

Medical Association, as well as this year's Crystal Globe Award recipient, Dr. William J. Pierce. For his outstanding and lifelong career in the medical field and his dedication to the community of Northwest Indiana, Dr. Pierce is worthy of the highest praise.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NORMA MALONE COOK

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Norma Malone Cook of Huron, Ohio. On Sunday, November 17, 2019, the Huron United Methodist Church will honor Norma for 50 years of service to their congregation.

Norma began playing the organ at age 15 for the Huron United Methodist Church on September 14, 1969.

Norma tells the story of the night that her parents dropped her off at the church to practice music and forgot to pick her up. She recalled the darkness and the sounds of the heat registers, and, there being no telephone near the choir loft, Norma just waited at the back door until her apologetic father showed up around midnight. Despite that event, Norma continued to serve her church with a smile.

There have been many changes at the Huron United Methodist Church during the time that Norma has served, and she has improvised and changed alongside the church. One such change that marked the end of an era was in 1995, when the Henry Organ Company increased the organ from 7 to 11 ranks, which made the organ four feet higher and moved to another location. Previously, the organist was in a sunken pit and could not see the activity of the sanctuary aisles. The organist relied on taking cues from the minister as to when music should commence or end, making it extremely difficult to play for a wedding as one could not see the bride walking down the aisle. Norma and Rev. Carothers formulated a communication strategy during his ministry by which the Reverend would crack open the parlor folding doors to bare the light. He would switch the light on and off as the cue for Norma to start the Wedding March. The wedding observers in the pew never suspected anything.

Over the decades, Norma has brought over 300 brides down the aisle for weddings and comforted more than 400 families with funeral music.

An active member of the Huron United Methodist Church congregation, Norma works with choirs of all ages and serves on multiple church committees. She always brings a sense of humor to choir rehearsals and helps make music fun for all who work with her or hear her play.

Norma has played ecumenical services at almost every church in Huron, serving as an asset to the entire Huron community.

Norma has been married to her husband Ron for over 35 years. Norma has three children and three grandchildren.

We congratulate Norma on all her accomplishments and dedication to her service to the

Huron United Methodist Church and the entire Huron community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT ERNEST SCHAEFER

**HON. RUSS FULCHER**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Robert Schaefer of Nampa, Idaho. An astute thinker, Robert used his passion for liberty to advocate for the fundamental principles of our divinely inspired constitution and form of government we enjoy as Americans. For 28 years, Bob, as most called him, attentively represented his constituents in the Idaho Legislature as a man of honor, integrity, and resounding character. Colleagues described him as a deliberate lawmaker, a diligent friend, and an honest critic of bad policy. In his spare time, Bob was passionate about modifying and rebuilding several Ford Thunderbirds—an icon that will always remind us of him. This year, Bob and his wife, Betty, celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary. As a follower of Christ, his faith was ever-more present when he was diagnosed with a terminal illness that ultimately claimed his life. Despite being away from the Idaho Legislature in his later years, he would still write letters to the editor, engage with other local officials, and work to protect the Constitution. Bob kept every piece of correspondence he ever received in the Idaho Legislature, and fondly enjoyed the time he was given to make a difference as a defender of liberty. I honor the passion of this great Idahoan, a humble, caring individual, dear to so many in Idaho. Bob will be missed by many, and remembered by all as a friend of freedom.

HONORING HY-VEE AS A 2019 COMMUNITY OUTREACH AWARD WINNER

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate, honor, and thank Hy-Vee and Hy-Vee employees in my district. For those not from the Midwest, you might not know the name of the grocery store with a helpful smile in every aisle. That's why I'm here today to let this Chamber know about the important and valuable work that Hy-Vee has done to support Iowans.

In March this year, Iowa was hit with severe flooding. Entire communities were underwater, homes destroyed, farm land ruined, and Iowans wondering how they were going to recover. For some Iowa residents, the flooding was so catastrophic that they had to flee their houses with only the clothes on their back. The situation was dire and tragic for all those impacted.

