

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with many other colleagues on the Congressional Hellenic Caucus to recognize and honor the many great deeds of the Daughters of Penelope on the organization's 90th Anniversary.

The Daughters of Penelope is a preeminent international women's service association and affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association. It was founded on November 16, 1929 in San Francisco, California. Today, it is a leading international organization of women of Hellenic descent and Philhellenes that works to improve the status and well-being of women and their families and to empower women to make significant contributions to their communities and our country.

The mission of the Daughters of Penelope is to promote the ideals of ancient Greece, philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, good citizenship, and family and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism. Over its history, the Daughters of Penelope has achieved remarkable accomplishments. The group has strengthened the status of women in society, sheltered the elderly and victims of domestic violence, educated our youth, promoted Hellenic heritage, and raised funds for medical research.

It is hard to ignore the positive impact the Daughters of Penelope has had in communities throughout the United States—including a strong presence in New Jersey's 6th Congressional District, where I am proud to represent two chapters, Aulis No. 195 in Asbury Park and Tethys No. 229 in New Brunswick. The Daughters of Penelope promotes awareness and provides financial support for many medical research and charitable organizations such as the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center (formerly the Papanicolaou Cancer Center), cancer and breast cancer research; Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia), Lymphangioliomyomatosis (LAM), Alzheimer's Foundation, American Heart Association, Muscular Dystrophy, and many others.

Once again, I offer my sincere congratulations to the Daughters of Penelope for 90 years of incredible service to our country and its strong promotion of U.S.-Greek and U.S.-Cypriot relations. May its next 90 years be as prayerful, fulfilling, and successful as the last.

RECOGNIZING U.S. NAVY AIRCRAFT CARRIER MONTH

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of November as National U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier Month.

Throughout the month, there are dozens of events and activities all across our country that highlight the critical role of these mighty warships in the past, present, and future of our national defense. I am proud to join in the celebration of National U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier Month to honor the value, accomplishments, and contributions of U.S. Navy aircraft carriers, their air wings, and most importantly the men and women who serve aboard them.

The designation of November as the month of the year for National U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier month is certainly no accident. In fact, November is full of historic milestones in the technological development of the modern nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and the contributions these ships have made to our country.

For example, naval aviation was born when Eugene Ely launched from the deck of a U.S. Navy ship in a Curtiss Model D aircraft on November 14, 1910, some 109 years ago this month. There are other examples of key naval aviation events occurring during the month of November as well, such as the commissioning of the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier (the USS *Enterprise*—CVN 65) in November 1961, the christening of the USS *Gerald R. Ford* (CVN 78) in November 2013, and the first arrested landing of the 5th Generation F-35C Lightning II aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Nimitz* (CVN 68) in November 2014.

While not in the month of November, I am nonetheless looking forward to the christening of CVN 79 *John F. Kennedy* next month in Virginia as the second ship of the *Gerald R. Ford*-class of aircraft carriers begins her march toward commissioning.

Madam Speaker, naval aviation and our fleet of aircraft carriers have a rich tradition of service to our nation. Like other components of our national defense enterprise, aircraft carriers are produced by a nationwide team of more than 2,000 small, mid-sized and large businesses from 46 states, and 279 congressional districts which contribute parts, services, and support to the construction and maintenance of U.S. Navy aircraft carriers. In fact, over the past five years, this supply chain has performed more than \$4.1 billion worth of work for the aircraft carrier program.

Missouri is certainly a key component of this industrial base and I am proud to represent my constituents in Missouri who love our country and our Navy.

I am also proud that my state helps to produce the F/A-18 Super Hornet in St. Louis—an aircraft which our carrier air wings are flying more than any other carrier-based aircraft on the flight decks of our nation's 11 aircraft carriers. The Super Hornet is an absolutely integral component of today's carrier air wing, and the combination of the air wings and aircraft carriers in our fleet is a bedrock of our Navy's ability to defend freedom, project power, and protect our national security.

In closing, I am proud to support our Navy, naval aviation, and the men and women that serve our nation tirelessly across the nation and around the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 630.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following roll call votes. Had I been present for them, I would have voted as follows:

On Roll Call 625, H.R. 3702—Reforming Disaster Recovery Act of 2019 —YEA;

On Roll Call 626, H.R. 4634—Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2019—YEA; and

On Roll Call 627, H.R. 4344—To amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to allow the Securities and Exchange Commission to seek and Federal courts to grant disgorgement of unjust enrichment, and for other purposes—YEA.

TRIBUTE TO OPERATION RECOGNITION CLASS OF 2019

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of the Operation Recognition Class of 2019. Operation Recognition is a program organized by the Riverside County Office of Education, with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veteran's Services, that presents diplomas to residents of Riverside County who missed completing high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, or due to internment in WWII Japanese-American relocation camps.

Riverside County's Operation Recognition is modeled after programs implemented in other states. Numerous county offices of education and school districts throughout California operate similar programs. The programs are an important way to express our appreciation and gratitude for the significant contributions and sacrifices made by our veterans.

The Operation Recognition Class of 2019 includes: Gilberto O. Allen, U.S. Army, Vietnam War; Vallie Lee Engelau, U.S. Navy, World War II (posthumously); George B. Flowers III, U.S. Army, Vietnam War; Raul Garcia, U.S. Army, Vietnam War; Richard Leonard Granados, U.S. Army, Vietnam War; John C. Hudson, U.S. Coast Guard, World War II; Franklin M. Stevens, U.S. Navy, Vietnam War.

On behalf of all Riverside County residents and a grateful nation, I want to thank these veterans for their service to our country and congratulate them on being part of the Operation Recognition Class of 2019.

