

their community involvement, including receiving the “Distinguished Citizen Award” from the Boy Scouts Evangeline Area Council in 2001 and the 2013 Leaders in Philanthropy Award from Community Foundation of Acadiana for Iberia Parish. They also founded a scholarship at Catholic High School. Most recently, Jerry was the Grand Marshall of the local St. Patrick’s Day Parade and a former King of the Krewe of Andalusia. In fact, Jerry was so active in New Iberia, people would often refer to him as the “unofficial mayor of New Iberia.”

Jerry’s impact on New Iberia, Louisiana, will never be forgotten and he deserves great recognition. His passing is a true loss to his family, his community and to Louisiana.

Jerry and his bride, Harriet, have six children, 21 grandchildren, and 33 great grandchildren. I join his family in mourning his passing and celebrating his life.

HONORING RECIPIENTS OF THE INAUGURAL THIRD DISTRICT YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR AWARDS

HON. ADRIAN SMITH

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, today I honor five individuals and businesses from Nebraska for receiving the Inaugural Third District Young Entrepreneur Awards.

Throughout the 75 counties of the Third District, entrepreneurs and innovators are working hard to grow opportunity in our state.

In May, I called for nominations as part of a new initiative to recognize the young individuals, businesses, and organizations in the Third District who strengthen their communities through fresh ideas, hard work, and entrepreneurship.

Papa Moon Vineyards of Scottsbluff began in 2007 as a grape growing hobby for the Massey family, and has since evolved into an absolute passion for grape cultivation and craft-wine production. Over the next several years, their passion evolved into a family business. Named for the moniker the youngest Massey family member gave his grandfather, winery owner Jim, it has truly become a family project. The Masseys opened their tasting room in 2018 to share their passion for viticulture and love of winemaking. They are a proud family-owned farm winery, with a focus on the cultivation and production of high quality product.

Upstream Farms of Albion, is led by brothers Matthew and Joseph Brugger. They work every day to bring new meaning to the phrase, “Farm to Table.” The Bruggers co-founded Upstream with the goal of establishing better rural communities. They saw few opportunities for young people to become involved in agriculture, and wanted to create a business that would inspire young agriculturalists and entrepreneurs to pursue their passion in a rural community. To demonstrate their desire to embrace their vision, Upstream is more than just a traditional farm. Upstream strives to demonstrate diversification through action, offering services in agronomy, technical innovation, resale of market ready produce, and angus products.

Striv Inc. of Henderson, is led by Taylor Siebert. He discovered his passion for sharing

stories when he started the Heartland Beat, an online blog and newsletter, to reach out to alumni of Heartland Community School. This experience inspired Taylor to explore other avenues for schools and their alumni to create and share content. This discovery process led to the founding of Striv Inc. in 2012. Today, Striv Inc. has taught hundreds of students the necessary skills to provide high quality streaming access and coverage of school events and activities for their schools and communities. The business currently provides educational and streaming services to over 100 school districts in Nebraska. Ever the innovator, Siebert has never stopped creating. The purpose of his latest development, “Class Intercom,” is to help school districts more effectively utilize social media to maximize connection, promotion, and information sharing in their communities. Taylor could have created his internet-driven business in any state in the country. He chose to come back to Nebraska, back to his hometown, and invest his talents in training tomorrow’s leaders and creating a better version of the, “The Good Life.”

The Medina Street Vault Coffeehouse & Bistro of Cairo is owned by Jenna Schweitzer. Through the experiences of her high school job as barista, owner Jenna Schweitzer realized her life’s passion was coffee. She knew she wanted to open her own coffee shop, and to attempt to share her passion with her hometown. In 2017, thanks to Jenna’s vision, hard work, and the support of her family she opened her coffee shop and bistro in a former bank building in Cairo, and strategically selected her food and drink menu to ensure she complemented, and supported other local businesses. Schweitzer feels The Vault has become an experience area residents turn to when they want a place to meet their friends, relax, and lose two or three hours in conversation. Her goal of creating a family-centered environment to share her passion with others has become a reality.

Game On of McCook is owned by Cody Dame. Thanks to a 2007 submission to the Hormel Business Plan Competition permanently changed his professional direction. Winning the business plan competition allowed him to transition from owning his own traveling videography and disc jockey service to pursuing his passion of building a community through creating a fun and experiential environment for all ages. Quickly growing from a 1,000 square foot retail space to a much larger location in the community of McCook, Cody has expanded into the communities of North Platte, Kearney, and Grand Island as well. Game On has become a successful regional retail business, committed to strengthening the communities in which they are present.

