

rigorous and engaging curriculum which includes technology, art, Spanish, physical education, and music classes.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Saints Cyril and Methodius School for being honored with this National Blue Ribbon School Award. This impressive achievement is a well-deserved recognition of all the work done by Principal Shirley Tkachuk, Reverend Waldemar “Valdi” Stawiarski, teachers, school staff, students, parents, and parishioners.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDWARD WALTER HOSTETLER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of Edward Walter Hostetler, who passed away on October 22, 2019. Edward served our nation with honor and selflessness and will be missed by many in the community.

Edward Walter Hostetler was born on December 17, 1920 in Sugarcreek, Ohio. He attended Ohio State University on a 4-year academic scholarship and was a member of the ROTC program. In 1943, he graduated with an agriculture degree and joined the United States Army, serving during World War II. He served in Germany, Belgium, France, and Luxembourg. He was assigned to the Artillery, Tank Destroyer, Infantry and Cavalry Branches as a Lieutenant. In 1945 Edward was assigned to the 7th Army War Crimes Court and was then transferred to a Constabulary Unit. Edward returned home in June of 1946 and was honorably discharged in September of 1946.

Upon his return to civilian life he began teaching in Orville, Ohio, before meeting the love of his life, Merry Belle Groff. The two married in Clearfield, Pennsylvania on December 10, 1947. After honeymooning in California, Edward and Merry made it their permanent home. Together they were the proud parents of Greg, Rory and Suzanne.

Edward and Merry initially lived in Los Angeles where Edward worked as a dairy inspector. Eventually they moved to California's Central Valley. Edward worked for the Chowchilla Water District and Cal Farm Insurance. The family moved to Dos Palos in Merced County in 1964 and eventually opened their own real estate brokerage, Hostetler Real Estate. Edward also supported his wife's entrepreneurship, as she was the proud owner of House of Hostetler Antiques.

Edward always enjoyed being surrounded by family and making new memories with his children and grandchildren. The family frequently vacationed together, creating lifelong memories. He was a man of strong faith and believed in helping others in need. Edward could always be found watching his Ohio State Buckeyes on Saturday afternoons.

Edward is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 70 years Merry Belle, his brother Richard Hostetler, and his daughter-in-law Cathie Hostetler.

He is survived by his sons Greg and Rory Hostetler of Los Banos, California, daughter Suzanna Hostetler Rider of Fresno, California,

four grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Edward Walter Hostetler. His presence in the community will be greatly missed. I join his family and friends in honoring his great life.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF W. GEORGE ALLEN

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life and legacy of my dear friend, W. George Allen, a selfless member of our community who spent his life serving others. I had the great privilege of working alongside George as his law partner for many years. Throughout his more than four-decade career practicing law, he established himself as one of our state's most influential civil rights advocates. I will never forget the years we spent working together to fight and end segregation in Broward County.

George was born in Sanford, Florida in 1936. He attended Florida A&M University and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science with a minor in Economics, before continuing his education at the University of Florida Law School, where he became the first African American to receive a Juris Doctor degree.

Between 1958 and 1960, George served in the United States Army as a special agent in the Counter Intelligence Corps, before being honorably discharged at the rank of First Lieutenant. Following his military service, George was accepted into law school, where he became involved in social activism by organizing lunch counter sit-ins around Gainesville, Florida. After graduating and being admitted to the Florida Bar Association, he decided to open his own firm in Fort Lauderdale. Here he practiced for forty-two years, specializing in trial work, probate, personal injury, insurance defense and wrongful death.

Throughout his career, George was recognized time and again for his hard work and dedication to those around him. He was a member of the Urban League of Broward County, the NAACP, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc, the University of Florida Foundation, and the Florida Bar Association. He also served as the Broward County Bar Association's president. Additionally, he received numerous awards for his achievements, including the University of Florida Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2000, and the National Conference for Community and Justice Silver Medallion Award in 2001. In 2003, George was inducted into the National Bar Association's Hall of Fame, and in February of 2005, Governor Jeb Bush appointed him to the Florida A&M University's Board of Trustees.

Madam Speaker, W. George Allen was a champion for our community and positively impacted the lives of all those he met. He was a South Florida icon, whose life and legacy has left an indelible mark on our state and nation. I want to extend my deepest condolences to his children, Jonathan, Timothy, Frederick, and Amy Carole and the entire Allen family during this heartbreak time. W. George

Allen was a blessing to our community. I am so truly honored to have called him my friend. He will be dearly missed.

