

Sixteen years ago last week, on October 25, 2003, Mikhail Khodorkovsky was arrested at gunpoint by special forces of the Kremlin. At the time, Mr. Khodorkovsky was head of a successful Russian company, Yukos, which had adopted Western standards of governance. His crime was to have called publicly on the Russian President, Vladimir Putin, to address the problem of state corruption—and to have suggested that such corruption had reached the very highest levels of government. Mr. Khodorkovsky would spend a decade in a Siberian labor camp.

Today, Russia is holding more than 230 political prisoners behind bars. Various reports leave no doubt as to the gravity and urgency of the problem and make clear that the situation is only becoming worse. The Kremlin is engaging in a crackdown on political opponents in order to suppress critical voices they see as a threat.

Russia's longest held political prisoner is Alexey Pichugin. He is still in jail after more than 16 years because he refuses to sign false testimony against his former colleague, Mikhail Khodorkovsky. It would be difficult to imagine a more egregious violation of the rule of law and human decency.

I urge Congress to use the numerous political and economic tools at its disposal—starting with the Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act, which the House of Representatives adopted in 2012—to bring greater pressure on the lawless regime of Vladimir Putin. We owe it to the courageous Russian men and women fighting for their God-given human rights and freedoms.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EBELL SOCIETY OF SANTA ANA VALLEY

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Ebell Society of Santa Ana Valley, which was commemorated on October 19, 2019, at the organization's historic club house.

The Ebell Society of Santa Ana was founded in 1894 to provide social, cultural, and educational opportunities for members.

With its motto "That is Only True Living which is Ever Learning," the Ebell Society includes 10 educational and cultural sections, including antiques, bridge, genealogy, quilting, home and garden, literature and the arts.

The Society's founding president, Mrs. Franklina Bartlett, was an outstanding citizen and a prolific writer whose short stories appeared in publications alongside well-known authors such as Willa Cather, Jack London, and Mark Twain.

In the early 1900s, featured Ebell Club speakers included Helen Keller, Will Rogers, Jack London's daughter Joan London, and Chief Standing Bear of the Sioux Indian Tribe, who was recently honored with a statue here in the Capitol. These renowned individuals helped raise money to build the Ebell Clubhouse, which was designed in 1924 by Fredrick Eley, one of Orange County's best-known architects.

The 95-year-old Mediterranean-style building, which is included on the National Register

of Historic Places, underwent restoration in 2018. Thanks to the caretaking of the Society's members, the Ebell Clubhouse continues to be a hub for community gatherings.

Throughout the years, Ebell has made philanthropy and community service an important part of its mission. Ebell members ran a nursery for working women's children for almost 35 years, made bandages and sold Liberty Bonds during World War I, and held blood drives during World War II.

Today's members provide philanthropic support to WISEPlace Women's Shelter in Santa Ana and the Friendly Center of Orange County.

In addition, the Ebell Society Color Guard proudly participates in patriotic observances in the community throughout the year.

The club's current president is Dr. Betts Rivét, an author who retired from the Santa Ana school system and then taught English at a women's college in China for 19 years.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 125th anniversary of the Ebell Society of Santa Ana Valley. Congratulations to this group of outstanding Orange County citizens who continue building our community through the pursuit of education and philanthropy.

RECOGNIZING ZIGGY AND STELLA ZIEGLER OF BILLINGS

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ziggy and Stella Ziegler of Billings for their decades of selflessly helping people find a second chance in life.

For more than 40 years, Ziggy and Stella owned and operated Stella's Kitchen and Bakery in Billings. Their establishment created a downtown buzz where every weekend you can find a line out the door of people waiting to eat a delicious breakfast. Their restaurant won a 2018 Billings Gazette Readers' Choice for Best Breakfast and Best Bakery.

Recently retired, Ziggy and Stella were honored with this year's Billings Chamber Legacy Award for their dedication to the city. While their business success is well documented, it's the Zieglers' work in their community that sets them apart.

In 1973, when Ziggy was young, his father was murdered. Instead of reacting in anger, Ziggy used that tragedy to fuel his passion for serving others. He dedicated his life to helping prisoners find fruitful, meaningful lives during and after incarceration.

