

In 1995, Father David was appointed rector of San Fernando Cathedral where he served in the position for thirteen years. Beginning in 2003, Father David led the San Fernando Cathedral restoration project and aided in the revitalization of San Antonio's Main Plaza. In 2015, Father David was instrumental in the City's bid for UNESCO World Heritage designation of the San Antonio Missions.

Madam Speaker, it is with great sincerity that I commend Father David on his decades of parochial and community service. His lifelong commitment to our community is nothing short of remarkable.

I thank Father David for his many years of service to the people of San Antonio. He has made our community a better place.

IN RECOGNITION OF M. EUGENE ZEUSKE'S 95TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor M. Eugene Zeuske of Shawano, Wisconsin on celebrating his 95th birthday. One of 5 children whose grandparents immigrated from Norway and Germany, Gene was born at home and raised on the family dairy farm along the banks of the Wolf River in Waupaca County.

Gene was a hard worker. He worked endlessly on the farm and still found time to graduate from Clintonville High School. He began working "off the farm," performing a number of jobs for the Four Wheel Drive in Clintonville.

Gene served our country in the Army Airforce Corps during World War II, stationed at Sheppard Air Force base in Texas. Last year, he was one of four WWII Veterans on his Stars and Stripes Honor Flight.

His love of dairy farms was a natural spring-board when he worked for Midwest Breeders in Shawano, and later as the Langlade County representative with the Farm Bureau. There, in Antigo, he met Viola Ourada, who became his wife of 68 years until her passing in 2018. Gene and Vi transferred to Waupaca County with Farm Bureau, finally moving to Shawano where they were licensed insurance agents. Together, they owned and grew their agency over the next 30 years and were recognized with many awards for their success.

Gene followed the path of public service started by his grandfather who had served in the state legislature, county and town board, and his mother, a teacher and member of the school board.

Gene served decades in appointed positions. He was appointed by the Mayor as commissioner of the Shawano Police and Fire Commission, Shawano Municipal Utilities, and a founding commissioner of Badger Power Marketing Authority. Gene was elected as a county delegate to the Wisconsin Conservation Congress for over twenty years and was the county representative to the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for four Governors.

Gene believes in giving back to the community, and he organized the first United Way campaign for Shawano, served as co-chair; he rebuilt and reopened the Shawano Lake Gun Club; he was an active member of Shawano

Jaycees, Shawano Lions Club, VFW and adult leader for the Boy Scouts of America.

Gene has been a loyal and active member of the Shawano County Republican Party for over the last 60 years, winning many awards at the local and state levels for his unwavering dedication.

Gene still lives in his home in Shawano on the Wolf River channel and remains active as an Amsoil dealer and works his farmland next to his childhood home. Always the avid hunter and fisherman, Gene purchased and rebuilt a century old fishing cabin in Canada where he continues to visit several times a year.

Celebrating Gene's birthday are his friends and family; 3 children and their spouses, Todd (Terry), Candee Arndt (Ray), and Cathy Gard (John), 7 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in applauding Gene Zeuske for his many years of public service and volunteerism, and wish him a happy and healthy 95th birthday.

CONGRATULATING THE COLUMBIA CITY ROTARY CLUB

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Columbia City Rotary Club on their 100th anniversary and express my appreciation for their hard work in making Columbia City a better place to live, work and raise a family. As an organization heavily involved in many civic activities, the Columbia City Rotary Club has established itself as one of the finest service organizations in northeast Indiana.

As a native of Columbia City and fellow Columbia City Rotarian who once had the honor of serving as club president, this is an organization that will always occupy a special place in my heart. To this day, I still apply the Four Way Test when making decisions as a lawmaker on Capitol Hill and do my best to live by the Rotarian motto of "Service Above Self." I also am constantly reminded of the unbreakable friendships and shared civic duty of Rotarians I have met along the way.

Organizations like the Columbia City Rotary Club provide the backbone for towns and cities across the country, selflessly taking it upon themselves to improve their surroundings and the lives of those around them. I could not be prouder to recognize this anniversary and wish them only the best in their next century.

HONORING THE LADIES UNION BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF ST. JOSEPH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the Ladies Union Benevolent Association. The Ladies Union Benevolent Association is a very special employer who is being honored with the Employer of Excellence Award as a part of the St.

Joseph YWCA's prestigious Women of Excellence.