HONORING LINDY LEE GOLD ON THE CELEBRATION OF HER 75TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROSA L. DELAUR

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Ms. DELAUR. Madam Speaker, it is my great privilege to rise today to join the family, friends and colleagues who have gathered in celebration of Lindy Lee Gold as she marks her 75th Birthday—a remarkable milestone for this very special member of the New Haven community.

As a Senior Specialist with the Connecticut State Department of Economic and Community Development, a position she had held since 1998, Lindy has dedicated her professional career to expanding opportunities for Connecticut's businesses and its workforce. However, there are few members of the New Haven community who have been more involved with the City's many facets than Lindy. She is perhaps most well known for her dedication and tireless advocacy efforts—from the arts to education, local government to community development, Lindy has played a critical role in New Haven's success.

Lindy's foray into public service began with her appointment to New Haven's Board of Education where she was vice chair of the Intergroup Relations Taskforce. She went on to win election for two terms on New Haven's Board of Alders representing the 26th Ward where she served as chair of the Legislation Committee and as a member of the Finance Committee.

Lindy currently serves as board chair of the Gateway Community College Foundation, a position she has held for the last decade, as a Fellow at Yale's Pierson College, and as a member of the Executive Board of the Shubert Performing Arts Center. She is also a board member of the United Way of Greater New Haven, the Community Action Agency, New Haven Arts Council, Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, and the New Haven Manufacturers Association. She also was founder and the first female president of Fellowship Inc, and Cornerstone Inc., and is past president of the Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven.

Lindy's civic contributions are hardly limited to New Haven. In addition to her many contributions to our fair City, she serves on a multitude of organizations across the state. Lindy is Vice-President of the Jewish Federation Association of Connecticut as well as a member of the state board of the Anti-Defamation League. She also holds board memberships with the Housatonic Community College Foundation, Southern Connecticut State University Foundation, JobLinks Fairfield County, Connecticut Technical High Schools, and the Women's Business Development Center.

Lindy's commitment is extraordinary and she has built a legacy of service which serves as an inspiration to many. Advocate, mentor, and friend, wherever Lindy goes she makes an impact. Her endless energy and dedication make all the difference. I, like so many others,

consider myself fortunate to call her my friend. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Lindy Lee Gold on the celebration of her 75th birthday. I wish her all the best for many more years of health and happiness. Happy Birthday.

TRIBUTE TO BRUCE AND ANNA BIGGS

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Bruce and Anna Biggs of Elizabeth City, North Carolina who received the first ever Albemarle Area United Way Keel Club Philanthropy Award. For half a century the Biggs' have been giving back to the community with their time, talent and treasure by donating to numerous organizations and causes in the region as well as funding three scholarships.

Students at East Carolina University, the College of the Albemarle and MidAtlantic Christian University have all benefitted from the Biggs' generosity. Bruce Biggs had to borrow money to attend ECU for his bachelor's degree in business and being able to fund scholarships is especially meaningful to him.

Anna Biggs is a retired school teacher. Bruce and Anna have sought to give to others in a community that has been so good to them.

HONORING BOWLES FARMING COMPANY FOR 2019 AGRICULTURE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bowles Farming Company for the 2019 Agriculture Business Award in the Central Valley. Their contributions to the Central Valley extends to many families and to the community.

Bowles Farming Company originated in 1965 by George, Henry Bowles, and Amy Bowles Lawrence. The 3 siblings started the business and their families soon took over making it 6 generations between the Bowles and Lawrence family.

For over 150 years, the families have contributed growing food, creating jobs for many people, and having 14 different crops. They provide over a thousand jobs with over 50,000 days of farming. Their crops include cotton which is the world's only verified pima cotton, Pimacott, tomatoes that are both processed and fresh market, and almonds. Cotton like Pima or Extra Long Staple (ELS) is quality cotton, and Bowles Farming Company produces this quality crop.

Their farm is 11,000 acres and located in Los Banos, California. President and CEO, Cannon Michael is a passionate advocate for agriculture and on water. The importance of water and California's agriculture is a priority to the Bowles Farming Company.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Bowles Farming Company on their 2019 Agriculture Business of the year award. They are an influential company in the Central Valley.

HONORING THE 2019 WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2019 Women of the Year. The honorees represent some of the most outstanding and dedicated women in the 3rd Congressional District. Nominated by their peers, these women and the leadership they have provided are being recognized for playing an integral and crucial role in improving the lives of everyone in their communities.

