

the Michigan Community Scholars Program (MCSP)—a role he has held since 1999—has been paramount to the learning community's continued success. For twenty years, Dr. Schoem has worked tirelessly to unite students and faculty who have a commitment to community service, diversity, and academic excellence. Dr. Schoem's guidance and expertise have inspired MCSP students not only to strive for excellence in their studies, but in all their future life pursuits. He truly has made a difference in their lives.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Schoem for his twenty years of service to the Michigan Community Scholars Program. We thank him for his outstanding work and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

**HONORING FAMILY CHRISTIAN
CENTER 25TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a religious institution in my district that has helped the community now for 25 years, the Family Christian Center in New Rochelle.

FCC traces its roots to another part of my district, Mount Vernon. Twenty-five years ago, Bishop Mott and his wife Sherrie-Ann made a decision to answer the call of God on their lives. They had recently left the church where they met and started their family. On a warm Sunday in October 1994, they held their first meeting in the basement of their Mt. Vernon home with less than twenty people in attendance. This was the birth of Spirit and Truth International Ministries.

In April 1995, they moved their services from their home to 38 East First St. in Mt. Vernon, NY and seven months later, Reford O. Mott was ordained as Pastor. The church achieved growth after the move, however, it seemed to reach its maximum number of 70, as families rotated in and out of membership. In December 1998, exactly three years after the start of his ministry, Pastor Mott made his first momentous decision to transition from a part-time pastor to full-time pastor, giving up his career as an MTA bus driver. This change resulted in the church growing significantly, from 70 members to 150 members in one year. As a family man, Pastor Mott attracted family-oriented people to the church. Spirit and Truth International Ministries became a place for families to be restored. The culture shift inspired Pastor Mott and his team to change the name of the ministry to Family Christian Center. The church continued to grow in the years following. In 2016, Family Christian Center moved into their very own property at 592 Main Street in New Rochelle. Today, Family Christian Center is committed to partnering with organizations in New Rochelle making it a better place to live, work and conduct business for all. Its congregation has grown to over 550 members and represents a cross section of the Greater New York area attracting members from all over the tristate area.

Madam Speaker, on this special 25th Anniversary occasion, I want to congratulate Bishop Reford, Pastor Sherrie-Ann Mott, and the entire FCC congregation and family on a

wonderful 25 years of service to our community.

**RECOGNIZING ATLANTIC TECHNICAL
HIGH SCHOOL AS A 2019
EXEMPLARY HIGH PERFORMING
SCHOOL**

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Atlantic Technical High School of Coconut Creek, Florida as a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School. Atlantic Technical was recognized as an exemplary high performing school by the Department of Education.

At Atlantic Technical, the use of technology is incorporated into every aspect of education. Small class sizes and encouraging teachers embrace personalization among students. As upperclassmen, students can also select from a wide array of technical programs and even receive college credits.

Atlantic Technical has been rated an "A" school for the past eight years. It also had the honor of being recognized by The Washington Post as one of "America's Most Challenging High Schools." The school's credentials surpass Florida's state academic requirements and its unique design enables students to immerse themselves in a rigorous learning environment that encourages them to pursue their interests.

I ask that my colleagues today join me in thanking Director Robert Crawford and the staff at Atlantic Technical High School for the amazing work they have done over the years to educate, as well as the student body for striving to be next generation of movers and shakers in the community.

**HONORING JUSTICE EUGENE
PREMO**

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Justice Eugene Premo and commend him on his 50th anniversary on the bench.

Gene started his judicial career in 1969 in San Jose, beginning 50 years of service, when he was appointed to the Municipal Court in Santa Clara Judicial District. He served in that court for five years.

In December of 1974 he was elevated to the Superior Court of Santa Clara County where he served until October 1988. Elevated to the 6th appellate district in September of 1988, he has served his community through his dedicated service on the Court of Appeal.

I have known Gene for many years as a fellow alum from the University of Santa Clara School of Law and from my years on the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County. Gene is someone who cares deeply about his community, his family and the law. Unfailingly fair, he is a person of the highest integrity. I have fond memories of our many professional and personal interactions while he served in

the Superior Court. His exemplary life makes his family, his community and Santa Clara Law School very proud.

