

on May 5, 1941. After basic training, he was sent to Pearl Harbor, where he was on the morning of Sunday, December 7, 1941. Mr. Paredes was heading to mass when the attack began and ran to the first anti-aircraft gun he could find and manned it until the attack was over, managing to shoot down at least one plane.

Mr. Paredes was then sent to Australia where he volunteered to be the nose gunner on a B25 that was shot down at sea near Port Moresby. Once rescued, he was sent to Cairns, Australia and later to Owens Stanley Range, New Guinea, where he participated in the Kokoda Track Campaign and Battle of Buna-Gona with the 7th Division, 32 Infantry. Later, Mr. Paredes joined the 2nd Engineer Special Brigade from September to October 1943, where he was wounded transporting troops to and from Scarlett Beach.

After being attached to the Navy and stationed near Vella Lavella Island in 1943, Mr. Paredes participated in the Battle of Tarawa, and given a cyanide pill to be taken if captured. He was later sent to his final combat station in the Philippines and discharged in September 1945.

In 1959, Mr. Paredes married his wife Artemisa and had four kids, eventually settling down in Atwater in the 1970s, working for many years as a bricklayer. Though his wife passed away in 2007, Mr. Paredes remains proud of the family he started with her and now has many grandchildren, great, and great-great grandchildren.

Since retiring from the bricklayers' union in the 1980s, Mr. Paredes has remained civically engaged. He is a member of Merced Elks Lodge No. 1240 and a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, where he still serves as the bugler in the honor guard.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the exceptional life of Frank Paredes on his 100th birthday. I wish him and his family the best as they celebrate 100 years of a gentleman that has made a difference and truly exemplifies the values of duty, honor, and country.

HONORING THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT AND THE LEG- ACY OF SUSAN B. ANTHONY ON HER 200TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the passage of the 19th Amendment and the legacy of Susan B. Anthony on her 200th birthday.

Susan B. Anthony was born on February 15, 1820 in Adams, Massachusetts. At the age of six, she moved with her family to Battenville, New York in Washington County. Her family were devout Quakers committed to social equality and the anti-slavery movement. She educated herself on reform issues, reading the early work of her future partner, Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

Their partnership began shortly after they first met in person in 1851. In 1852 they founded the New York Women's State Temperance Society. Throughout the rest of her life, Susan B. Anthony worked tirelessly for the

equality of woman and African Americans. During her lifetime, women achieved suffrage in Wyoming, Utah, Colorado and Idaho. Legal rights and employment opportunities had been greatly expanded in most states. In addition, colleges and universities began allowing women to enroll and by the time of her death, more than 36,000 women were attending schools throughout the U.S.

Susan B. Anthony passed away in 1906 in her home in Rochester, saying of national suffrage that "Failure is impossible." The 19th Amendment was ratified just 14 years later, in 1920. I was proud to honor her work by leading the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commemorative Coin Act through its passage in the House of Representatives. This bill was signed into law by President Trump on November 25, 2019.

The work of Susan B. Anthony was crucial to the eventual passage of the 19th Amendment and her legacy is as strong as ever. As commemorations go on across the country, I am proud to honor her 200th birthday on behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District.

LAKELAND HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROSS SPANO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lakeland High School cheerleading team on their championship performance at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

These students won the Extra Large Non-Tumbling Division title at the FHSAA 2A state meet despite losing one of their key members to injury just prior to the finals.

Just as spectacular, the Dreadnaughts repeated as state champions having won in the Large Non-Tumbling Division last year.

Lakeland High School was led to victory by head coach Crystal Abdon who praised her team's grit and perseverance.

Competitive cheerleading has grown as a sport and Lakeland High continues to prove themselves as not only one of the best in our state, but also one of the top programs in the nation and world.

Again, congratulations to the Lakeland High School cheerleading team and staff for this victory. Their commitment to one another and joy for their sport is admirable, and I, along with all of Lake County, are so proud of them all.

RECOGNIZING DOROTHY STEIN

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a dear friend and mentor, Dorothy Stein, who will celebrate her 102nd birthday this year.

Dorothy was born in 1918 in Owosso, Michigan to Justina (Byrnes) and Matthew Shea. While she was still young, the family moved to Flint, Michigan, and Dorothy stayed there until

she was married. She was eventually hired by the Flint Journal covering 'society news' and cherished the time she spent reporting there.