I am proud to recognize each of these award winners today, and I thank them for their many contributions to Nebraska.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE MITROVICH

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I mourn the passing of my friend, my neighbor, and San Diego icon: George Mitrovich.

I often joked that one of the reasons I ran for office was so that George could introduce me at events. He was a dynamic and articulate speaker with a velvet voice. It was always an honor to be introduced by him.

During the debate leading up to a vote on the Affordable Care Act in 2009, I held a town hall meeting with constituents to hear their thoughts. I knew interest in the meeting was very high and there would be a big crowd.

I thought to myself, who do I know who could control a large, feisty—possibly angry—group of people. Of course the answer was George. When I asked him if he wanted to take on the challenge, he said he was delighted.

More than 1,200 people attended that town hall and people were fired up. With his commanding presence, George deftly moderated the event—kept folks in line and the proceedings on course.

It is virtually impossible to travel around San Diego and not see George’s impact. He was on just about every board and every commission. What an incredible amount of boundless ideas and endless energy he had. And he kept it up until his final days.

It wasn’t just San Diego that benefited from his talents. George was active in causes and events in many cities around the country.

George was a writer, a public speaker, and an athlete. But mostly, he was a trusted and loyal friend.

Above all, I send condolences to his loving family.

It is safe to say that San Diego won’t see the likes of George Mitrovich again.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF HILARY A. DAVIS, WOMEN’S CONGRESSIONAL POLICY INSTITUTE 2019 CONGRESSIONAL FELLOW ON WOMEN AND PUBLIC POLICY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Hillary A. Davis, Congressional Fellow with the Women’s Congressional Policy Institute on Women and Public Policy. For the past 7 months, Ms. Davis has been working as a research and writing associate.

Ms. Davis is a native of Tampa, Florida, and chose to follow in her godmother’s footsteps and attend the historic Fisk University in Nashville, TN. There she majored in Political Science, and while at Fisk, Ms. Davis established herself as a servant leader by being elected to serve on the Student Government Association and as chapter president of Fisk’s collegiate chapter of NAACP. Upon graduating from Fisk, she returned to Tampa and began a career as a human resource professional in the information technology industry. Ms. Davis also holds a Master of Public Administration from Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, LA.

Throughout her time on the Committee, Ms. Davis has displayed a high degree of professionalism and personal commitment to providing staff valuable insight and information. In all of this, Ms. Davis has demonstrated benevolence, vitality, and enthusiasm, which has helped all of us enormously.

We thank Ms. Davis for her service to the Committee and our country and wish her the very best as she continues her outstanding professional journey.

IN RECOGNITION OF CODY SPLITT'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor World War II veteran and retired attorney Cody Splitt as she celebrates her 100th birthday.

Esther “Cody” Splitt was born in Wausau, Wisconsin in 1919. From a young age, Cody knew she wanted to serve her country and make an impact in her community. At the height of WWII, she joined the U.S. Navy and served in the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service. While serving, she worked on naval intelligence and was the head of personnel for WAVES.

After leaving the Navy in 1945, Cody pursued her dream of becoming a lawyer. Through the G.I. Bill, she attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she was one of five women in her class. She graduated in just three years with a bachelor’s and law degree.

Cody met and married her husband, Harley, while attending UW-Madison. After her graduation, the couple moved to Appleton where Cody opened the second woman-owned law firm in Outagamie County. At age 66, she was elected president of the Outagamie County Bar Association, the first woman to hold that position. Cody retired from the legal profession at age 75 and joined the Outagamie County Board of Supervisors. She won subsequent bids for reelection and served on the Legislative/Audit Committee until she resigned at the age of 82. In addition, Cody served on the Outagamie County Health and Human Services Board.

Her contributions to the community are vast and continue to be honored. In 2013, Cody was honored as a Woman of Distinction by the Mid-Day Women’s Alliance. She was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Wisconsin Law Journal in 2015. In 2016, the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce inducted Cody into the Business Hall of Fame for her success and influence as a business leader.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise in recognition of Cody Splitt’s 100th birthday. I would like to thank Cody for her service in the U.S. Navy and continued commitment to improving the Fox Valley community. May she have a happy and healthy birthday.

CONGRATULATING WILLIAM J. NOONAN ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate my dear friend, William J. Noonan, on his well-deserved retirement. After a long

and successful career in government and the gaming industry, the last 18 years of which he spent at Boyd Gaming, Bill leaves Las Vegas better than he found it. I am sad to see him depart his official position but know he will stay involved in our community.