CONGRATULATING BLUE MOUNTAIN RESORT ON RECEIPT OF THE CHAMBER CHAMPION AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to congratulate Blue Mountain Resort in Palmerton, Carbon County on receiving Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce's Chamber Champion Award.

The Chamber Champion Award is presented to a successful and esteemed business or individual that operates with integrity and that has been a long-time member and premier supporter of the Chamber, its mission, and its goals. Well known as a premier ski and snowboard destination in Eastern Pennsylvania, Blue Mountain Resort began with a vision and 300 acres of land purchased by founder Ray Tuthill. Fifteen years later Blue Mountain, first known as "Little Gap," began welcoming visitors to enjoy its first five trails. Today, Blue Mountain Resort boasts 40 ski trails, 16 lifts, and 34 tubing lanes, a full-service mountain top restaurant, and welcomes over 500,000 visitors each year. For its incredible growth, success and commitment to the betterment of Lehigh Valley, Blue Mountain is truly deserving of this great honor.

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 Blue Mountain Resort on this great honor and thank them for their commitment to our community.

RECOGNIZING TATUM DAVID

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Tatum David, a freshman student from Olney High School, who won the Illinois Class 2A state cross country race on November 9. Tatum covered the three-mile course in 16 minutes and four seconds. Her blazingly fast first mile of 5:03 subdued the field as she established a sizeable lead. She ran the next two miles in 5:26 and 5:35, respectively, winning the crown in convincing fashion.

The fast first mile reflected the way Tatum has run all season—go out fast, take a big lead, exhaust the field, and win. It makes for a very fast pace overall, and Tatum's time set a Class 2A record.

What might be even more remarkable is how new Tatum is to the sport. A freshman with still untapped potential, she also placed fourth at the Nike Midwest Regional race on November 16, running against 298 other athletes. Her next event will be on November 29 at the Foot Locker Cross Country Midwest Regional.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure I stand to recognize Tatum David for her success, and I would like to extend my best wishes to her for a bright future.

HONORING MR. CHAD SHIFFLET AND THE MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL ANGEL CLOSET

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Chad Shifflet for his exemplary service to the Cumberland Valley School District as a Security Officer and as the creator of the Mountain View Middle School's Angel Closet, which provides age and environmentally-appropriate clothing for children in need.

After a distinguished 23-year career in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Mr. Shifflet became a Security Officer with the Cumberland Valley School District in August. During his orientation with the school district, he walked through all of its schools and learned that many children there did not have the clothing items that they needed in order to learn and succeed.

When he took up his assignment to the Mountain View Middle School, he located a twelve-foot by twelve-foot room that he could use to distribute clothes to students in need and established an Angel Closet. Shifflet partnered with a local consignment shop, which donated clothing racks and hangers, and a local drycleaner, which agreed to dry clean all winter coats. Local donors keep the Angel Closet well-stocked with a range of comfortable and appropriate clothing items which are available for students who need them. This has ensured that all Mountain View Middle School students have access to clean, comfortable clothing so that they can thrive at school.

Shifflet's Angel Closet makes sure that no clothing donations go to waste, sending clothes that are too big for middle school students to the high school, clothes that are too small to the elementary school, and clothes that would not appeal to school-aged children to the Salvation Army. He hopes to expand the operation so that every school in the district has an Angel Closet and every child has access to the clothes that they need to excel.

Mr. Shifflet's remarkable, lifelong record of service to our Nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Cumberland Valley community is an example to all. On behalf of Pennsylvania's Tenth Congressional District, I commend and thank Mr. Shifflet and wish him continued success in his service to the children of Cumberland Valley School District.

RECOGNIZING CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL CHICKEN COUNCIL CLINT RIVERS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a fellow Northeast Georgian, Mr. Clint Rivers, for being installed as 2019–2020 Chairman of the National Chicken Council.

Mr. Rivers currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Wayne Farms, but his commitment to the poultry industry spans over three decades. He first

began his career with Golden West Foods in Bedford, Virginia after earning his Animal Science degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Before being named President and CEO of Wayne Farms, he served as Vice President and General Manager of the Fresh Business Unit and was later promoted to Chief Operating Officer. Prior to those roles, Mr. Rivers spent 6 years as President of Foodservice and Supply Chain of Perdue Farms, and 21 years at Pilgrim's Pride, where he held the titles of Chief Operating Officer, President, and Chief Executive Officer.

After decades of commitment to the poultry industry and the National Chicken Council, Mr. Rivers has been chosen to succeed former Chairman Mark Kaminsky. He was installed as Chairman during the NCC's 65th Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., just last month.

On behalf of the Ninth District, I would like to congratulate Mr. Clint Rivers on his achievement and thank him for his commitment to the poultry industry. I am confident the National Chicken Council and the poultry industry as a whole will flourish under his leadership.

RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL RAISES OVER 50 POUNDS OF FOOD FOR THE FOOD BANK NETWORK OF SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ

HON. TOM MALINOWSKI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ridge High School's incredible work on raising over 50 pounds of food for the Food Bank Network of Somerset County, NJ—part of the Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat program.

Despite being discontinued in 2018 by the Educational Theatre Association, the students and adults of the New Jersey Thespians State board continued to believe that they must remain committed to fight hunger. Thus, New Jersey Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat was born.

New Jersey Thespians is nationally recognized as a Gold Honor Chapter of the Educational Theatre Association and recognized as the state's premier arts honor society. On top of that, New Jersey has one of the fastest growing Junior Thespian chapters in the country, continuing to only double in size every year. I am proud to represent the remarkable students at Ridge High School who are not only Thespians, but are also staunch advocates for fighting hunger in our local New Jersey communities.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR ENRIQUE "HENRY" DOCE FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank Major Enrique "Henry" Doce for his 30 years of service to the Miami Beach Police Department.