She met her husband, Donald (Don) J. Stein, through friends. They married during the war but before he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. The war ended just as he completed his training.

The couple moved to Detroit and had four children, then eleven grandchildren, then twenty great grandchildren. She was involved with several charities, including Christ Child Society. She and Don were also very involved in the Academy of the Sacred Heart where their three daughters attended school. They joined Otsego Ski Club and enjoyed spending time there for many years.

Dorothy played bridge several days a week and became extremely skilled. She has been a member of the Village Club for decades which was the site of much of her bridge playing. She still plays occasionally to this day. She drove until she was 98 years old, and she continues to bless all with her warm heart and beautiful wardrobe. Our community is a better place because of Dorothy Stein.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JOHN T. MURPHY

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John "Jack" T. Murphy of Youngstown, Ohio, who passed away peacefully on February 20, 2020.

John was born on December 17, 1931 in Youngstown as the son of Irish immigrants, Bridget Durkin Murphy and Michael Murphy. He married Joanne Mondora on September 13, 1958, who passed away on May 18, 2012. Together, John and Joanne raised seven children and taught them all, by their own example, how to cherish their family, their heritage, their faith and their hometown.

John graduated from South High School in Youngstown in 1950. Upon his graduation from high school, he joined the U.S. Air Force and proudly served his country in the Korean War. After his military service, John performed in plays at the Youngstown Playhouse and then headed "out west" to pursue an acting career. He was cast in numerous roles in many performances in North Dakota, but he ultimately chose to return to his family and his beloved Youngstown.

Upon his return, John earned his bachelor's degree from Youngstown State University, and subsequently earned his master's degree from the University of Akron. John spent his professional career working for the Youngstown City Schools as an Art teacher, Principal and as a Truant Officer, retiring in 1993. Also, during his professional life, he was a Mill Creek Park policeman and proudly served as the 7th Ward Councilman in the City of Youngstown from 1976 to 1981. He also served as a board member on the Mahoning County Children Services Board.

As a proud veteran, John was a member of the American Legion for over fifty years. John had immense pride in both his Irish and Catholic heritage. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Dominic's Catholic Church and regularly attended mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

John's hobbies included fly fishing, wood carving, drawing and watching plays and movies. In addition, after sending all seven of his children to Cardinal Mooney High School, he became an unwavering fan. John also took great pride in the fact that his seven children all graduated from Youngstown State University and would always support its sporting events, even attending several of the National Championship games. His love of Notre Dame football was unmatched. Every Saturday during every Fall, John would be glued to the television watching his beloved team and made sure to never miss a game. He also traveled to South Bend whenever he had the opportunity. If he happened to be at an event during game time, John could be found with his earphones listening to the game and ready to share the status of the game and the score.

Above all else, though, the most important thing to John was his family. He was at his happiest when he was attending his grandchildren's sporting events and activities. He was so proud of all of his children and grandchildren, and he found absolute joy in every moment spent with them. John especially loved to spend every New Year's Eve with his family, when he would "drop" his silver disco ball for them as they all counted down the last ten seconds to every new year.

John leaves to cherish his memory, his sister, Marie Murphy; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Adele and George Eonomus; children, Bridget (Chris) Weber, Joanie Murphy, John (Linda) Murphy, Jenn (Mike) Ritter, Mollie Kay, Liz (Dave) Phillips and Dan (Leslie) Murphy; grandchildren, Jackie, Joe and Jake Weber, John Murphy, Linnie, Anthony and Daniel Ritter, Pat, Carolyn and Matthew Kay, Michael, Mark and Jack Phillips and Luke, Janine and Cara Murphy; his nephew, Dennis Gruber, who was like a brother to him and numerous other nieces and nephews, known to them as "Uncle Jack."

John was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings, Kate Murphy, Jim Murphy, Elizabeth Murphy, Hannah Murphy, Peg Tabor, Rita Crawford, Betty Murphy, Daniel Murphy and Theresa Bartelmay and his beloved wife, Joanne.

Mr. Murphy was a long-time Democratic activist, and supporter of mine. He was a great public servant and advocate for the Mahoning Valley. My deepest condolences go out to the family and to all whose lives were touched by John.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MR. JAMES ARRIGO

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and service of Mr. James Arrigo as he celebrates his 96th birthday. Throughout his life, Mr. Arrigo has demonstrated exemplary patriotism through his service in World War II, and longstanding devotion to his family.

