

With the assistance of clergy from First Baptist Church of Elgin, they settled in the area to form the cornerstone of a new African-American community. Desirous of having a place of worship they could call their own, the newcomers founded Second Baptist Church of Elgin on December 2, 1866.

Under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Nathaniel Edmund, affectionately known as Pastor Nate, Second Baptist Church honors the determination and courage of its founders with its sacred presence and community involvement. The church is a spiritual home to thousands of worshipers, and in 2008 expanded its capacity to serve with the construction of an award-winning multi-purpose building adding classrooms, a nursery, a welcome center, and a recreation and performance auditorium to its campus. In recent years, Second Baptist Church has broadened its reach through initiatives including the Prison Ministry, the "Operation Joshua" street ministry, and the SAFE Ministry to break the cycle of domestic violence. The church partners with Sheridan Elementary School and Larsen Middle School to mentor and tutor students identified as at-risk youth and has hosted numerous summits on issues of concern to the community. And emblematic of the church's outward focus, Pastor Nate has served on boards or in other capacities for a variety of important organizations in the Elgin area, including the Alignment Collaborative for Education, Advocate Sherman Hospital, the United Way of Elgin, Judson University, U-46 School District, the NAACP of Greater Elgin, and the African-American Christian Ministers Alliance of Elgin.

The ministry of Second Baptist Church is not limited to the local community, and an important part of its mission is to provide comfort and support wherever the need is most urgent. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Second Baptist Church rallied to aid families rendered homeless by the storm's devastation and adopted survivors who resettled in the Elgin area. In 2007, as part of its effort to support the ongoing ministry of World Vision, the church extended its generosity and compassion to a community in Tanzania, helping to build a housing complex for teachers and pledging continuing monetary support to over 130 Tanzanian children.

I believe the newly emancipated founders of Second Baptist Church would be deeply gratified by the congregation they established, now spanning three centuries of service. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize this profoundly American story of faith, determination, and good works, and acknowledge the tireless service of Second Baptist Church of Elgin to our community in the 8th Congressional District, as well as to all in need throughout the world.

INTRODUCING A BIPARTISAN RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ADDRESSING THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT IN A CONCURRENT TRACK WITH THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE PROCESS AND COMMENDING ARAB AND MUSLIM-MAJORITY STATES THAT HAVE IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 19, 2019*

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bipartisan resolution supporting the concurrent-track approach to the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. I want to acknowledge and thank my colleagues, House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman ELIOT ENGEL, and Representatives DAVID SCHWEIKERT and ROB WOODALL, for introducing this resolution with me today.

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict presents an immensely difficult challenge—a challenge to which there are no easy answers. Successive United States Presidential administrations have pursued peace agreements between the parties for over three decades, from the 1982 Reagan Plan for Middle East Peace to the 1993 Oslo Accords, Camp David Summit, Clinton Parameters, Annapolis Conference, and efforts to restart the peace process under the Obama Administration. President Donald Trump has announced that he too will soon unveil a plan for peace.

Despite a lack of progress on a formal agreement, Israel and some of her Arab neighbors have worked quietly and behind the scenes to improve bilateral relations in recent years. Common threats posed by Iran and violent extremism allowed for new dialogue to take root, and today, Israel enjoys closer relations to many of its neighbors in the region. These efforts represent an opportunity to improve security, stability, and prosperity in the Middle East. The concurrent-track approach—where Arab and Muslim-majority states work to improve their bilateral relations with Israel as Israel and the Palestinian Authority work concurrently to advance the Israeli-Palestinian peace process—should be embraced by our government as a new paradigm for the region. The resolution I am introducing today expresses support for this approach and commends Arab and Muslim-majority states that have already taken steps to improve their bilateral relations with Israel.

