

Peter has always believed deeply in our democracy and the power of public service. That's why he ran for Mayor of Hastings some 16 years ago. His slogan, "Hastings Forward!" spoke to his consistent commitment to progress. Though he took over during difficult financial times for the village, Peter was able to deftly navigate the choppy economic waters. Abandoned buildings from Hastings' industrial past were replaced with storefronts that are now local hot spots. The beautiful waterfront hugging the Hastings coastline has been revitalized. Parks that were once run down have been transformed. All of this happened under Peter's leadership, and all of it happened while the village's finances steadily improved. Peter grew the Hastings' rainy-day fund to \$2 million, which has meant investments in infrastructure and funding for first responders can be met. But beyond quality of life and economic development, Peter also managed to focus on growing affordable housing options for residents, encourages local sustainability initiatives, and even started a Deer Immunocontraception Research Program. How many local municipalities can say that?

After 16 successful years, Peter chose not to run for reelection as Mayor of Hastings. Though the village is now in the excellent care of new Mayor Nicola Armacost, we will all miss Peter leading the way in Hastings. As a partner in government, Peter was exceptional to work with across the board. I want to congratulate him on the years of hard work and thank him for his ceaseless dedication to the Hastings community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JERRY CUSTIN

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a local leader who has made a tremendous impact in the Tampa Bay area through a lifetime of public service. Colonel Jerry Custin USAF (Ret.) proudly served our nation in the United States Air Force during which he received advanced training, flew 130 combat missions over Laos and Vietnam, and conducted defense analysis. He earned both the Defense Superior Service Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross while serving in the United States Air Force. He also worked with the National Security Agency, and completed his thirty-year career in public service as the Director of the Office of Electronic Intelligence, and the Chairman of the National Electronic Intelligence Group.

After retirement, Jerry continued to serve our community. He worked as an Outreach Counselor for economically disadvantaged youth through the Pinellas Workforce Development Board. He then became the Business Assistance Specialist for the Oldsmar Chamber of Commerce, where he helped expand its footprint into Hillsborough and Pasco counties reconstituting the organization as the Upper Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce. He later served as President/CEO of the Chamber and developed the Florida Suncoast Manufacturing Association (FSMA) which effectively serves Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas

Counties. Both organizations endeavor to enhance the regional workforce and ensure that students are trained for post-secondary success. With a fervent belief that the robust manufacturing sector in the community—comprising nearly a third of area jobs and tax base—could benefit by more technically oriented services addressing current manufacturing practices and standards, increasingly skilled workforce requirements and a more comprehensive understanding of the availability of the varied products and services offered across our local manufacturing base, Colonel Custin has been instrumental in meeting those needs through his work at FSMA.

On a personal note, Jerry is a trusted friend and advisor. Whether in the Florida Legislature or my time in the U.S. Congress, Jerry has been my go-to guy on issues related to workforce, manufacturing, and the federal budget among other subject matters. His unrivaled work ethic, strength of character and commitment to service is why he is held in such high esteem in his beloved Oldsmar community. I am honored to have him as a constituent.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, today, I along with Representative BUSTOS, would like to recognize the 50th anniversary of the American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM).

The AAHAM was founded in 1968 and incorporated on February 20, 1973. The organization is dedicated to educating and advocating for revenue cycle professionals who work with healthcare patient accounts across the country. It has grown to represent thirty-one chapters with over 3,000 members and is one of the best healthcare administrative management organizations serving patients throughout the United States. Over its 50 years, AAHAM has grown from serving hospital patient account managers to representing professionals who serve across the healthcare spectrum. They have made great contributions to the welfare of patients and have fostered a sense of fellowship and work to enhance the quality of life for all patients navigating healthcare financing.

Their strong and dedicated leaders and membership have made the long tenure of AAHAM possible and we are proud to congratulate them on their 50th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING STUDENTS AT CONRAD WEISER HIGH SCHOOL FOR SUCCESS IN C-SPAN STUDENT CAM 2019

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to honor Eriel

Gaylord, Sammy Saldana, and Melany Davila, from Conrad Weiser High School in Robesonia, Pennsylvania. These students participated in the 2019 National C-SPAN Student Cam Video Contest, and out of 3,000 entries, their five-minute entry entitled, "America's Homeless," earned them an honorable mention.