After graduating from North High School in 1942, Mr. Arrigo enlisted in the United States Air Force, proudly serving his country in World War II. During the war, he was stationed in Japan, working as a bombardier with the 20th

Air Force 313th Wing. In December of 1945, Mr. Arrigo was discharged as a 1st Lieutenant, after flying 35 missions over Japan.

Following completion of his military service, Mr. Arrigo returned home to Central New York and on April 7, 1947 married Mary Ann Cali. Together they lived in North Syracuse and raised two children. After many years working as a self-employed barber at Jimmy's Barber-shop, Mr. Arrigo retired at the age of 82. In addition to working as a barber, Mr. Arrigo served as a Town of Clay councilman from 1966 to 1970 and served as an active member of the Town of Clay Men of Rotary.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the life and service of Mr. James Arrigo. Mr. Arrigo's life has been one marked by admirable devotion to his family and country.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JON MYERS

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jon Myers for his dedicated service to Whitley County, Indiana. Hoosiers in my hometown of Columbia City and throughout Whitley County owe a great debt of gratitude to Jon for ushering our region into a more prosperous future, and we wish him the very best as he retires from his post as president of Whitley County Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

Under Jon's leadership, the Whitley County EDC has flourished. As of 2019, Whitley County has higher homeownership, a higher workforce participation rate, more people with health insurance, and fewer residents in poverty than compared to the national average. The opportunity and prosperity Whitley County enjoy today is due in no small part to Jon's leadership.

Jon's career is distinguished, defined by his active role in the broader northeast Indiana community. Prior to serving on Mitch Daniels' campaign for governor in 2004, Myers helped establish the law firm of Myers and Hockemeyer and held a senior role with Lincoln Life. In 2005, Jon became manager of the Indiana EDC office in Fort Wayne, where, in the years thereafter, determined to address problems facing Whitley County.

He has worked tirelessly to ensure those living in the region have good jobs, can support their families and have the best quality of life. Although he will no longer lead the Whitley County EDC, his legacy will endure, and his commitment to the community and state will serve as a proud example for others in the years to come.

CONGRATULATING THOMAS MICHAEL SEILER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Hollidaysburg native

Thomas Michael Seiler as he retires from the Altoona Mobile Emergency Department (AMED) after many years of service as an EMT.

Throughout Mr. Seiler's career, he has touched the lives of many families in our community and has saved countless lives. In recognition of this service, he was recognized as the "AMED EMT of the Year" in 2013 and has been lauded multiple times for his "out of hospital cardiac arrest saves."

In 1976, Mr. Seiler began his public service as a volunteer firefighter and rescue captain for the Phoenix Volunteer Fire Department in Hollidaysburg. He first obtained his EMT certification in 1980. Before joining AMED in 2004, Mr. Seiler worked as an EMT at Hollidaysburg American Legion Ambulance Service. In addition to his work as a first responder, he also served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1974 to 1981.

As he and his family begin a new chapter, I congratulate Mr. Seiler on his achievements and thank him for his tireless devotion to the citizens of Blair County and our nation.

LARRY BIRD RECEIVES THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE COMMUNITY AWARD

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Larry Bird, the Mayor of Hesperia, CA, on being selected as the recipient of the 2020 Distinguished Service Community Award by the Victor Valley College Foundation.

A third-generation resident, Larry Bird was born and raised in the High Desert, where he currently serves as Mayor of the City of Hesperia. While elected office is a recent development for Larry, he has spent his entire career working for Hesperia Unified School District. After teaching for several years, he was promoted to work in school administration. Today, he serves as the Principal of Sultana High School in Hesperia. In 2016, he sought election to the Hesperia City Council, and ended up winning with the greatest number of votes ever achieved by a council candidate.

I am confident that Larry will continue to be an example and role-model to both his students and the residents of Hesperia. His dedication to his students, the citizens of Hesperia, and our High Desert community is constantly on display, and he is undoubtedly deserving of this award. Congratulations, Larry.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF GIRLS INC.

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the non-profit organization Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis, also known as Girls Inc. Indy. Stemming from the national program