or her First Birthday. I can think of no more noble goal.

I applaud Aultman Hospital and Canton City Public Health for their leadership in developing THRIVE to address the pressing public health concern of infant mortality in Stark County. It is my earnest hope your efforts become the model for addressing Ohio’s Infant Mortality Rates as well. I think we all look to the day when every child born in the great State of Ohio can reach their First Birthday.

Congratulations on earning the 2019 American Hospitals Association Dick Davidson NOVA Award.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF COMMAND SGT. MAJ. WAYNE T. BREWSTER

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Command Sergeant Major Wayne T. Brewster, on his retirement from the United States Army Reserve, after more than 34 years of faithful service to our nation.

Command Sergeant Major Brewster was born in Odin, IL and graduated from Sterling High School in Sterling, IL in 1983. In 1985, Command Sergeant Major Brewster completed Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training as an Infantry Soldier at Fort Benning, GA. During his 34 years of service, Command Sergeant Major Brewster would serve with gallantry at every command level, finishing his service as the Command Sergeant Major for Army Reserve Medical Command in Pinellas Park, FL. In his civilian capacity, Command Sergeant Major Brewster is a Firefighter and Engineer for Poudre Fire Authority and has been in the fire service since 1993.

Madam Speaker, I thank Command Sergeant Major Brewster for his 34 years of dedicated service, and wish him well as he starts this next chapter in his life.

IN HONOR OF THE MEMORY OF JANIE MARIE JONES

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the esteemed life of Janie Marie Jones. Ms. Jones passed away on September 29, 2019 which greatly saddened our entire community. Her remarkable service to the Washtenaw County community is worthy of commendation.

Born in 1934, Ms. Jones grew up in Louisiana and Texas. After marrying, she moved to Detroit, Michigan with her two children. Ms. Jones was a devoted mother, selflessly putting the needs of her children before her own, and even delayed pursuing her own education until they were sufficiently grown. At the age of 35, Ms. Jones received her high school diploma from Robichaud High School and continued her education at Concordia College. She earned her Baccalaureate degree in 1989, and later took classes toward a master’s degree in education in the years before her illness.

Ms. Jones quickly became a fixture of the Washtenaw County Community. Upon receiving her degree, she shared her enthusiasm for education with our community’s children by working as a substitute teacher and volunteer for Head Start in Ypsilanti. Furthermore, Ms. Jones was recognized as a dedicated advocate for our community’s veterans. She worked as a respiratory therapist at the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Medical Center and also served veterans in a volunteer capacity, where she helped them navigate the complex federal system and connect with the services and resources they needed.

In addition to her work in healthcare, Ms. Jones was selected to join the Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Department in 1965 and was a trailblazer in this field. Ms. Jones was the first black woman deputy in the department’s history, breaking the glass ceiling for other women in our community. Furthermore, she served on the Workforce Development Board, the Citizens Council to the Juvenile Court, and the Superior Township Planning Commission and Board of Review. Ms. Jones dedicated her life working for causes she believed in, and her efforts truly affected change throughout her community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the legacy of Janie Marie Jones. We will forever remember her remarkable life, devotion, and service. She will be dearly missed. May she rest in eternal peace.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. JAMES STADLER

HON. MICHAEL F. Q. SAN NICLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. SAN NICLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a good man, Dr. James Stadler. Dr. Stadler is the beloved son of Edward Stadler, Sr. and Wanda Stadler. He was a longtime resident of Guam, a faithful servant, a husband, father, grandfather, and a beloved pediatrician in our community on Guam.

Dr. James Stadler was born and raised in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, and graduated from St. Mary High School in 1967. From there, he went on to pursue his undergraduate studies at Michigan State University. He then graduated with honors from the University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, in 1974 and completed his internship and residency in Pediatrics touching the hearts of many children at the Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles in 1977.

In that same year, our island was blessed with a man who dedicated his life to the service of others, particularly our children, as he