I, like nearly all of my colleagues in Congress, continue to support a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, negotiated between the State of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, and resulting in two states for two peoples, living side-by-side in peace, security, and mutual recognition. This is the only way to ensure that both the Israeli people and the Palestinian people can have sovereign homelands. The inability to achieve a two-state solution threatens the State of Israel's security and identity as the democratic homeland of the Jewish people, just as it impedes the well-being and self-determination of the Palestinian people.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure passage of this resolution.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 19, 2019*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, due to the death of my father, I was absent for the House vote that took place between February 11, 2019 and February 14, 2019.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 75; yea on Roll Call No. 77; yea on Roll Call No. 78; yea on Roll Call No. 79; yea on Roll Call No. 80; nay on Roll Call No. 81; yea on Roll Call No. 82; yea on Roll Call No. 83; yea on Roll Call No. 84; yea on Roll Call No. 85; yea on Roll Call No. 86; and yea on Roll Call No. 87.

CONGRATULATING FIDENCIO HOOPER-CAMPOS ON HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 19, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fidencio Hooper-Campos on his retirement. Mr. Hooper-Campos has been a steelworker and member of the United Steelworkers Local 63 for 45 years.

Fidencio Hooper-Campos has much to celebrate following a stellar career as a steelworker and a public servant. Mr. Hooper-Campos began his career as a steelworker at the age of 19 at Northwestern Steel & Wire prior to continuing his work at Sterling Steel in the town where he was born. However, Mr. Hooper-Campos' work went beyond that as he took on leadership roles within the community, including service on the Whiteside County Board, Whiteside County Health Clinic Governing Council and the NCI Works Board. Mr. Hooper-Campos committed himself to civic activism and always worked to improve the community around him throughout his accomplished career. In addition, Mr. Hooper-Campos enjoys music, kickboxing and martial arts and I wish him well as he begins his well-earned retirement.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Fidencio Hooper-Campos that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Fidencio Hooper-Campos on his retirement after 45 years as a steelworker.

RECOGNIZING NATHAN FIRESTONE ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 19, 2019*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Nathan Firestone, a resident of the Tenth District and a World War II era veteran prisoner of war on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Mr. Firestone entered the service in 1943 as a member of a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber

squadron. He flew 27 successful missions over Europe as an officer and navigator.

In 1944, his bomber was shot down under heavy enemy fire, and Mr. Firestone sustained serious injuries. He and his crew spent six days wandering through the Austrian Alps before being captured by local police and taken to a Nazi POW camp near the German-Polish border. As a prisoner of war, Mr. Firestone persevered despite access to little food, adequate clothing, heat and other basic necessities.

When his captors interrogated Mr. Firestone and asked him why he bombed Austria, he responded simply: "Ich bin Jude (I am a Jew)."

During a relocation march, Firestone and several other prisoners managed to escape and reunited several days later with American soldiers.

After returning home to the United States in 1945, Mr. Firestone studied at Northwestern University and became a certified public accountant. He married, had children and raised his family in Highland Park. He suffered lifelong repercussions of his internment as a POW, seeking medical assistance from Hines VA Hospital near Chicago.

He is an active member of the American Legion, Jewish War Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also published a nonfiction book in 2002 about his experience in the war.

As he celebrates his 100th birthday, it is my great honor and privilege to recognize Nathan Firestone for his service to our country during World War II and his deep involvement in our community.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF EDMUND JEFFERSON DANZIGER, JR.

##### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 19, 2019*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the life of Edmund Jefferson Danziger, Jr. of Sylvania Township, Ohio. Professor Danziger passed from this life at the age of eighty years on January 8, 2019. He was memorialized at Epworth United Methodist Church in Toledo on February 16, 2019.

Edmund Danziger was born in Newark, New Jersey and spent his childhood with brother Doug tramping through the outdoors near their Hillside home. After graduating from high school in 1956, he felt a call to ministry. However, he found a different call to history and research while a student at the College of Wooster, graduating in 1960. He went on to receive his doctorate from the University of Illinois. Along the way he married his wife, Margaret, and together they raised two children, John and Anne. They moved to Bowling Green Ohio, where he began his 46 year teaching career at Bowling Green State University.

