

we have results, the sooner we can implement proper precautions and care. Solutions like the testing system that Fluxergy developed can help us save lives.

I launched a Constituent of the Month program to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond to make our region and our country a stronger place for everyone to live and thrive. There are countless health care workers, first responders, grocery workers and many others who deserve recognition. Today, I am proud to recognize Tej and his team's innovation during this time of crisis for our country, which is both inspiring and encouraging. I am honored to recognize Tej Patel and the Fluxergy team as my Constituent of the Month and I thank them for being beacons of light and hope for our community as we fight this global pandemic together.

HONORING IOWA'S TEACHERS AS
IOWANS OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, in honor of National Teacher Appreciation Week, I am recognizing the incredible educators of Iowa's Third Congressional District as our Iowans of the Week. Their daily contributions to our children's lives have perhaps never been more evident than during the past couple of months while our nation battles the COVID-19 pandemic. As distance learning has become the new norm, parents-turned-home-educators have developed a whole new appreciation for the academic, social, and emotional support teachers provide our children.

It has been remarkable to see educators and school staff rise to the challenge of serving their students in the face of this unprecedented crisis. With little time to plan and while coping with the pandemic themselves, they transitioned lesson plans to fit the constraints of distance learning and have worked hard to find creative ways to keep students engaged. Within the Des Moines Public School district alone, teachers have now moved more than 6,300 Pre-K through 8th grade classes to an online learning platform and distributed nearly 21,000 laptop computers to students across grade levels. In districts across central and southwest Iowa, teachers have also packed countless bags of books, school supplies, games, and other supports for students and families. And at Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs, teachers are now hosting activities like Anime Club meetups via Google Hangouts.

Their efforts extend far beyond traditional lesson plans. Teachers were among the first to recognize and fill the void of food insecurity for many students in their school districts; for weeks now, they have stepped up to pack and serve tens of thousands of meals weekly for students who might otherwise go without. They know many students still need a wellness check, so educators have donned masks and knocked on doors to make sure students are safe and secure. And at the end of the day, teachers still find the energy to organize parades through their school districts just to put a smile on their students' faces.

Their contributions to our community don't end with their students. We even have teach-

ers who are working around the clock to produce face shields for health care workers on their school's 3D printers.

Teachers deserve special recognition this week and every week for their willingness to go above and beyond for the benefit of our students and families. In many ways, educators are the heart of Iowa's communities. They are thoughtful caretakers and mentors of our generations to come, and it is a role they approach with purpose and compassion. While educators face various professional challenges, many see teaching as their life's calling. I am grateful for every person who has chosen to spend their careers sparking curiosity and creativity in our children. So please allow me to express my deep appreciation and thanks to every teacher in Iowa's Third Congressional District, and to honor them as Iowans of the Week.

RECOGNIZING JO ELLIS AND
MAKE.DO.

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, today I recognize Jo Ellis and her team at the nonprofit organization Make.Do., an organization that has been restoring hope through creativity, connection, and compassion in Searcy, Arkansas.

The team at Make.Do. has shifted their focus during the current public health crisis due to COVID-19 and have dedicated their abilities to making masks for the community and healthcare workers, so far producing more than 780 masks.

The team has also adapted their community outreach by starting the Quarantine Craft Camp. Here, they provide craft supplies to Searcy residents and encourage them to participate in the educational Facebook Live events that they host.

This initiative has shined a light on how creativity encourages positive attitudes and can unite a community even amidst a public health crisis.

I congratulate Jo Ellis and the team at Make.Do. for their creative way to bring the community of Searcy together.

HONORING ESTHER MARTIN
RIGSBY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mrs. Esther Martin Riggsby. Mrs. Esther Martin Riggsby entered into eternal rest March 17, 2020. She was born August 31, 1932 to Reverend and Mrs. Alex L. Martin in Port Gibson, Mississippi. She was a graduate of Claiborne County Training School, where she was the class salutatorian and choir accompanist. She matriculated at Alcorn State University where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in English Education. While at Alcorn, she was a member of the col-

lege choir, the Dramatic Guild, and was initiated into the Gamma Phi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

On December 25, 1954, she united in holy matrimony to her college sweetheart: Dr. John D. Riggsby. He predeceased her.