For more than 120 years, the Ladies Union Benevolent Association, through the Noyes Home, has been a place where a child who is facing a family crisis feels safe, and can just be a child, until the family is able to get back on its feet. It's where a teen finds friendship, security, and a positive environment to continue attending high school if a parent has become incarcerated or is unable to care for them. Infants, children and teens can live at the Noyes Home for as long as needed while a family strives to find solutions, with service provided until a child turns 18. There is no financial obligation to the family. The Noyes Home is, above all, a home.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in congratulating the Ladies Union Benevolent Association for winning the Employer of Excellence Award. They are an exceptional organization in St. Joseph, Missouri, and I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress.

CONGRATULATING THE CAMDENTON LASER 3284 ROBOTICS TEAM FOR THEIR SUCCESS AT THE 2019 FIRST ROBOTICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Camdenton LASER 3284 robotics team on their great success at the 2019 FIRST Robotics World Championship.

For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics Competition is held each year for robotics teams around the country to compete and display their ingenuity. Camdenton LASER 3284 has competed in this competition since 2010, and every year the team has taken home numerous awards for their work and team spirit. This year, the team built a 125-pound robot, named Decennum, stemming from the Latin root "dec," to commemorate their 10th year of competition.

Decennum competed in the Deep Space FIRST Competition. The robot exemplified the team's creativity and bright innovation, making the quarterfinals in their division, bringing home the World Championship division Underwriter Laboratory Safety award for the third consecutive year, and receiving the highly esteemed Engineering Inspiration Award. This award is given to the team that most demonstrates outstanding success in advancing the respect and appreciation of engineering within the team's school, community and beyond.

Camdenton LASER 3284 team is no stranger to hard work, building community, and team pride. This is evident in the history of the team's achievements, and this year because of their great success they have prequalified for the World Championship in 2020.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating the members of Camdenton LASER 3284 team, Maya, Vanessa, Zane and Nick for a job well done.

HONORING LOGAN HERNDON AND WILLIAM JACKSON FOR BEING AWARDED THE VALOR AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Captain Logan Herndon and Lieutenant William Jackson as recipients of the Public Safety Valor Award.

The Valor Award is a prestigious honor presented to first responders of the greater Fayetteville region who perform acts of heroism under extreme risk. Captain Herndon and Lieutenant Jackson proudly serve the Fayetteville Fire Department and went above the normal call of duty in January 2019.

After responding to a motor vehicle accident, Captain Herndon and Lieutenant Jackson began to routinely assist Cumberland County EMS and the Fayetteville Police Department. As they worked, unusual commotion could be heard from an ambulance where one of the motorists was being treated. Calls for help came from the ambulance and as Captain Herndon and Lieutenant Jackson rushed over, they found a police officer in a physical altercation with the motorist. They responded forcefully, quickly securing the scene.

Captain Herndon and Lieutenant Jackson's quick actions may have saved the lives of their colleagues, as a loaded firearm was found in the offender's possession. I know I speak for everyone in our community when I say we are truly grateful for their unwavering service and cannot thank them enough.

Captain Logan Herndon and Lieutenant William Jackson are deserving of this honor and I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish them success as they continue to protect our communities.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in celebrating Captain Logan Herndon and Lieutenant William Jackson on receiving the Public Safety Valor Award.

IN HONOR OF PAUL SEARS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a special man, Paul Sears, of Lexington, Kentucky. Born in 1924, Dr. Sears enlisted in the Army Air Corps on October 25, 1942. He was assigned to the 100th Bomb Group, also known as the "Bloody Hundredth", in the 8th Air Force. Sears was a tailgunner on a B-17. On his very first mission, half of his 6 plane squadron was lost.

On his tenth and final mission, Dr. Sears' aircraft, "Salvo Sal", was hit over Germany on October 8, 1943. Sears bailed out over the Netherlands and was captured by the Germans. He was held in solitary confinement for 17 days in Frankfurt, Germany. After a 3-day ride in a cattle car, he was taken to Stalag 17b where he spent the next 19 months just trying to survive. Conditions were brutal, with prisoners living on small portions of black bread and cabbage soup that included worms. Sears lost 65 pounds, contracted a severe

respiratory infection, and almost died. In April of 1944, Sears and around 4,500 other POWs were forced to march over 200 miles west, away from the Russian Army and towards the American lines. The prisoners were liberated by General Patton's 3rd Army on May 3, 1945.