A noted researcher and expert on Ohio and Native American history, Professor Danziger's

work led to the publication of books including *Indians and Bureaucrats: Administering the Reservation Policy during the Civil War and Regeneration: Detroit's American Indian Community* along with many scholarly articles. He became chair of the BGSU History Department, receiving teaching and faculty excellence awards and a special university achievement award for excellence. In 1995, BGSU Trustees named him "distinguished teaching professor," only the seventh in the school's history.

Admired and respected by colleagues and students, Edmund Danziger explained, "A master teacher will ignite a flame with his or her students—a flame which will guide them in further academic studies and more generally along life's challenging path." This philosophy sums up Professor Danziger's career. He took students on field trips to Fort Meigs, Walpole Island First Nation, and hiking the Appalachian Trail. He guided graduate students through theses and dissertations. A former student now an assistant professor of history himself said, "He was the kind of person who elevated everybody he was around. He genuinely cared about humanity. He cared about students." What better reflection of a life well lived?

We send our heartfelt sympathy to the Danziger family. We hope they find some comfort in the gift of his life, those he touched and those who were made better by knowing Edmund Jefferson Danziger. Godspeed.

#### HONORING DR. ROBERT ATLAS

##### HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 19, 2019*

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I honor the distinguished career and retirement of Dr. Robert Atlas.

Dr. Atlas has served our nation for more than 40 years as a federal employee. He retires as the Director of NOAA's Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory (AOML), where he has transformed AOML into a world class scientific organization focused on NOAA's mission and national needs.

Dr. Atlas received his Ph.D. in Meteorology and Oceanography in 1976 from New York University. Throughout his career, he has served our nation as head of the NASA Data Assimilation Office and as Chief Meteorologist at NASA GSFC. He was also a key member of the team that first demonstrated the significant impact of quantitative satellite data on numerical weather prediction.

Dr. Atlas has been committed to diversity, inclusion and equal opportunity, and under his leadership, AMOL has received several NOAA awards and is the most diverse of all NOAA laboratories.

I have had the pleasure of working directly with Dr. Atlas to inform the public of the up-

coming Hurricane Season each year. His professionalism is unmatched, and I am grateful for his unwavering commitment to keeping Americans safe.

I am proud today to honor his leadership and wish him and his family well on his retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING JACOB JOSEPH ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

##### HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 19, 2019*

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jacob Joseph, a World War II veteran and member of the greatest generation, ahead of his 100th birthday, which he will celebrate on April 3.

Mr. Joseph grew up in Knox, Indiana as one of five children. At age 17 he moved to Chicago and took a job working the soda fountain in the lobby of the Hotel Sherman, where he met an Army Lieutenant who encouraged him to enlist.

Mr. Joseph completed his basic training at Fort Sheridan in the Tenth District, and then was stationed in North Carolina and New York before shipping out to Europe. He served in the Seventh Army, which was the first U.S. field army to experience combat in World War II, as a Staff Sergeant in the 682nd Ordnance Ammunition unit. The Seventh advanced over 1,000 miles in nine months of continuous fighting, capturing Palermo and Messina, and liberating Marseilles and other cities during the course of the War.

Joseph worked supplying food to the armed forces. He received several awards for his service, including the Bronze Service Arrowhead and a Good Conduct Medal.

After the war ended, Mr. Joseph returned to Indiana and soon married his late wife, Beatrice. The couple then moved to Chicago, where they opened "Jake's," an innovative burger joint on Armitage Avenue. "Jake's" became a hometown favorite, and Mr. Joseph opened several other locations in the Chicago-land area and in the Tenth District, as well as launched a retail line of frozen foods.

Eventually, Mr. Joseph and his wife moved to Northbrook to raise their two children. In Northbrook, Mr. Joseph continued to exercise his entrepreneurial spirit, receiving patents for designs of a paper towel holder and a napkin holder. He still enjoys creating and building replica models and spending time with his two grandchildren.

As he approaches his 100th birthday, it is my great honor and privilege to recognize Jacob Joseph for his service to our country and allies during World War II and his continued contributions to the Tenth District community.