During the last 50 years women have made great strides in America. It used to be almost unheard of to see women as elected officials, CEOs, senior military officials, doctors or attorneys, but today many of our most successful leaders in the world are women. This progress has not come easy and many women before you have worked hard and strived to achieve the independence and rights you have today. I realize there is more work to be done to ensure that women have equal pay, flexible work schedules and affordable education. Each of the honorees will be a vital part of the future successes for women.

2019's Women of the Year are:

Lynn Rolston has used her creativity, determination, and skilled leadership to have a vast and visible impact on her community. She envisioned an economic rebirth for her rural community of Esparto, if only the right community stakeholders were gathered in the same space. Fueled by this vision for a brighter future, Lynn helped found the New Season Community Development Corporation to revitalize the core business community and to deliver a higher quality of life to her fellow residents of Esparto. Under Lynn's guidance, the New Season Community Development Corp. began rehabilitating unused properties and acquiring tenants for them. Lynn's eagerness to serve her community spread from community development to every facet of her life. Lynn revitalized the Esparto Regional Chamber of Commerce by injecting it with fresh new recruits from the newly strengthened Esparto business community. Furthermore, Lynn served on multiple Yolo County committees such as the Esparto Citizens Advisory Committee and the Recreation Task Force, where her efforts helped create the new Tuli Mem Park and Aquatic Center. Lynn Rolston is an example to us all on the positive effects one determined visionary can have on any community.

Beth Rowe is an active member of the Vacaville community who continues to show support and encouragement for women throughout Solano County. Beth has been an active member of the local Soroptimist International club for over four years. In her time with Soroptimist, she has mentored countless girls and actively participated in providing scholarships and grants to single mothers and young students. Beth gave an empowering

speech representing the Soroptimist International of Vacaville regarding the detrimental impact of the rape kit backlog in Solano County on the ability to bring justice to victims of sexual assault. Thanks to her speech, Soroptimist received a \$10,000 grant from 100 Women Who Care which they used to pay for the testing of old rape kits at risk of expiration. Beth has also been a fierce advocate for Assembly Bill 1496, which would mandate the testing of untested rape kits, and is determined to see this bill become law. She draws her strength and desire to help others from her upbringing which shaped her into the advocate she is today. Beth is also a member of Saving Gracie, Angel Fund for Pets, and her local VFW Auxiliary and is passionate about helping families and veterans in her community. Beth is a passionate advocate for those in her community who have the most trouble getting their voices heard.

Heather Sanderson is an active member of the Fairfield community who uses her time and talents to support and advocate for at-risk youth. She possesses the skills, commitment, and compassion to be an uplifting force for the entire Fairfield community. In her work as the Police Activities League Coordinator, she provides marginalized youths with after school programs, providing healthy food options, positive activities, and life changing opportunities. She has also introduced several programs to the community that focus on reducing violence and teaching younger generations how to navigate emotions such as fear, anger, and stress. She has developed valuable partnerships with community organizations to further the positive impact of the Police Activities League programs. Heather's generosity, kindness, and compassion make her an inspiration to all her peers. Her work has changed countless lives and left a lasting positive impact on her community.

Cherie Schroeder is an exceptional and selfless community servant whose work has had an incredible impact on Solano and Yolo Counties. As the Director of the Foster and Kinship Care Education Program at Woodland Community College, Cherie is a tireless advocate for foster youth and consistently provides support and guidance for the most vulnerable among us. For over 34 years, Cherie has put her heart and soul into this work. Her work ethic, compassion, and intellect have made her a wonderful rolemodel for all those she interacts with. In addition to her work as Director of the Foster and Kinship Care Education program, she is a longtime member of the Soroptimist International of Dixon. When she served as President, Cherie oversaw the development of the Young Woman of the Month program which recognized local women for their outstanding achievements within their community. Through this program, she mentored countless young women and ran a generous scholarship initiative. Cherie serves her community with unparalleled kindness and compassion and has touched the lives of many.

Harmony Scopazzi is a vital and appreciated part of this community. She is dedicated to ensuring that every family in Yolo County is successful, happy, and healthy. For the past 13 years, Harmony has worked for Davis Community Meals and Housing as a Family Case Manager and Volunteer Coordinator. Harmony has selflessly devoted her time and energy to the mission of protecting