

soldier Joseph Trotter, as well as veterans from the following conflicts: 1812, Black Hawk, Indian, Mexican, Civil, Spanish, WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.

The Camp Ground Cumberland Presbyterian Church began as a revival meeting of local families, and eventually led to the founding of the church at the site circa 1826. The original church building held worship services furnished with only the bare necessities, a dirt floor and a pulpit.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Benjamin Mills Chapter of the NSDAR as it dedicates these two plaques. The Chapter has been active in the Bond County area for over 100 years, and I wish it the best as it embarks on the next 100 years of promoting the Daughters of the American Revolution motto: God, Home, and Country.

CELEBRATING THE PRESIDENCY OF KATHERINE P. DOUGLAS AT CORNING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of Katherine P. Douglas at Corning Community College, and congratulate her on her retirement.

For the last eight years, Katherine Douglas has served as the President of Corning Community College. As the sixth President in the history of the college, her goal has been to support the power of learning and improve the quality of life for students, their families, and our communities. Through a number of initiatives completed by the College throughout her tenure, Katherine has certainly met that goal.

Under Katherine's leadership, Corning Community College has flourished and grown to meet the needs of changing times. In 2012, she founded the Presidential Scholars scholarship program to aid exceptional students from Chemung, Steuben, and Schuyler counties and ensure they could graduate from Corning Community College free of tuition debt. Katherine helped transform the campus into a residential community with the opening of a three-story residence in 2013, dedicated to the College's first President, William Perry. As the workforce changed with an increased demand for healthcare professionals, Katherine embraced that change and was instrumental in the opening of the College's new state-of-the-art Health Education Center in 2017.

As Katherine moves forward with the next chapter of her life, we applaud her dedicated leadership of Corning Community College, and we wish her all the best in her retirement.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate Katherine Douglas and her remarkable presidency at Corning Community College.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on May 23, 2019 because I had

the privilege of advocating for Duluth, Minnesota's 148th Fighter Wing in a meeting with Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 229; YEA on Roll Call No. 230; and YEA on Roll Call No. 231.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Woodbridge Township on the 350th anniversary of its founding and join with its officials and residents in celebration of this historic milestone.

Woodbridge received its charter on June 1, 1669 by King Charles of England, nearly five years after its settlement. Its long history has been marked with notable events, residents and visitors, including an overnight stop at the Cross Keys Tavern by George Washington on his travel from Mount Vernon to New York for his inauguration.

It has also received several distinctions for its outstanding growth and community excellence. In 1964, Woodbridge was among only ten municipalities in the United States to receive the All American City Award, and in 1966 the township was presented with the Distinguished Achievement Award in the National Cleanest Town Achievement Contest by First Lady Johnson.

Woodbridge continues to preserve its history and community atmosphere while embracing growth. Today, the township is comprised of the communities of Avenel, Colonia, Fords, Hopelawn, Iselin, Keasbey, Menlo Park Terrace, Port Reading, Sewaren and Woodbridge and is one of the largest municipalities in New Jersey, with over 100,000 residents. It is home to Metropark train station, Woodbridge Center mall, large corporations and businesses as well as bustling downtowns. It is also a thriving arts community, with the Barron Arts Center and the Avenel Performing Arts Center, among others. Its diverse population and distinct features make Woodbridge a unique and flourishing town.

In its 350th year, the township is governed by Mayor John McCormac, Council President Cory Spillar and council members Kyle Anderson, Howie Bauer, Lizbeth DeJesus, Nancy Drumm, Gregg M. Ficarra, Debbie Meehan, Virbhadrna N. Patel and Brian Small.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope that my colleagues will join me in marking the 350th anniversary of Woodbridge Township and celebrating its rich history.

COMMEMORATION OF THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY AND THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC ROBINSON LIBRARY SIT-IN

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Alexandria Library, which has a rich history that spans two centuries. This year, the library is celebrating its 225th year as an entity as well as the 80th anniversary of the historic 1939 Library Sit-In.

The Alexandria Library was originally founded on July 24, 1794, by the Alexandria Library Company, where the Library was established as a subscription service where members paid a small fee to use its books, becoming the first in the state to do so.