Dr. Sears returned home and married Juanita Reed Sears. Together they raised 2 girls, Anne and Elizabeth "Lizzy" Sears Brown. Under the G.I. Bill, Paul Sears entered the University of Kentucky where he earned a B.S. in 1950 and a Ph.D. in 1953. He spent most of his professional career at the University of Kentucky as a chemistry professor. He was recognized with two Outstanding Teacher Awards, recognized internationally for his research, and held several leadership positions at the University of Kentucky. He retired in 1990.

Dr. Sears and his fellow veterans are true heroes. As members of the "Greatest Generation", they willingly served to protect and defend the freedoms that we enjoy today. I am humbled to honor the service of Dr. Paul Sears before the United States Congress.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF TIMOTHY MILLS JOHNSON

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today in loving remembrance of, and in tribute to Mr. Timothy Mills Johnson, a long-time Capitol Hill staffer with our former colleagues Mike Oxley and Spencer Bachus, and the President of the Capitol Hill Tennis Club, who passed away late last year.

Tim, as he was affectionately known on the tennis court and in the halls of Congress, was an outstanding staffer, great tennis player and instructor, but most importantly, a friend to so many staffers across both chambers and across the aisles—and friendship is essential to the soul.

To say that his was a life "well-lived," is the true meaning of understatement. But first, let me tell you a little bit about Tim.

At an early age, Tim started playing tennis under the tutelage of his grandfather Nelson Turnell, a member of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame, and his uncle Daniel Turnell, who played varsity tennis at the University of Mississippi from 1965 to 1968. Tim's competitive tennis career started at Jamestown High School, where he played for Coach Fred Natarelli. Tim had standout seasons in 1977 and 1978 as first doubles on the JHS team. In 1977, Tim was undefeated at first doubles playing in the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Tennis League.

Following high school, Tim attended Syracuse University. He graduated in May 1982 with a double major in political science and broadcast journalism, was on the Dean's List for five semesters, and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the academic honorary. During the summer of 1980 in Jamestown, he prepared, wrote, announced and produced radio shows on news and sports for a radio reading service for the disabled carried on a sub-channel of WHUG.

This led to Tim covering all five General Conference on United States-Soviet Relations

at Chautauqua Institution from 1985 to 1989, traveling to the Soviet Union, and received numerous broadcasting awards for his efforts.

Following graduation, Tim worked at WKSN radio and was active in the local tennis community until 1994, when he moved to Washington to work in Congress, as a fellow of the American Political Science Association. Tim worked as a legislative assistant to Congressman Mike Oxley of Ohio, who also was manager of the Republican Congressional Baseball team, an annual tradition popular amongst members of Congress, staff, and others. Tim became the coach and one of the principal organizers for the game, a position that continued for nearly 20 years. Tim also happened to be in the dugout during the tragic shooting at Republican baseball practice in 2017.

For his work, Tim was quoted about the Congressional baseball game in a variety of publications, such as the Washington Post and Roll Call. He worked tirelessly, as an unpaid volunteer, to raise money by arranging for sponsors for the Congressional baseball game and was recognized in 2014 by the respective team managers for his years of contribution to the game, ranging from shagging balls at 6:30 a.m. practices to organizing the distribution of charitable giving.

Tim completed his career on the Hill in the office of Congressman Spencer Bachus, serving as Communications Director until retirement.

While Tim was a presence on the Hill during the week, for almost 30 years he served as president of the Capitol Hill Tennis Club, which worked closely with the charity efforts of numerous tennis-related organizations such as the Cystic Fibrosis Celebrity Tennis Gala, the Thanks USA, the Washington Kastles, the Foundation for Prader-Willi Research, Hope Street Kids, and the Washington Tennis and Education Foundation (WTEF). For the WTEF, Tim helped organize an annual celebrity tournament where members of Congress, professional tennis players, Congressional staff, community leaders, and others played to raise money for critical causes around the country.

For many years, as part of his duties with the CHTC, for countless weekends in the hot sun of our nation's capital, through his diagnosis, Tim had one of his toughest duties keeping the peace among spirited Capitol Hill staffers as he fed them tennis ball after ball, rain or shine, and more often than not, helping someone perfect a grip, shot, or foot movement on the tennis court with his trademark patience and equanimity.

Madam Speaker, right now, Tim is in Heaven, serving, and is up 40-Love, but instead of raining down another serve, he gently guides the ball over the net so as to keep the ball in play and enjoy a long rally as he did for so many of us during his sojourn here.

HONORING ALLYAH SMITH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Allyah Smith. Allyah is a very special woman and leader who is being honored with the Future Leader Award as a part of the St. Joseph YWCA's prestigious Women of Excellence.