After graduating from Missouri State and subsequently receiving his Master’s in Public Administration from the University of Kansas, Bill spent years managing cities across this country and guiding them through both tough and exciting economic periods. Although gaming was not widely legalized throughout the country when Bill first landed in Las Vegas in the 1990s, he sensed the tides turning and worked with city leaders to prepare for its expansion.

It was important to Bill to foster strong relationships between the gaming industry and the communities in which companies operated, and he went above and beyond his professional duties to accomplish this. With his strategic thinking and amiable personality, Bill made Boyd Gaming a better community partner and Las Vegas a stronger and more prosperous community through his service as Vice Chairman and Executive Board member of the Nevada Resort Association.

I had the pleasure of hosting Bill as my guest to the State of the Union one year. It is difficult to find someone who enjoys politics as much as Bill. But Bill has been so much more than just an observer. Bill has run a casino; dined with U.S. presidents; guided economic development and philanthropy in Las Vegas as Chair of the Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce and through the Las Vegas Global Economic Alliance; served on the Board of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority; and helped unify our community after the horrific events of 1 October.

He is well respected in the gaming industry intentionally and has been recognized numerous times for his leadership, including as Gaming Professional of the Year. He has truly left his mark on Las Vegas, and we are all indebted to him for it. I wish Bill and his wife, Sylvia, all the best in their future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING MR. HENRY RODRIGUEZ MARTINEZ, SR.

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Mr. Henry Rodriguez Martinez, Sr. of Dallas. Mr. Martinez was a father, veteran and a local civil rights leader that was committed to bettering our DFW communities throughout his life of public service.

Mr. Martinez was son of West Dallas, and spent his life making sure that communities of color had a seat at the table. He was an early pioneer in building Latino political power in our community and was one of the loudest advocates in the fight to guarantee better representation for all people of color on the Dallas City council. I know he would be proud to see the diversity we have on our city council today.

Mr. Martinez also worked to ensure the safety of West Dallas and the greater DFW-area. Martinez was an active member of the Eagle Ford/Ledbetter Community of West Dallas throughout his life and as the president of

the Ledbetter Neighborhood Association helped improve local transit across the community and improve the quality of life for those that lived there.

My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Martinez’s family and friends. West Dallas is losing a fighter and advocate for their community. His spirit and accomplishments are irreplaceable, but we will always strive to emulate them.

RECOGNIZING THE 113TH ANNIVERSARY AND 95TH GENERAL CONVENTION OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.

HON. STEVEN HORSFORD

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 113th Anniversary and 95th General Convention of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (AΦΑ) is the first African-American, intercollegiate Greek-lettered fraternity. It was initially a literary and social studies club organized in the 1905-1906 school year at Cornell University but later evolved into a fraternity with a founding date of December 4, 1906. Its aims are “Manly Deeds, Scholarship, and Love For All Mankind,” and its motto is “First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All.”

Chapters were chartered at Howard University and Virginia Union University in 1907. The fraternity now has over 290,000 members and has been open to men of all races since 1945. Currently, there are more than 730 active chapters in the Americas, Africa, Europe, the Caribbean, and Asia. It is the largest predominantly African-American fraternity and one of the ten largest collegiate fraternities in the nation.

Alpha Phi Alpha is a social organization with a service organization mission and has provided leadership and service during the Great Depression, both World Wars, and the Civil Rights Movement. The fraternity has addressed social issues such as apartheid, AIDS, urban housing, and other economic, cultural, and political issues of interest to people of color.

National programs and initiatives of the fraternity include A Voteless People Is a Hopeless People, My Brother’s Keeper, Go To High School, Go To College, Project Alpha, and the World Policy Council. It also conducts philanthropic programming initiatives with the March of Dimes, Head Start, the Boy Scouts of America, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. Currently the fraternity is involved in a vigorous civic engagement initiative aimed at voter protection and a full census count for people of color.

Members of this fraternity include many historical civil rights leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr., NAACP founder W. E. B. Du Bois. Other world-renowned members include political activist Cornel West, musicians Duke Ellington and Lionel Richie, NBA legend Walt Frazier, Jamaican Prime Minister Norman Manley, Olympic gold medalist Jesse Owens, Justice Thurgood Marshall, Investor and founder of Vista Equity Partners Robert F. Smith, United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young, Academy Award winning director Barry