For the last 40 years, Ziggy has traveled to prisons and halfway houses throughout Montana. In those cell blocks and rehabilitation rooms, Ziggy offers spiritual guidance, be it a passage of scripture or a prayer. He also helps those incarcerated or formerly incarcerated develop their self-esteem, encouraging them realize their worth. Ziggy has helped hundreds of men and women find a plan for life after incarceration.

That's where Stella stepped in to complete the ministry. Stella oversaw the day-to-day operations of the Ziegler's bakery, including hiring workers. Collaborating with the prison ministry, Stella filled many of open jobs with former inmates. The employment provided

those reentering society with structure and a community.

Stella's reach goes beyond her bakery. She was instrumental in building the new St. Francis Catholic Elementary School and remodeling St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral in Billings. Even after retiring, Stella continues to help her community as she serves on boards and leadership committees.

Madam Speaker, for their business successes and ministerial impact to help build a better path for those reentering society, I recognize Ziggy and Stella Ziegler of Billings for their Spirit of Montana.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANTERBURY SHAKER VILLAGE AND HONORING THE GENEROSITY OF THE MAXINE AND RICHARD MORSE ENDOWMENT FUND

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Canterbury Shaker Village and honor the generosity of the Maxine and Richard Morse Endowment Fund for their commitment to both the Shaker Village and for the arts across New Hampshire.

The Maxine and Richard Morse Endowment Fund has supported many philanthropic causes across New Hampshire for more than 60 years. Among their most notable efforts was to help support the establishment of the Canterbury Shaker Village. In 1969, the Morses worked with a group of Shaker sisters to provide funds and devise a plan to allow the sisters to remain in their home while also preserving the Shaker history, legacy, and lifestyle for generations to come. From then on, Canterbury Shaker Village Inc. was formed to hold the property, thus enabling the continued celebration and teaching of Shaker legacy, philosophy, and teachings for years to come.

To this day, my dear friend, Maxine has spearheaded efforts to protect and preserve the Village as both a Corporator and Trustee. Today, the Canterbury Shaker Village, in addition to be listed as a National Historic Landmark for its architecture, serves as a critical site for teaching people of all generations about the lives and legacy of the Canterbury Shakers.

On behalf of our constituents across New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I congratulate the Canterbury Shaker Village at the Currier Museum on its 50th anniversary. I thank everyone, especially Maxine and the late Dick Morse, who have been instrumental in its formation and continued flourishing.

RECOGNIZING THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUPPORT ACT

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the one-year anniversary of

the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act being signed into law. The SUPPORT Act was the most comprehensive law ever enacted by Congress to take on a drug crisis—a bold response to an opioid epidemic that has affected every corner of our country.

The SUPPORT Act took big strides in addressing the crisis by expanding access to treatment and recovery services, providing communities with the tools and resources they need to be successful on the front lines, ensuring we have effective systems in place to keep these powerful drugs from getting into the wrong hands, and more.

I was proud to have my legislation, the Opioid Addiction Action Plan Act, included in the final package. My bill requires a comprehensive look at government practices—including reimbursement, coverage, and data collection—and allows us to find alternate methods of treating pain through innovation by making Medicare and Medicaid more flexible, adaptable, and focused on preventing and treating addiction.

The SUPPORT Act recognized that while this crisis has reached every zip code, a one-size-fits-all approach won't remedy the issue effectively, and that's where the role of community comes into play. I believe community is at the heart of many issues facing our nation right now and is a key component for those struggling with opioid addiction.

Having a support network and a sense of belonging is important to all of us, so it is imperative that on a community level we guide those who are fighting addiction, whether that be a family member, neighbor, or a compassionate stranger. The SUPPORT Act helps communities do just that, by propping up community organizations with technical or financial assistance, establishing peer support networks, and distributing best practices for those on the front lines within the community, like health professionals or law enforcement.

As a society, we must do better to ensure those who are struggling know that they are not alone, and that they have a team of support around them. The stigma surrounding substance use disorders is real and detrimental to those who need help or are trying to rebuild their lives. The language we use to talk about them is incredibly important to breaking the stigma. We wouldn't define a person with cancer or Parkinson's by their disease and addiction is no different.

