

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

was called to Guam on an 18-month contract with FHP. He brought his loving wife and 11-month old son at the time, Jeffrey. His courage and curiosity gave our island a graceful and beloved gift—and that was Dr. James Stadler, who eventually decided to make Guam home.

Dr. Stadler worked with FHP Clinic for 42 years, but also wore many other hats in our community. He was the Chairman of Pediatrics at the Guam Memorial Hospital, and in this role, he was instrumental to the opening of the first Pediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care Units. He also served as the GMH Medical Director from 2005 to 2010, held multiple volunteer teaching jobs such as ACLS and BLS instructor for GMH, directed and in-charge of Medical Symposiums held in Guam, and was the President of the Guam Medical Society when he was barely 30 years old. This man was a pioneer in Guam's medical community.

But all these hats he wore do not even begin to define the real character behind Dr. James Stadler—an honorable man of his word, an angel for children, and someone to truly count on. He is survived by his wife Virgie, his children Jeffrey, Joseph, James, Jennifer, and Jonathan, and his granddaughter, Olivia. His mark will forever be imprinted on the hearts of all of us, and I join the people of Guam in honoring the memory of Dr. James Stadler and commemorating his many contributions to our island. I extend my sincere condolences to the entire Stadler family. His legacy will inspire us now and forever.

**HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE
OF MR. TERRY McDONALD**

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Terry McDonald for his two decades of service as Mayor of New Haven, Indiana. Since his election in 1999, Terry has worked diligently to usher in a new era of prosperity for the second-largest city in Allen County.

Under Terry's leadership, New Haven has seen increases in commercial and industrial activity and heralded improvements in its public schools and infrastructure. He has brought the city to a new level of prominence within our great state and made his constituents proud.

Above all, Terry has always seen his position not as a job, but as a service and a duty. As he does in his role as a minister, Terry seeks to use his God-given talents to assist those who need it the most. His first priority has always been assisting those around him. Officials at all levels of government can learn a great deal from the honesty and integrity of men like Mayor Terry McDonald.

As Terry's time in public office draws to a close, I wish him and his family nothing but the very best as he continues his life of service.

**CELEBRATING BREMOND'S 150TH
ANNIVERSARY**

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of the City of Bremond, Texas.

It is an honor to represent Bremond and its residents in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Bremond has supported thousands of families and businesses throughout the years, and I am proud to offer my congratulations on their sesquicentennial milestone.

Located in Robertson County, Bremond was established along the Houston and Texas Central Railway, which was built through the area in 1869.

The city is named in honor of Paul Bremond, an entrepreneur and founder of the Houston, East and West Texas Railway.

The first train pulled into Bremond on June 15, 1870, with over 1,000 well-wishers present for the occasion.

In the late 1800's and early 1900's Bremond was thriving; it was a major cotton center, with a number of gins running continually.

The city has stood the test of time and been resilient; providing generations of families a great quality of life.

In recent years, Bremond High School has been a Texas football powerhouse. They won three consecutive 2A State Championships—2014, 2015 and 2016.

The citizens of Bremond are a hardy people, and the pride of the city and its residents has never been greater.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commemorating the City of Bremond and its proud residents for their one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary.

In recognition of this occasion, I am pleased to fly a United States flag over the United States Capitol to honor Bremond's sesquicentennial anniversary.

As I close, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country during these difficult times, for our military men and women who protect us from external threats, and for our first responders who protect us here at home.

HONORING STEUBEN RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR ITS SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. for its seventy-fifth anniversary.

The Steuben Electric Association, Inc., was formed in July 1941 under the Transportation Corporations Law and was later converted to an electric distribution cooperative in 1942. At that time, the cooperative had five hundred and three miles of line and one thousand three hundred members. Two years later, its first electric line was energized.

Cooperatives such as Steuben Rural Electric made it possible for rural areas to have

access to electric during the 1930s in areas that would not have otherwise had this service. Without these ingenious organizations, our rural areas would not be what they are today—we owe a debt of gratitude to the rural electric movement that allowed our farmers to use lights instead of lanterns and brought much needed power to the people of these rural communities.

In 1969, the Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. and the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Electric Cooperative, Inc. began discussing the possibility of a merger. That merger came to completion in 1970 and made the Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative the largest of four New York cooperatives.

However, these services are still needed, from Steuben County to Cattaraugus County and beyond. Currently, the cooperative has grown to include one thousand one hundred miles of line, serving six thousand three hundred homes, farms and small businesses. With such a rich legacy and a bright future, I know we will see many more great things from Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to recognize Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. for their seventy-fifth anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES (JIM) HOECKER FOR HIS EXEMPLARY CAREER IN ENERGY LAW AND POLICY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jim Hoecker, someone who has been the voice of the electric transmission industry and a dedicated public servant at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Mr. Hoecker has announced his retirement from his current role as Executive Director and Counsel to the WIRES coalition at the end of this year. His distinguished career is worthy of commendation.

Mr. Hoecker is a widely-recognized expert in the field of electric transmission. His invaluable insight has helped advance the interests of the electric grid among policymakers, industry leaders, and others who share WIRES' belief in the need to invest in the nation's transmission network.

Prior to working with WIRES, Mr. Hoecker held several positions at FERC, serving as legal counsel, commissioner, and ultimately as chairman from 1997 to 2001. Among his achievements at FERC were the developments of electric transmission and natural gas pipeline open access and the creation of regional transmission organizations. After his career at FERC, Hoecker founded Hoecker Energy Law & Policy PLLC and joined Husch Blackwell LLP, where he will remain active in his law and consultancy practice. Hoecker holds a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School and a Ph.D from the University of Kentucky.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jim Hoecker and his exemplary career. Taking the steps to ensure that our country has a robust electrical transmission grid is no small task, and Mr. Hoecker