Her other educational attainments included the Master of Science Degree in English Education from Indiana University. She also attained advanced certifications in Curriculum and Instruction and did additional studies at Mississippi State University, University of Southern Mississippi and New York University.

Her teaching career was in several Mississippi School Districts: Quitman County, Leflore County, Rankin County and Jackson Public Schools. During her career, she taught English, Journalism, Speech, Drama and Reading. She served as newspaper and yearbook advisor, District-wide English Department Chair, and participated in the writing and implementation of English instructional manuals. She was also employed at Tougaloo College as an Assistant Professor of English and Coordinator of Humanities Special Events. During her career, she served as an Adjunct Instructor of English at Alcorn State University, Jackson State University and Hinds Community College.

Further, she was an Essay Reader for the Graduate Record Examination administered by the Educational Testing Service.

As a child, she joined First Baptist Church in Port Gibson, Mississippi where she was the pianist for the church and state pianist for the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi. Mrs. Riggsby was a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi for over sixty years. She served in many capacities: pianist for the Senior Choir; Co-Director of the Junior Choir; Alto vocalist in the Sanctuary Choir; Vice President of the Women's Missionary Union; Publicity Coordinator; and Deaconess Chair.

Her community service included membership in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Jackson Urban League, and the International Community Ambassadors Network.

Mrs. Riggsby served Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority on many levels: President of the Beta Delta Omega Chapter, 17th South Eastern Regional Director, member of the International Board of Directors, and served on five international committees: Standards, Membership, Programs, Nominating and Constitution. She was co-author of the local chapter history book: "Capturing A Vision Fair" and a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the Sorority's centennial history publication: "Pearls of Wisdom." She was a charter member of The LeFleur's Bluff Chapter of The Links, Incorporated where she served as Financial Secretary and Chair of the Arts Facet.

She was inducted into the Alcorn State University's Hall of Honor and received the NAACP's Mother of the Year Award. She also received many recognitions and honors for her leadership in various organizations. She served as a mentor to numerous students and teachers.

Mrs. Riggsby is survived by her four sons: Reginald D. Riggsby, M.D., of Madison, Mississippi; Delbert K. Riggsby, Esq. of Mitchellville, Maryland; Mark D. Riggsby of Beech Island, South Carolina; and Kenneth W. Riggsby of Nashville, Tennessee. Her daughters-in-law are Terri, Linda, and Virginia

Rigsby. Her grandchildren are: Erin (Devin) Hawkins, Esq. of New Orleans, Louisiana; Morgan D. Rigsby and Markesa B. Rigsby of Nashville, Tennessee; and Reginald D. Rigsby II of Madison, Mississippi.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Esther Martin Rigsby.

REMEMBERING ROBERT TORRAS
SR.

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Mr. Robert Torras Sr. of St. Simons.

Mr. Torras was a remarkable businessman, philanthropist, and visionary who was always thinking of ways to solve problems.

Through his work running the family-owned operations including the Brunswick Landing Marina, Kut-Kwick Corporation, and Torco Incorporated; developing the West Point Plantation on Saint Simons Island; and running multiple other commercial real estate holdings in both the Atlanta metro area and Glynn County, he left an indelible mark on the state of Georgia.

When Mr. Torras purchased the land now occupied by Brunswick Landing Marina, it resulted in the development of the largest salt-water marina in Georgia.

After studying the waterways, marine life, and shipping routes, his work helped spur legislative changes regarding marinas to pave the way for other commercial ventures which benefitted many.

I am grateful for Mr. Torras' many years of hard work and for his wisdom, determination, and energy.

My thoughts and prayers are with all who worked with him, knew him, and loved him.

THANKING "THE THREE
MASKETEERS" FOR THEIR HARD
WORK KEEPING OUR COMMU-
NITIES SAFE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize three young heroes from Pearland that are doing their part to stop the spread of COVID-19.

When Amar Sehgal, Karthik Bhagavatula and Praneel Bhagavatula heard that hospitals could possibly face shortages of face masks and other personal protective equipment, the three decided to act. Although COVID-19 had cancelled this year's Texas Science and Engineering Fair, this trio of heroes found a way for their work to help protect their community.

Known as "The Three Masketeers," Amar, Karthik and Praneel have been using 3-D printing to create N95 facemasks to give to people at higher risk of contracting the coronavirus. These masks take only three hours to print, are cost-effective, and the Three Masketeers aren't charging a dime for them.