Over the years, the Library was housed in several of the City's historic buildings such as the City Hall, Lyceum, the old Firehouse, Stabler's Apothecary and United Daughters of the Confederacy's Confederate Hall.

The community supported the recovery of the Library in the aftermath of the Civil War and the Depression of 1873, and again in the 1890s from the Panic of 1893.

In the 1930s, several groups came together to form a public library with Dr. Robert Barrett donating the money to build the Kate Waller Barrett Library (in honor of his mother), including the Alexandria Library Company, who donated the books to create the collection, the Society of Friends, who donated the land to build the facility, and the city, which designated a line item in its budget to ensure operations.

On August 20, 1937, the Kate Waller Barrett Branch opened to the community, but in conformance with the Jim Crow laws, it did not allow all citizens to use the facility and its resources.

On August 21, 1939, local attorney, Samuel W. Tucker, and five African-American men challenged this law with a peaceful protest wherein the five young men individually entered the library and requested library cards from Library staff, who denied each request. Each young man took a book from the shelves, sat down at a table, and began to read. Eventually arrested for their act of civil disobedience, this incident was recognized as the first library sit-in to occur in the country.

Their actions resulted in the opening of the Robert H. Robinson Library in 1940, which served the African-American community before becoming the City's Black History Museum. Each anniversary provides a unique opportunity to revisit the history that captures the essence of the City as it evolved into the thriving, historical destination it is today.

As the Alexandria Library recognizes and celebrates its entire past, the good and bad, it seeks to meet the informational, educational and recreational needs of the community. The Alexandria Library of the 21st century provides residents an opportunity to learn, explore, create, and connect, emphasizing that libraries today continue to function as the people's university and make information and technology available and accessible to all.

I ask this body to join me in commemorating the 225th anniversary of the founding of the

Alexandria Library and the 80th anniversary of the sit-in at the Kate Waller Barrett Branch of the Alexandria Library.

HONORING CO-OP CITY LITTLE LEAGUE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, as a former resident of Co-op City for many years and an avid baseball fan, it is my pleasure to recognize the Co-op City Little League which this season will celebrate its remarkable 50th Anniversary.

Founded in 1969, Co-op City Little League has brought generations of families together for five decades, while providing children with great exercise and wonderful team building skills. In the early days, games were played at Pelham Bay Park, Haffen Field, and Seton Falls Park. In 1975, a plan was drawn up between New York City and the Co-op City manager, Riverbay Corporation, for the creation of the Co-op City Fields. The fields stand on the outskirts of the residential area, at the intersection of Co-op City Boulevard and Bellamy Loop, and consist of a pair of excellently maintained baseball diamonds. Both of the fenced fields contain dugouts and there is a walkway with bleachers, a small picnic area, and a comfort station for spectators.

Co-op City Little League began playing on the new fields several years after they were developed and have been going strong there ever since. The League has served as a launching pad for several professional players and has had over 25 District 22 champions over the years. In 1987, the District 22 championship team, coached by Bruce Lasky, made it all the way to the state championship game.

Madam Speaker, Co-op City Little League has been a staple in the community for almost as long as Co-op City has existed. Thousands of children and their families have enjoyed a day at the ballpark thanks to this wonderful, well run league, and I want to congratulate all involved on 50 great years. Here's to 50 more.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. JOHN DAVID CHANDLER

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. BABBIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my good friend, and fellow dentist, Dr. John David Chandler of Kerrville who passed away on May 15, 2019 in San Antonio.

Dr. Chandler was born on September 7, 1947 in Victoria, Texas and graduated from Victoria High School in 1965. He earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Sam Houston State in 1969 and a doctorate in dentistry from the University of Texas Dental Branch in 1973.

Following dental school, Chandler served as an officer in the United States Air Force Dental Corps at Yokota Air Force Base from 1973

to 1976. For the next year Dr. Chandler served as an Associate Professor at the University of Texas Dental Branch. In 1977, Dr. Chandler moved to Huntsville and started his private dental practice. Chandler practiced for 38 years in Huntsville, Texas from where he was recognized as an outstanding restorative general dentist and was beloved by his patients, friends and his peers. John and his wife, Janie, retired in 2015 and moved to Kerrville, Texas where their love for the outdoors led them to create a backyard sanctuary for birds, butterflies and other wildlife.