This was certainly a profile in courage, as one of the students, Eriel Gaylord, bravely shared her experience with homelessness. In telling her story, Eriel helped to raise awareness and educate others on the many challenges faced by homeless youth—while encouraging other individuals and families, who face similar challenges, to take advantage of the resources available in our communities to help them obtain housing security.

Each American faces their own challenges and pursues their own passions; resilience, however, is a defining characteristic of Pennsylvania's Ninth District. No matter the challenges we face, the determination with which we rise to meet them defines us more than our trials themselves.

Eriel's story and the context in which it is presented should inspire each of us. Although it is troubling that such daunting challenges face young people in my own district, I am inspired by their engagement, advocacy, and passion. It is an honor to recognize Eriel's bravery, and the work of these students. May they continue to engage their passions, pursue solutions, and showcase American resilience.

HONORING MIKE GRECO

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to honor the life of a Bronx icon, Mike Greco, the longtime owner of the famous "Mike's Deli" on Arthur Avenue, who passed away in late March at the age of 89.

Also known as the "Salami King" and "Mayor of Arthur Avenue," Mike was a legend in the community. Born on May 8, 1929 to Luigi and Luisa Felice Greco, he came to America in 1947 from his home in Calabria, Italy with his twin brother, Joe, in a new suit and \$50 dollars to his name. He moved to the Bronx, began working in a butcher shop, and by the early 1950s had opened his very open deli on Arthur Avenue.

Mike worked seven days a week starting at 6 a.m. to build Mike's Deli into the huge destination it became. For six decades, people from all over made the pilgrimage to visit, for both the wonderful food and for Mike himself. As the New York Times wrote, "Mr. Greco was larger than life." The big personality, the singing, the friendly banter was all part of his mystique.

Of course, personality wasn't the only draw to Mike's Deli. The food was renowned. A well-earned reputation for quality preceded Mike's, with such favorites as the imported cheese, sometimes aged for as long as 36 months, leading the way. Mike's eggplant parm is so delicious that it beat all the competition on an episode of Food Network's "Throwdown With Bobby Flay." Mike's fame also extended to television, where he appeared in a Ronzi commercial filmed on Arthur

Avenue, and on the stage, where an auto-biographical play written by his son Marco was performed.

Mike leaves two lasting legacies—the deli and his wonderful family. He married Antoinette Cappiello in 1951 and together they had 2 sons, David and Marco and two daughters, Louisa Greco and Anna Greco Silvani. Mike is also survived by his five grandchildren.

Mike Greco really was larger than life, and his contributions to the Bronx have left an indelible mark. He will be deeply missed.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROTECTIONS IN CONSUMER LENDING ACT

HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce the Protections in Consumer Lending Act, which will empower the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to understand, analyze, and scrutinize abusive practices by consumer lenders.

From mortgages to auto loans to credit applications, a pattern of discriminatory consumer lending exists throughout the economy. For instance, a recent study by the National Fair Housing Alliance found that White testers were offered better financing options on auto loans than non-White testers 75 percent of the time.

It is vital that the CFPB has access to the richest possible data on data discrimination in credit lending, and that is why I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the Protections in Consumer Lending Act.

I encourage my colleagues to support this bill.

CONGRATULATING THE BAYTOWN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY BULLDOGS FOR THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORIES

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Baytown Christian Academy Bulldogs on winning both the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) football and boys basketball state championships for the 2018–2019 school year!

On Thursday, December 6, 2018, Baytown Christian Academy captured its second TAPPS 6-Man Division III football State Championship in three years with a 49–34 victory over Weatherford Christian Academy. In the playoffs the Bulldogs defeated Greenville Christian Academy, Fredericksburg Heritage School, and Cedar Park Summit Christian Academy on the way to the title game. The Bulldog football team finished the 2018 season with a perfect 14–0 record.

On March 1, 2019, the Baytown Christian Academy basketball team won its first TAPPS

Class 1A Boys State Championship, beating Tyler Street Christian Academy of Dallas by a score of 63–39. On the way to their historic victory, the Bulldogs defeated Cypress Oaks Adventist Christian School, Fredericksburg Heritage School, Houston Southwest Christian Academy, and San Antonio Legacy Christian Academy. The team finished the 2018–2019 season with a record of 29–3. The entire basketball team was also on the state title winning football team.