Hy-Vee stepped in during this difficult time to address the immediate food and water needs of these communities. They filled 8 semi-trucks with bottled water to make sure that those who were impacted had fresh,

clean water. And they didn't stop with just donations. They helped raise money for these communities. They held a monthlong campaign and let their customers chip in to donate. They raised nearly \$158,000 dollars—and then Hy-Vee pitched in an additional \$50,000. This money is helping Iowan families recover and rebuild.

So it's not a surprise that Hy-Vee was picked as a 2019 Winner for the Community Outreach Award for their work to address food insecurity issues and help Iowans get back on their feet. I'm proud to have such a great company in my district, working to help their community.

Congratulations again to Hy-Vee and all their employees for their tremendous work on behalf of Iowa.

HONORING SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS PARISH ON ITS 135TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 135th anniversary of Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish in Lemont, Illinois. On Sunday, November 3rd, the church held a celebration to commemorate their long history of faith and service to the community, and I am pleased to join them.

Founded in 1884, Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish has remained an unwavering example to our local community. Father Leopold Bonaventura Maria Moczygemba established this parish at the direction of the Archbishop of Chicago, the Most Reverend Patrick Augustine Feehanas. Saints Cyril and Methodius became a place of worship to serve the spiritual and cultural needs of Lemont's growing Polish-American community.

Father Witusik, who was assigned as an associate pastor in 1979, founded the Polish Club of Lemont and helped introduce a Polish Mass at Saints Cyril and Methodius to better serve the Polish-speaking parishioners. To this day, the parish continues to support the Polish community and its heritage.

In the 135 years since Father Moczygemba presided over the first mass, Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish has undergone many renovations and improvements to accommodate its ever-growing congregation. In 1898 and 1928, tragic fires struck Saints Cyril and Methodius. Each time the parishioners banded together to ensure that the church was rebuilt. This endeavor required hard work, commitment, and sincerity, all unifying characteristics of the church's parishioners.

What has remained constant through all the changes is the commitment of Saints Cyril and Methodius's parishioners to come together and work towards the fulfillment of their faith and the betterment of their community. This hard work has not gone unnoticed by the local community who benefit from the services that the church provides. The parish has a Ministry of Care which provides prayer, comfort, and healing to those who are unable to physically attend Mass. Father Stawarski and his congregation also organize the Helping Hands program to distribute food items and other products to those in need.

In addition to the Parish, Saints Cyril and Methodius School serves our community and provides the children of Lemont an opportunity for an outstanding Catholic education. The school has been honored with the prestigious 2019 U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School Award. In 1982, the Department of Education established the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program to recognize a select group of public and private schools with high or significantly improved achievement. I am proud that Saints Cyril and Methodius School has been honored as one of these exceptional schools.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish on its 135th anniversary and congratulating the Parish on its many accomplishments. May Saints Cyril and Methodius continue their great work in the community, while inspiring others through their dedicated service and faith.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE OPENING OF THE IHA HEALTH CENTER

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the opening of the IHA community health center. The new facility will transform patients' access to health care and improve the lives, health, and well-being of many within the Ypsilanti community. This endeavor is worthy of commendation.

Eastern Michigan University (EMU) is the cornerstone of Ypsilanti. Founded in 1849, EMU is renowned for its distinguished programs that not only provide students a stellar higher education, but also have a significant community impact. Over the span of 170 years, EMU has demonstrated a clear commitment to this mission, striving to find new ways to serve the EMU community and beyond.

The launch of the new health center exemplifies EMU's continued dedication to strengthening the Ypsilanti community and represents the culmination of years of work between EMU and other community health care providers. Thanks to the collaboration of EMU, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, and IHA, the new health facility will provide high-quality and innovative health care services to members of the Ypsilanti community, as well as EMU students, faculty, and staff. The state-of-the-art facility will offer comprehensive health care and 7-day-a-week urgent care services, among a host of other critical services and tools that will improve patients' health care experiences. The IHA community health center will be an important resource to many, strengthening health care offerings for both residents and students alike.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the opening of the new IHA health center on the EMU campus. It is critical that health care providers adapt to meet the changing medical needs of communities nationwide, and I am grateful for Eastern Michigan University's, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System's, and IHA's continued commitment to this cause. Their advocacy and efforts help provide quality, accessible, and affordable health care to patients community-

wide, truly making a meaningful impact in their lives.

#### HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Merced Irrigation District (MID) on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. Since its founding, MID has provided water and power to many Merced, California residents and farmers in the greater Merced region.

MID began in 1919 when the community voted to establish its own public irrigation district. In 1922, MID purchased the Crocker Huffman Land and Water Company irrigation system and subsequently chose the Exchequer Mining Company on the Merced River as the ideal location to construct their first dam. Once constructed, Exchequer Dam allowed for storage of 281,000 acre-feet of water.

MID was looking to expand in the 1950s and began planning for more water storage. In 1964 the Federal Power Commission granted a license for MID to expand irrigation and power facilities on the Merced River. During this time, Pacific Gas and Electric Company entered into a contract with MID to sell all electricity produced by the project, which allowed them to finance it with no additional fees on taxpayers or growers. When completed, the New Exchequer Dam increased Lake McClure's storage to 1,024,600 acre-feet. By 1967, MID completed New Exchequer and McSwain Dams, enabling them to produce tens of thousands of megawatt hours of electricity while increasing their water storage.

In 1970, improvements to areas behind the dams at Lakes McClure and McSwain were completed, allowing them to become popular public recreational facilities. During the same time period, MID undertook initiatives to improve its fisheries and in the 1980s, renovated the Lake Yosemite Dam and launched the Double-Barreled LeGrande Replacement Project.

Today, Merced Irrigation District provides water to 2,200 local farmers, produces clean renewable energy, replenishes groundwater and helps protect the quality of groundwater, and provides multiple recreation facilities to the public. Due to the investments and decisions made early on, MID continues to be a regional leader in water and energy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Merced Irrigation District during their centennial year celebration. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor and recognize the significant impact they've had on the development of Merced and its outlying communities.

#### HONORING UNITED HEBREW OF NEW ROCHELLE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize an institution in my district, United Hebrew of New Rochelle, as it celebrates its remarkable 100th anniversary this year.

Founded in 1919 as The United Home for Aged Hebrews, the home quickly grew over its first decade to include 51 elderly men and women in need in a large two-story frame house surrounded by three park-like acres on Pelham Road in New Rochelle. In 1934, a three-story, red-brick addition to the original building was made possible by a generous contribution from Adolph Arber. The United Home was at that time the largest institution of its kind in Westchester County with 155 residents.

In 1954, ground was broken for a \$1.5 million building to replace the original house and 1934 wing. The new development, the Saul and Ada Gutner Pavilion, opened 3 years later and this new 102-bed facility was hailed as "an entirely new concept in living for the elderly in need and the first major departure from the institutional atmosphere of the traditional old age home." The building incorporated the newest architectural concepts with modern social thought. In 1976, the Lola and Saul Kramer Pavilion, a \$5.25 million skilled-nursing facility, was built with the assistance of a mortgage loan from the New York State Medical Care Facilities Finance Agency. The four-story building brought the United Home to a 270-bed capacity.

From there, United Home continued to grow. In 1983 it launched a Long-Term Home Health Care Program. In 1996, AZOR Licensed Home Health Care was launched, extending our award-winning services into the community to serve those who chose to stay in their own home. In 2003, the Beverly and Alfred J. Green Pavilion—Willow Towers Assisted Living—opened its doors. And in 2009, in its 90th year, United Hebrew Geriatric Center was renamed United Hebrew. The new name and logo honored their founders while reflecting the essence of United Hebrew's comprehensive services: united for its residents, caregivers, and their families.

Madam Speaker, this is the 100-year legacy of United Hebrew: a dedication to caring for those in need. As we mark this special occasion, I want to congratulate and thank the leadership and team at United Hebrew for serving our community with great distinction for a century.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. A. DONALD MCEACHIN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 8, 2019*

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 31, 2019 during roll call no. 603, On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 660, Directing certain committees to continue their ongoing investigations as part of the existing House of Representatives inquiry into whether sufficient