Madam Speaker, the Congress joins Gene in celebrating 50 years of service to justice, the rule of law and the people of California. The Santa Clara Bar Association will be having their annual judges' night on November 21st and plan to honor Gene for his achievements.

**IN RECOGNITION OF JEFFREY
KNAUS' CAREER WITH THE
PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS
UNITED ASSOCIATION LOCAL 400**

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeffrey Knaus of De Pere, Wisconsin on celebrating his retirement from the Plumbers and Steamfitters United Association Local 400. His leadership in Wisconsin's trade industry is an excellent example of dedication to a craft and service to one's community.

Jeff began his career with Tweet-Garot Mechanical as a steamfitter in 1984 and joined the Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 298 in Green Bay. After completing his apprenticeship, Jeff served on the Steamfitter JAC and as a night school instructor for UA Heritage and Steward Training.

Jeff's commitment to bettering his skills and the industry led him to advance in leadership. In 2001, he became full-time Business Representative for the NorthEast WI Building and Construction Trades Council and served until January 2005 when he was elected Business Agent for UA Local 400. When Locals 206, 298, 458 and 786 merged in 1998 to become UA Local 400, Jeff was elected local union president from 2002 to 2004. Jeff was then appointed Assistant Business Manager in 2008 and elected Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer in 2012.

As Business Manager for UA Local 400, Jeff served as chairman of the Education and Health Funds, President of the Fox River Valley Pipe Trades Education Foundation and as a trustee on UA Local 400's DB pension plan and profit sharing/401(k) plan. He has also been assigned by the UA to serve on the Pipe Fabrication Institute and to represent the UA at the last five Metal Trades Department Conferences.

Throughout his career, Jeff has committed his time and energy to serving his community. He has championed opportunities for veterans within Local 400, and has been a strong proponent of the UA's Veterans In Piping Program. This program provides veterans with 18 weeks of accelerated training in the pipe trades, including 6 weeks of classroom instruction combined with 12 weeks of on-the-job training. Local 400, under Jeff's leadership, has also demonstrated a strong commitment to youth education in our community, most recently being recognized with the Heart of the Valley Chamber of Commerce's 2019 Business Partner in Education Award.

Jeff has been a tireless advocate on behalf of UA Local 400. He believed that the development and success of Local 400 went hand

in hand with that of the community. Jeff worked tirelessly to foster partnerships within the community that have not only advanced the interests of the members of Local 400, but also strengthened the community it serves.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in thanking Jeff for his service and dedication to Wisconsin's 8th District and its trades industry. I wish Jeff well as he marks the conclusion of his proud career.

RICHARD STEIN & HILARY BAUM

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize two pillars of the Riverdale community, Hilary Baum and Richard Stein, who this year are also being honored by the Riverdale Neighborhood House at their 2019 Annual Benefit.

Richard and Hilary are no strangers to Riverdale Neighborhood House. In fact, the Riverdale Press was founded by Richie's father, Dave, in part to help raise funds for the RNH pool. Richie's first paid job was as a counselor-in-training at the RNH camp. After getting his degree in architecture in 1971, Richard began working on a geodesic dome teen center for RNH and Hilary—whom Richie met at Cornell—was enlisted as construction superintendent. The couple recalls the project as one of the most fulfilling experiences of their lives.

After the dome, Richard and Hilary established a design office in upstate Delhi, NY, but in 1976 their country life was cut short when Dave Stein's worsening heart condition made it difficult for him to continue at The Press. Despite vowing not to enter the family business, Richie became General Manager of The Press. Immersing himself in community affairs, he soon joined the board of RNH where he is still a member today. Over the years, he has served as assistant treasurer, treasurer, secretary and president.

Returning to New York City also gave Hilary the opportunity to redefine her own career path. After taking courses with famed landscape architect M. Paul Friedberg at City College, she joined the staff of the Central Park Administrator during the early years of the park's restoration and the launching of the Central Park Conservancy, helping to establish the National Association of Olmsted Parks. Later, she took a job with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets where she began to develop expertise that eventually resulted in her forming Public Market Partners and crisscrossing the continent, consulting with towns and cities about creating or revitalizing their markets. In 1995, she co-authored her second book, *Public Markets and Community Revitalization*. Her passion for food and food equity also led to her working to bring healthy, locally sourced food to lower income neighborhoods commonly called "food deserts." In Riverdale, Hilary became a driving force in the creation of the Hawthorne Valley Farm community supported agriculture (CSA) project at RNH and a board member at Friends of Van Cortlandt Park.