I would like to personally recognize each student and their coaches. Players: Grayson Albarado, Colton Anderson, Jelan Dowdy, Kory Early, Ethan Flukinger, Charles Flynt, Jaden Jefferson, Jaron Jefferson, Aden Lambeth, Jordan Lewis, Jordan Luke, William Morgan, Matthew Pate, Kyron Pitre, Rajean Sheppard, Chance Strange, Dave Sun, Richard Washington, Jakob Wheatfall, Trey Williams, Sebastian Wilson, and Bryce Gillum. Head Football Coach: Jeromey Anderson. Assistant Football Coaches: Mike Usry, Nathan Gray, Daren McClellan, Quintin Outland, and Jason Welch. Trainers: Janci McClellan, Emily Gray, and Carli Norris. Head Basketball Coach: Kevin Fletcher. Athletic Director: Kevin Jones. Headmaster: James Twardowski.

I wish each of these young men continued success in the classroom and in athletics. Go Bulldogs!

HONORING WILLIAM MAYER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to honor a pillar of the community and friend, Mr. William Mayer, who this year is being honored at the J.A.D.E. 35th Annual Scholarship Dinner.

William was born on June 4, 1962 to William and Marjorie Zaino Mayer in Mount Vernon, New York. His family was rooted in catering and community affairs, and at a young age William was encouraged to follow in that tradition. While attending Iona Prep and Iona college, he worked feverishly by his father's side at Mayer's Parkway Catering and at The Eastwood Manor, learning and growing with every opportunity. William graduated from Iona in 1984 with a B.A. in Business and went on to own and operate Maestro's Caterers and the Eastwood Manor.

Over the years, William has become a very well-respected member of the community, not just for his business acumen, but also for his tireless work and contributions. The list of organizations that have honored William over the years is extensive and varied: The New York City Public School system, The National Council of Negro Women, The Bronx YMCA, R.A.I.N., Williamsbridge NAACP, the Scarsdale PBA, NYPD 47th Precinct Clergy Coalition, North Bronx Little League, the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, and the Bronx Organization for the Learning Disabled, just to name a few. He has also been recognized by the Bronx Borough President's office, the Transit Workers Union Local 100, and now, by the U.S. House of Representatives.

William shares his commitment to community and family involvement with his wife, Kenia, and their children, Dustin and Riley. The family currently resides in Ardsley and during his spare time, William enjoys golfing at the Wykagyl Country Club, where he is an active member.

Madam Speaker, William Mayer has helped to grow and build our community in countless ways. As J.A.D.E. is set to honor him, I want to take the opportunity to thank him for his contributions, and congratulate him on receiving this well-deserved recognition.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JERRY BEVERLAND

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a local leader who has made a tremendous impact on the Tampa Bay area through a lifetime of public service, my dear friend, former Oldsmar Mayor and City Council Member Jerry Beverland. There has been no greater champion for the city of Oldsmar than Jerry and his lovely bride, Wanda. As both Mayor and City Council member, Jerry has been a lion during decades of City Council meetings, never backing down on a stance that he believed was in the best interests of Oldsmar. He has been a lead voice on every great endeavor for the city from the Sports Complex to the Water Reclamation Facility to the Oldsmar Library. His public service has extended beyond the city limits, as he has served as President of the Northeast Pinellas County Water and Sewer Authority, and as a member on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and the Pinellas County Council of Mayors. Many of the initiatives he spearheaded made a profound impact on our community. Pinellas County residents will benefit for many years to come because of his leadership. Jerry Beverland has given his time, talent and treasure to make Oldsmar a wonderful place to live, work and play.

As a local historian, Mr. Beverland has helped to preserve the rich cultural heritage and tradition of our community, publishing four books on the history of the City of Oldsmar. Proceeds from the sale of his books have benefitted the Oldsmar Library.

On a personal note, Jerry has been a trusted friend and advisor of the Bilirakis family, and me, in particular, for decades. His passion for life and for the city of Oldsmar is inextricably intertwined. The Beverlands have endured life's ups and downs for over sixty years together in the city they call home. Yet through their tribulations, no one has consistently done so much, for so long, for the city. Jerry Beverland's integrity, wide breadth of knowledge and commitment to service above self is an example to which we all should aspire. I look forward to working with him and Wanda to continue making the city of Oldsmar a great place to live.