

he was honorably discharged from the United States Marines Corps on October 25, 1945. From the age of nineteen, L.C.'s life motto, has been "Once a Marine, Always a Marine."

L.C. and Dorothy were married for 62 years until she passed away on April 11, 2008. They have two daughters, Lynn B. Lucas and Debra Westberry, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and another great grandchild on the way.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. Butler for his selfless service to this great nation.

CONGRATULATING JAMES
WIMMER ESQ. ON RECEIPT OF
THE WILLIAM H. BAYER LIFE-
TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate James Wimmer on receiving the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development Corporation's (CCEDC) William H. Bayer Lifetime Achievement Award.

The William H. Bayer Lifetime Achievement Award is presented by the CCEDC each year to a CCEDC member that has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to the community, which Mr. Wimmer has certainly done. After graduating from University of Pennsylvania Law School in 1965, he began his career practicing law in Palmerton and served as an Assistant District Attorney from 1967 until 1975. In addition, he advocated on behalf of students and families in Palmerton in his position as School District Solicitor for over thirty years. Throughout his legal career, Jim was also involved in the banking industry, serving in senior leadership roles at several banks, including Citizen's Bank in Palmerton. Jim used his banking expertise to help guide new families through the process of buying their first home and entrepreneurs navigate the obstacles of starting a small business.

After nearly 50 years of serving our community's students, families, and businesses with integrity and compassion, Mr. Wimmer retired from his law practice in September. His dedicated work in our community should be celebrated.

In addition to his law career, Mr. Wimmer has been a devoted family man and active member of our community, married to his wife Linda for 56 years and spending decades volunteering his time to organizations whose missions benefit those in need.

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 James Wimmer on a lifetime of selfless commitment to our community.

HONORING ROSIE HARRIS AND
HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS
TO MODEL CONGRESS

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, every so often I find myself in awe of our next generation. Just recently, I had the opportunity to read a presentation by Rosie Harris during her participation in the Model Congress program as a member of the Dalton School Delegation. It was inspiring and so I would like to share her authorization speech as well as her legislative proposal, the Menstrual Parity Act of 2019. If this is the leadership and vision we can expect from the next generation, I believe we are indeed in good hands.

"Hello. I am Representative Harris. Friends, colleagues, I rise to introduce the Menstrual Parity Act of 2019. Half of our country is female and on average, female bodied people menstruate once a month for 40 years. In this country, women have been treated as second class citizens since the beginning of time. While we have made some progress, and there are plenty of other areas that need work. My bill proposes one small but incredibly important aspect of the fight towards equality—a step towards economic equality."

"This is simple. The Menstrual Parity Act of 2019 does the following: In any place we have facilities open to the public (ie. parks, libraries, you name it), where toilets or bathrooms are made available, this act would require that if toilet paper is provided for free, menstrual products would be provided for free as well. It's simple but meaningful progress. At the federal level, we require it. At the state level, we will reimburse the entire costs of it. And that's that."

"And you might ask, well, Harris, how would you guarantee this? Expansion of Title IX, a federal civil rights law passed in 1972 prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or federally funded programs. Here are a few facts just to put this in context: On average, women earn 80 cents on the dollar to men, according to the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey, as reliable a source as exists; Women are 23.6 percent more likely to be in poverty than men; and it is estimated that the lifetime cost for only menstruation is over 18,000 dollars, which have the country doesn't have to pay, and is a whole lot of money for one individual."

"Some concerns you might have. It's expensive. The Federal annual budget is over 3 trillion dollars, so in the big scheme of things, this is really not that much money for government. Surely the richest country in the history of the world could afford to make basic menstrual products available, as they do with toilet paper, another basic hygienic product. Toilet paper is expensive too, and it turns out, you need toilet paper much more often than menstrual products. It is cheaper to pay for a few more tampons than to cover an emergency room visit for a woman suffering from Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS) from a lack of access to sufficient menstrual products. You may say this is too big government. I would argue that it is not big government providing toilet paper, and once we enact this law, before you know

it, it will be shocking to people that we didn't do this before."

"Having access to hygienic products is a basic sanitary need so those of us who menstruate can stay healthy. When there is not access to appropriate menstrual products, often products are used for too long, which could lead to extreme risk of contracting TSS, or things like brown paper bags, or wash cloths are used in their place, which is not safe."