Now that the couple has settled near their grandchildren—Luca and Anaia—in Philadel-

phia, their professional lives have come full circle. They are once again involved with architecture and development, aided by their daughter Annie, son Alex and son-in-law Mauro Daigle.

Madam Speaker, Richie Stein and Hilary Baum have done a great deal for our community over the years. On this special occasion, I want to congratulate and thank them for all of their work.

HONORING DICK BOYSEN

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of Dick Boysen and his contributions to many children and families.

Dick retired in June, after serving 41 years at the helm of the Spokane Guild School, now known as Joya Child and Family Development. This organization provides valuable early intervention services to children from birth to age three who have developmental delays and disabilities.

Dick's commitment to the families in the Spokane region is not limited to the 41 years spent at Joya. Prior to starting in his role, he was the education director for the Spokane County Head Start Program. In 1977, a friend encouraged him to apply for the Executive Director position. From there Dick went on to spend his career making a daily difference in the lives of children and their families.

His dedication to these families speaks for itself. In the last year, 51 percent of the kids attending Joya met developmental milestones on or before their third birthday and graduated from the program. Dick said "early intervention is key because it is before age three when children's brains are better able to recover from injuries or learn to rewire themselves."

My son Cole graduated from the Guild school. It helped him tremendously and set him on a strong path. We will always be grateful for the start they gave him.

Dick is an inspiration to many, and we will seek to continue on his legacy for many years to come. We are all grateful for his example and commitment to meeting the needs of some of the most vulnerable in our community.

I want to thank you to Dick for your years of service to the Spokane community, our children, and our families. His leadership will be missed by those who had the opportunity to work with him. His dedication is inspiring. I wish him all of the best in his retirement.

HONORING U.S. ARMY COLONEL
(RETIRED) ELLIS WAYNE GOLSON

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and provide tribute to the honorable service to our Nation by a great Alabamian and American. U.S. Army Colonel (Retired) Ellis Wayne Golson of Dothan, Alabama will

retire from Department of Defense civilian service on December 31, 2019 after 47 years of continuous service to our nation.

Colonel Golson, originally from Evergreen, Alabama entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York in 1972. And since that summer day long ago, Colonel Golson has selflessly defended our country, culminating in a second career of significant contribution as a senior Director of future U.S. Army Aviation capabilities at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

Colonel Golson served at home and abroad in many demanding areas of command and leadership. As an Army civilian, Colonel Golson continued his leadership of our defense as the Director of all Army Aviation Combat Developments, a critical and essential position developing future Army helicopters. Colonel Golson has been joined in his life's work by his life's partner, Rachel. Rachel has always supported Ellis as she lent her experience, compassion and precious time in the volunteer support of Soldiers, civilians and military family members through victories as well as unit losses and other very personal tragedies.

I am honored to pay tribute and post to the record a lifetime of honorable service, commitment and great contribution to our Nation's defense provided by Colonel and Mrs. Ellis Golson. Together they faithfully served and set the conditions for both military and personal success for those that will follow. May God continue to bless Ellis and Rachel Golson in retirement as well as all of our military members who continue to protect the United States of America.

HONORING HARRIET SMITH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a resourceful and ambitious woman, Ms. Harriet Smith. Harriet has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve others.

Ms. Harriet Smith, a Yazoo City native, is the daughter of Derrick and Beverly Young and great granddaughter of the late Harry Young, who she was named after.

Smith grew up in Yazoo City but moved to Jackson during her third-grade year. After graduating from Ridgeland High School, she joined the Air Force Reserves and trained on the weekends while attending Hinds Community College. She later attended Jackson State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in English with a concentration in Education in 2015.

As a teacher, Smith trained at Murrah High School, learning from the teachers who educated her while she was a student there. She also taught in Memphis before realizing that there was another calling in her life; to promote community literacy with library programs. She became the children's librarian at Ricks Memorial Library in Yazoo City on March 14, 2019.

While this is Smith's first year working in a library setting, she plans to use her knowledge and techniques from the classroom to pursue her dream. Her goals during her first year are to make reading a priority at home for children