The SUPPORT Act was a giant leap in the right direction, and while we are already seeing real results, we must continue to work together, from Congress down to the community leaders, to help those who are struggling and end this devastating crisis for good.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAJOR
GENERAL RONALD HRANT
MARKARIAN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of Major General Ronald Hrant Markarian, who passed

away on October 12, 2019. Major General Markarian valiantly served our country for 46 years in the California Army National Guard and the Air Force.

Major General Markarian was born in Fresno, California on June 27, 1931 to Theodore and Rose Markarian. He graduated from Clovis High School and was a member of the California Cadet Core. While in high school, Major General Markarian joined the California National Guard. He was in the Heavy Mortar Company of the 185th Infantry Regiment for three years. He then attended California State University, Fresno. During that time, he enrolled in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. After graduation, Major General Markarian joined the United States Air Force. His assignments included duties such as B-47 and B-52 strategic bombers. In 1964 he completed his master's degree in public administration from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Major General Markarian was also Chief of Air Reconnaissance Operations in Southeast Asia. He flew 116 Reconnaissance missions during that time. One of his duty stations was in Hawaii and he served as the Pacific Air Forces Director of Plans and Programs. He was Commander of the 548th Reconnaissance Technical Group. Major General Markarian also worked for six years at the Pentagon and was the Chief of Air Reconnaissance Systems and Director of the United States Air Force Intelligence Reserve Forces.

After 30 years of military service, Major General Markarian retired in August 1980 as a Full Bird Colonel in the Air Force. His need to serve did not end at his retirement. In 1987, Major General Markarian was nominated by California Governor George Deukmejian to be appointed by President Ronald Reagan as California State Director for the Selective Service System. Later, Pete Wilson, Governor of California then appointed him to be the California Commission for the Commemoration of the Second World War. He was appointed Commanding General of the California State Reserve and later promoted to Major General in 1990. In 1994, he was appointed to the California Veterans Board. Major General Markarian retired with 46 years of uniformed military service in October of 1995 after he became a member of the California State Military Reserve.

Major General Markarian's commitment to public service and our country is truly remarkable and he was a key leader in the community in many capacities even after his military years. He was a founding member of the Central California Veterans Home Support Foundation (CCVHSF) and assisted in acquiring the land for the California Veterans Home in Fresno where he lived during the later years of his life. Major General Markarian was the president of Central California Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, American Red Cross and the Military Intelligence Corps Association.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Major General Ronald Hrant Markarian. His service to our nation and contributions to veterans in the Central Valley will not be forgotten.

CONGRATULATING CONGRESSMAN
STEVE CHABOT

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Congressman STEVE CHABOT on the birth of his granddaughter, Keira Noelle Bischof, on October 21, 2019.

As a proud grandfather, I understand firsthand how exciting this joyous occasion is for Congressman CHABOT and his wife, Donna. Kiera will be welcomed home by her big brother, Reed.

My wife Alice and I extend our best wishes to the Chabot family as they celebrate their new addition. We wish them continued health and happiness.

RECOGNIZING MELISSA "MISTY"
GRANDEL, 2020 MISSOURI TEACHER
OF THE YEAR

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 28, 2019

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Melissa "Misty" Grandel for being named the 2020 Missouri Teacher of the Year.

If there is one thing people know about Misty, it's that she is a Missourian through and through. Generations of her family, including Misty, grew up in rural Webster County near the town of Fordland, Missouri. She attended Fordland High School and went on to study English at Drury University. After a few years into her teaching career, she was asked to teach at Fordland High School where she has been teaching for 21 years.

Misty knows the importance of education in a rural community. The Fordland School District serves 550 students, and over half of them qualify for free and reduced-price meals. Despite this statistic, 97 percent of students graduate on time, and 61 percent go on to attend college. This would not be possible without teachers like Misty who are passionate about their students and their community.

Misty doesn't just put in her time and go home. She goes above and beyond for the children of Fordland High School. Along with teaching six courses, she also sponsors after school and extracurricular activities including the Beta Club. Through her work with the Beta Club, she shares her passion for giving back to the community with her students.

Every day, Misty walks into her classroom not just to teach, but to instill lifelong values into the children of Fordland High School. She goes above and beyond for the children she teaches and the community she serves. She is well-deserving of this achievement, and we are proud to have her represent Missouri in the National Teacher of the Year program.