

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

Girls Inc., Girls Inc. Indy opened its doors in 1969. It has since established programs in sixty-one different schools in the Indianapolis area with a mission to empower all young women to be strong, smart, and bold. The people of the Fifth Congressional District of Indiana are grateful for Girls Inc. Indy, and it is my pleasure to congratulate the organization in celebration of this special occasion.

In 1864, the national organization Girls Inc. was created in Waterbury, Connecticut to aid girls and young women in their navigation of society after the Civil War. The new organization dedicated itself to creating a safe environment for young women to further their self-confidence, independence, and education. Over time, Girls Inc. adapted its programs to fit society's changing social climate while maintaining its original values. In 1969, Girls Inc. reached Indianapolis. The Girls Inc. Indy branch was established, rooted in the fundamental values of the national organization but designed programs specific to young women in the Indianapolis area. Historically girls in our country have been excluded from opportunities due to gender, race, or socio-economic status. Recognizing the detrimental effects that this has on girls' self-confidence and mental health, Girls Inc. Indy fights to provide young women with a safe place to grow in their own capacities and be themselves.

This nonprofit organization is staffed by developmental professionals as well as trained volunteers, all of whom serve as mentors for girls in the program. Staff members are dedicated to providing girls with an emotionally stable environment in which they foster educational, professional, and personal growth. To embolden girls in their education and career fields, Girls Inc. Indy holds a variety of science and STEM initiatives, such as its Eureka! 5-year science program for middle school girls and its Girls Inc. Day for the inner scientist in girls of all ages. In preparing girls for their future endeavors, Girls Inc. Indy encourages their members to cultivate leadership skills and a streak of independence. It has adopted programs such as its Young Women in Leadership classes and its economic literacy classes for high school girls. However, because Girls Inc. Indy recognizes the irreplaceable value of high self-esteem, the organization has created numerous initiatives that focus on personal growth. Programs that discuss the definition of beauty and the importance of conflict management and empower young women as they embark on their journeys of self-discovery. Girls Inc. Indy has served a wide variety of young women around Indianapolis, welcoming all girls despite age, race, ethnicity, and socio-economic background.

The impact of this organization on our girls is immeasurable. In 2017 alone, Girls Inc. Indy served 4,299 girls in its programs, reaching across four different counties in the Indianapolis area. Many of these girls participated in more than one program, totaling 8,106 program enrollments.

For fifty years, Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis has aided the young women of the Indianapolis area in their development, facilitating a healthy environment to allow girls to explore their personalities, their communities, and their future careers. The challenges that young women face are constantly evolving, but I am confident that Girls Inc. Indy will continue to serve a pivotal role in their development for another fifty years and more.

Annually, Girls Inc. Indy recognizes female leaders with the Touchstone Award to those who have made astounding contributions to the Indianapolis community, and have inspired all girls to be strong, smart, and bold, enabling them to be confident in their abilities, proud of who they are, and ready to take their place in the world. It was my distinct honor to receive this prestigious award in 2008.

On this 50th Anniversary, I commend Girls Inc. Indy on its mission to embolden girls and its success in its programs. I wish the organization, its staff, volunteers and the girls it serves all the best in its future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND OPENING OF THE LINCOLN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS HEALTH CEN- TER

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the grand opening of the Lincoln Park Public Schools Health Center. The new facility will increase access to healthcare services, improving the health and wellness of many students in our community. This endeavor is worthy of commendation.

Last summer, Lincoln Park Public Schools and Henry Ford Health System's Department of Pediatrics announced a partnership that would facilitate the creation of a school health and wellness center at Lincoln Park High School. Months later, we celebrate as that vision finally comes to fruition and the Lincoln Park Public School Health Center opens its doors to the community today. The new health and wellness center will provide basic primary care and behavioral health services to patients between the ages of 4 and 21 and special education students up to age 26.

The opening of the Lincoln Park Public Schools Health Center exemplifies our community's commitment to meeting the increasingly complex health care concerns of students across Michigan. The services it will offer like nursing care for common illnesses and injuries, mental health evaluations, and risk reduction counseling will help eliminate the barriers that have traditionally prevented students in the community from seeking the health care services they require. The health and wellness center will be a critical resource for many and help improve the lives and overall health of students in the downriver community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the grand opening of the Lincoln Park Public Schools Health Center. The opening of the new facility will enable our community to better meet the needs of our students, making it easier for them to access the vital healthcare and wellness services they need. I am grateful for this partnership between Henry Ford Health System and Lincoln Park Public Schools and the tremendous impact it will have on the students of our community.

RECOGNIZING NAOMI REEM

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Naomi Reem, an extraordinary woman and a leader in the Washington, D.C. Jewish community, who has, for 15 years, served as Head of School for the only Jewish day school in the District, the Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School of the Nation's Capital.

The Jewish community of Washington, D.C. is one of the fastest growing and largest in the nation. Indeed, according to a February 2018 article in *The Washington Post*, the D.C.-metro area is now home to the third largest population of Jewish people in the country after New York and Los Angeles. As we all know, a critical part of building strong community is access to good education, and Ms. Reem has made it her personal mission over the past decade and a half to ensure that a vibrant Jewish education is available to families in and around the city.

Founded in 1988, Milton, formerly known as JPDS-NC, has had just two heads of school in its 31-year history. Under Ms. Reem's leadership, the school received its first independent school accreditation; grew from under 200 to over 450 students; opened a second, early childhood education campus in the District; and launched the first Jewish middle school program in D.C. in over 40 years.

Ms. Reem is an expert educator with a teaching degree from the Agnon Institute in Buenos Aires, Argentina, a bachelor's degree from Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and a master's degree in Jewish Education from Hebrew College in Newton, Massachusetts. She has led Milton to adopt numerous curricular initiatives in General Studies and Hebrew and Judaic Studies, which have earned the school a solid reputation, locally and nationally, as a forward-looking institution, excellent in all academic areas. Milton's reputation has attracted major philanthropic support, totaling well over \$55 million since Ms. Reem joined the school.

Prior to coming to Milton, Ms. Reem was Head of School at Sinai Academy of the Berkshires, a day school in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, for seven years. Previously, she worked at the Gordon Day School in Miami, Florida and in several educational settings in Argentina, Israel and the United States.

Ms. Reem has served on the Board of the Association of Independent Maryland and D.C. Schools, where she previously chaired two accreditation teams for other independent schools. She has also served as a mentor at the Day School Leadership Training Institute, a program sponsored by the AVICHA Foundation and the Jewish Theological Seminary to train new and aspiring heads of schools. Additionally, Ms. Reem is a member of the Executives Council for the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and served as its co-chair for three years.

Ms. Reem is a native of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and left her hometown in Argentina when she was 22 years old. She became a citizen of the United States on February 2, 2017.

Ms. Reem's long career in education—from her early years teaching through her tenure at