"I'd ask you to consider, especially if you are not directly affected by the measures in this bill, what this bill might mean to your mothers, or daughters, or partners, and friends. Finally, this bill will be a message to all in our country of the importance of women's health—after all, you wouldn't be here without us. I ask for your support and thank you for your consideration. I yield back the balance of my time to the chair."

THE DALTON MODEL CONGRESS 2019—HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE
Name: Rosie Harris.

Title of the Bill: The Menstrual Parity Act of 2019.

Delegation: The Dalton School.

Committee: Education and the Workforce.
Be It Enacted by the Dalton Model Congress . . .

Preamble: Whereas women make up half of the population of the United States, whereas women on average have their period on a monthly basis for 40 years, whereas women on average earn only 80 cents of every dollar men earn for the same work, whereas 13.6% of women live in poverty, whereas women are 23.6% more likely to be in poverty than men, whereas 17.5% of children live in poverty who are disproportionately dependent on women to raise them, whereas menstruation involves costs that generally incur every month, whereas obtaining full equality for women necessitates economic equality, whereas it is estimated that the lifetime cost of a period can be over \$18,000, and whereas toilet paper is available in every public bathroom in the country, be it resolved, that this committee authorizes such sums as necessary so that every public bathroom that provides toilet paper also provide appropriate menstrual products.

Section 1 Short Title: This Act may be cited as the "The Menstrual Parity Act of 2019".

Section 2 Definitions: Accommodations include all public facilities that are accessible to the general public, and provide access to bathrooms with toilets.

Section 2 Federal Accommodations: Every federal public accommodation that provides free toilet paper must also provide free menstrual products.

Sub-Section A: Menstrual products must be refilled as often as toilet paper.

Section 3 State Accommodations: Every state public accommodation that provides free toilet paper, who also provide free menstrual products that are made as available as toilet paper, will be reimbursed in full for the menstrual products.

Sub-Section A: Menstrual products must be refilled as often as toilet paper.

Section 4 Enforcement: Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 shall be expanded to include enforcement of the provisions from Sections 2 and 3.

Section 5 Appropriations: The Committee on Appropriations shall provide such sums as necessary for (1) public accommodations that receive appropriations for toilet paper to be able to meet this new mandate and (2) for the Title IX expansion.

Section 6 Enactment: This bill will be enacted 91 days after passage.

CONGRATULATING ROBERT VAN
SCYOC

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Shippensburg Fire Department's Robert "Bobby" Van Scyoc, who recently marked 50 years of service to the Shippensburg community.

Mr. Van Scyoc first joined the Shippensburg Vigilant Hose Company on July 14, 1969. For half a century, he has kept a watchful eye over his neighbors as a first responder and community leader. In addition to his service as a firefighter, Mr. Van Scyoc also is an EMT and a retired Police Sergeant and Dispatcher. Today, he continues to drive fire apparatus to calls and works part-time at Shippensburg Area EMS.

It is my privilege to recognize Mr. Van Scyoc upon this remarkable milestone for his dedication to the Shippensburg community, and I wish him every continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. HERBERT
KOHN RECEIVING THE 2019
HENRY W. BLOCH HUMAN RELATIONS
AWARD

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Herbert Kohn for being named the recipient of the 2019 Henry W. Bloch Human Relations Award. This award was established in honor of Henry W. Bloch by the Jewish Community Relations Bureau and serves to honor a community member with a passion for community activism and an extraordinary civic presence. Mr. Herbert Kohn personifies the excellence we hope for in community leaders through his selfless character and dedication to pursuing justice for all.

After a courageous early childhood in Europe during World War II, Mr. Kohn escaped to the United States with his family during his third-grade year. After surviving the Holocaust and resettling in Kansas City, Mr. Kohn was fully committed to his educational endeavors. During his time at Paseo High School, Mr. Kohn was selected by his teachers to participate in the Missouri Boys State program. Upon graduation, he attended the University of Michigan, earning his Bachelor of Arts in 1960 and his Juris Doctorate in 1963. Throughout his life, Mr. Herbert Kohn has shown steadfast bravery and devotion to academic excellence even in the face of formidable trials.