Dr. Chandler had a passion for continued education and teaching and mentoring young dentists. He served in a leadership role in numerous state and national professional organizations such as the Academy of General Dentistry, Texas Academy of General Dentistry, American Dental Association, Brazos Valley District Dental Society, and the Heart of Texas Dental Society.

Dr. John David Chandler leaves behind his loving wife of forty-nine years and eleven months, nearly half a century. John is also survived by his son Ty Scott Chandler of Austin, son Ryan Todd Chandler of Amarillo, brother and sister-in-law Jay and Ann Garner of Laguna Vista, and sister, Brenda Anderson of Austin.

Madam Speaker, my prayers and condolences are with the family and friends of Dr. Chandler.

COMMEMORATING THE 101ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF AZERBAIJAN

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, last week, our friends in Azerbaijan celebrated Republic Day, honoring the 101st anniversary of the founding of their country.

On May 28, 1918, the National Assembly of Azerbaijan adopted a Declaration of Independence, and formed the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic, the first secular parliamentary democracy in the Muslim world.

In 1920, the Bolsheviks invaded the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic and established a Soviet government. Azerbaijan was forcefully incorporated into the USSR and suffered under the weight of the Soviet regime for many decades.

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Republic of Azerbaijan restored its independence on August 30, 1991.

The United States recognized Azerbaijan as an independent state on December 25, 1991 and established official diplomatic relations with the Republic of Azerbaijan on February 19, 1992.

As they rebuilt from the wreckage of the failed communist empire, Azerbaijan grew into a strong and reliable ally of the United States.

Today, the Republic of Azerbaijan is not only a valuable partner of the United States, but also plays a critical role in the Caucasus and Central Asia. Azerbaijan was one of the first countries to render unconditional assistance to the United States after the terror attacks of September 11, 2001. It also has a strong friendship and partnership with Israel, one of the closest allies of the United States.

Azerbaijan, as a participant in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) Partnership for Peace program, has supported NATO's peace operations in Afghanistan by providing troops from the Armed Forces of Azerbaijan to assist with the missions since 2002.

As we commemorate this 101st anniversary of the founding of Azerbaijan, the United States remains grateful for the strategic relationship and enduring friendship between our two countries. Furthermore, we look forward to this strong and close friendship continuing and even growing stronger in the many years to come.

RICHARD MAXSON UKULELE CHAMPION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 3, 2019

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Richard Maxson, a professor at Drury University in Springfield, Missouri, for winning the 8th Annual International Ukulele Contest in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Richard spent his youth performing in his hometown of Ventura, California, and working at Christian summer camps by providing the musical soundtracks to sing-alongs and services.

Little did he know where these experiences would take him.

In 2007, Richard was on a business trip in Hawaii when he came across a sign for free ukulele lessons. Curious to see if he had what it took, Richard signed up and learned his first song: Little Red Hibiscus. Inspired by this, Richard returned to Springfield, bought his first ukulele and became what he refers to as a recovering guitar player.

As much fun as Richard was having, he wanted others to join in on the fun. That's why in 2012 he formed a ukulele club at Drury University, called the DUkes. His goal was to attract Drury students by sitting in a coffee shop playing his ukulele. It worked. By 2013, 20 students joined the club and were drinking coffee and playing the ukulele with him.

Over the next few years, the DUkes, under the direction of Richard, performed at various events in Springfield. In August 2015, the DUkes traveled to Springfield's Sister City of Isesaki, Japan, to perform at the Isesaki Summer Festival. Richard also began performing with his wife, Karen, in a ukulele duo called Uke 66, performing in the United States, Mexico and Japan. On a whim, Richard entered the 8th Annual International Ukulele Contest in Honolulu in 2019. As the only contestant from the mainland United States, Richard was one of six finalists in his division of 19 and older. A few hundred people watched Richard on his way to victory as he performed an original piece, titled "Hedgehog Café," which was inspired by a trip he took to Japan with his wife in 2017.

Madam Speaker, the world needs dedicated individuals who are eager to share their gifts with those around them, and that is exactly what Richard has done and continues to do. That is why it is my great honor to rise today congratulating Richard Maxson on his award-winning performance and original composition.