When we face great challenges like COVID-19, the people of TX-22 come together and lift each other up; Amar, Karthik and Praneel are living proof.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I thank "The Three Masketeers" for their hard work protecting our community from coronavirus. They have provided critical aid to people in need during these unprecedented times.

RECOGNIZING LOHGAN DENNEHY
OF BUTTE

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lohgan Dennehy of Butte for her work providing handcrafted personal protective masks to health care, school district, and community workers as Montana combats the COVID-19 outbreak.

At 10 years old, Lohgan knows what she wants to be when she grows up—a fashion designer. To encourage her dream, Lohgan's parents bought her a sewing kit, and her mother taught her how to sew. She's become a natural.

Her parents say she has a heart of gold, that she's one of the most kindhearted human beings you've ever met. She enjoys making a difference. It was no surprise when Lohgan wanted to help when she heard there was a shortage of masks in Butte.

Lohgan watched YouTube videos on the proper way to make a mask with her sewing machine and materials. She admits it was difficult at first, but eventually she mastered the process and can make one in just 20 minutes. Lohgan sends her special masks to doctors and nurses at both St. James Healthcare in Butte and the Community Hospital of Anaconda, Butte's public transportation drivers, school district employees delivering meals to kids, soldiers at the local military enlistment offices, and anyone who has a pre-existing condition. Montanans throughout our state embraced Lohgan in her efforts, donating money and supplies to keep her going.

So far, she's made 120 masks and has another 50 requests to make more. It's a lot of work for Lohgan, who's completing her fourth grade assignments from home, but she's committed to doing her part to keep people safe and healthy.

Madam Speaker, for using her talents to help her fellow Montanans amid a public health crisis, I recognize Lohgan Dennehy for her spirit of Montana.

KERRY GLENN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kerry Glenn, who after 30 years in the Adams 12 School District, is retiring. Kerry's dedication to STEM education in the Adams 12 School District and in the City of Northglenn has made a significant impact on students which will last for years to come.

In 1984, Kerry graduated from Northglenn High School and received his bachelor's degree in Applied Mathematics and Aerospace Engineering from the University of Colorado, Boulder in 1989. In 1990, he started teaching math at his alma mater, Northglenn High School. He continued to advance his own learning, and in 2003, he earned a MA in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Colorado, Denver. From 2003 to 2012, Kerry was the instructional leader of the math department at Northglenn High School. In addition to teaching all levels of mathematics, Kerry also taught Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Engineering classes from 2010 to 2012. These positions reflect his talent for bringing people together and fostering and strengthening collaboration in education—all with a smile on his face.

In addition to his teaching career, Kerry has provided countless hours and resources to his community by serving on local and state boards and commissions including District STEM Coordination, CTE DAG team, City of Northglenn Business Recognition, City of Northglenn Branding, Adams County Business Pitch Committee, Adams County Education Consortium, Adams County Manufacturers Youth Pipeline, Colorado P TECH, as well as Board President of Anythink Libraries. He also cofounded STEMinspired. In 2012 as STEM Coordinator, Kerry used the K-8 Adams 12 STEM Model to design and implement the curriculum in grades 9 through 12. In 2016, Kerry became the District P TECH/STEM Coordinator.

Through both the STEM and the P TECH programs in Adams 12, Kerry has created hundreds of industry partners that work side by side with students, helping to improve outcomes for students and the surrounding community. I congratulate Kerry on a lifetime of service and wish him all the best in retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF KENNETH
LEVENO, MD

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary work and life of service of Kenneth Leveno, MD with Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Leveno was instrumental in developing a number of the innovative programs that are an integral component of Parkland's Women and Infant's Specialty Health division for decades.

He earned his undergraduate degree at Notre Dame University and his medical degree from Creighton University School of Medicine. Dr. Leveno joined the Parkland medical staff in the 1970s and passionately sought to provide the best obstetrical care for patients entrusted to Parkland's care. His clinical studies demonstrated that access to prenatal care could mitigate health disparities among patients who face high levels of socio-economic hardship. He collaborated with medical, nursing and administrative leaders to create a highly organized, evidence-based system of care that led to excellent clinical outcomes and became known as the "Parkland Way."

Dr. Leveno was a pioneer in the deployment of advanced practice providers to expand