Today, Mr. Kohn does exemplary work as a partner at a local law firm, Bryan Cave LLP, where he specializes in corporate law. Kohn's service to the community goes beyond his work as an attorney however. In 1999, Mr.

Kohn served on the transition team for the first female Kansas City, Missouri Mayor, Kay Barnes, and later, on her Charter Review Commission. His collaboration with a number of Kansas City mayors led to a beautiful downtown, a City Pension Plan, and improved early childhood education. Additionally, Mr. Kohn served as a member of the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City and was selected by Governor Michael Parson to serve as Chairman of the Missouri Gaming Commission. Mr. Kohn's work has resulted in extraordinary benefits to our city, our state, and to countless people from all backgrounds and walks of life.

As one can see, Mr. Kohn's numerous accomplishments have left an indelible impact on his community. His generous and benevolent character is particularly well-reflected via his life-long devotion to the Missouri Boys State program. He has dedicated decades to expanding, improving, and bringing national recognition to the program ever since he was a participant. Two years ago, Missouri Boys State re-named one of its cities to "Kohn City." Moreover, Mr. Kohn served as the Chairman of the Kansas City Art Institute, the Chairman of the Missouri Cancer Commission, a Trustee of the Truman Library Institute, and the Director of the Richard and Annette Bloch Cancer Foundation. Throughout his extensive career, Mr. Herbert Kohn has devoted himself to institutions and organizations which have tangibly improved the lives of Kansas Citians and those throughout the region.

Madam Speaker, please join me and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring Mr. Herbert Kohn for being named the recipient of the 2019 Henry W. Bloch Human Relations Award. I stand today to recognize and thank Mr. Kohn for his countless contributions to the Kansas City community and the nation at large.

HONORING MSGT ENRIQUE "RICK"
HERRERA ON HIS 23 YEARS OF
MILITARY SERVICE

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Master Sergeant Enrique "Rick" Herrera on his 23 years of military service.

Over the years, MSgt Herrera has made immeasurable contributions to our great nation and continues to personify the core U.S. Air Force values of integrity, selfless service, and excellence. He started his career in 1996 as a student in the Combat Patrol Pipeline and retires as a Master Sergeant that has served in many positions across the 724th Special Tactics Group.

Early in his career, MSgt Herrera was deployed to Bosnia in support of Operation Joint Forge with the 22nd Special Tactics Squadron. After being selected for assignment to the 24th Special Tactics Squadron at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina, he was deployed twelve times with elite Army and Navy Task Forces to Afghanistan and Iraq in sup-

port of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and Operation Inherent Resolve.

MSgt Herrera retires as a decorated military servant and true American hero, having notably received the Bronze Star Medal with Valor, Bronze Star Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters. Despite all of his accomplishments, he never boasts of his military achievements and instead focuses his energy on his wife Susan and their son Noah.

As Fort Bragg's Congressman, I know I speak for our entire community when I say we are truly grateful for MSgt Herrera's extraordinary service and cannot thank him enough. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him success in his future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Master Sergeant Enrique "Rick" Herrera on his 23 years of military service.

CONGRATULATING NO. 9 MINE &
MUSEUM ON RECEIPT OF THE
TOURISM AND ENTERTAINMENT
BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate and recognize the No. 9 Mine & Museum on being named the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development's Tourism and Entertainment Business of the Year.

Pennsylvania has a long and robust history of coal mining. Our anthracite coal has heated homes across the county, fueled trains, and gave power to industries that helped build our nation. The No. 9 Mine and Museum helps preserve this rich mining heritage for us and future generations to enjoy and remember.

The No. 9 Mine was first opened in 1855 by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company and was the epicenter of mining operations in the Panther Valley. In operation for over a century, from 1855 to 1972, the No. 9 Mine is the world's oldest continuously operated anthracite coal mine.

Today, the mine is a museum and serves as an important reminder of our community's roots and of the resilience and determination of the many mineworkers who came before us.

The No. 9 Mine became a museum when the Panther Creek Valley Foundation took ownership of the property in the 1990's. Through their restoration efforts, the group created a unique, historical attraction, appealing to both locals and tourists alike.

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 the No. 9 Mine and Museum on this great honor and thank them for their commitment to preserving the history of our community.