

state. In the Stamelos Gallery Center, the exhibition will particularly highlight the role that food, fashion, and holiday celebration have played in augmenting Muslim visibility in the region.

Halal Metropolis represents our community's desire to come together to challenge assumptions and celebrate the qualities that make us unique. Specifically structured to provoke conversation, the exhibition will be a conduit for change. Halal Metropolis will increase visibility for Muslims, lead to a greater understanding of their cultures, and generate a new appreciation for their role in our state's vibrant history.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the opening of Halal Metropolis at the Stamelos Gallery Center. The valuable exhibition will offer a unique way to appreciate our Muslim community's important contributions to our state and recognize its deeply-rooted history.

**HONORING F. ANTHONY KEATING
FOR HIS 24 YEARS OF SERVICE
AS CIVILIAN AIDE TO THE SEC-
RETARY OF THE ARMY ON THE
OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT**

HON. ELISE M. STEFANK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Ms. STEFANK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Anthony Keating for his 24 years of service to our community as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for the Northern New York region.

The Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army is an unpaid volunteer who advises and supports the Secretary of the Army on issues affecting his or her region. For the past 24 years, Anthony Keating has been advising Army Secretaries on the local issues affecting Fort Drum and the surrounding active service and veteran communities in the North Country. Mr. Keating combines his local knowledge with his nine years of active duty service to the Army when advising the secretary on policy decisions. Although he is retiring from the position specifically covering Northern New York, Mr. Keating is not finished serving the region, as he will remain on as Civilian Aide Emeritus for all of New York State.

His deep knowledge of the community, which includes Fort Drum, and his decades of experience have made him an invaluable asset to Secretary of the Army, Ryan McCarthy and his predecessors. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Mr. Keating for his service and wish him well in this new chapter in his life.

ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, today I address the first and most fundamental right guaranteed to every individual—the right to life.

Next week marks the 47th anniversary since the tragic ruling in *Roe v. Wade*. In that time,

more than 60 million lives have been lost to abortion.

That's 60 million babies who were never given the chance to fulfill their potential as a future doctor, farmer, artist, or maybe Member of Congress.

Last year, I helped support efforts by the Trump administration to update Title X guidelines so that tax dollars for family planning services don't go to abortion providers.

This year we have built on our pro-life efforts by introducing the Down Syndrome Discrimination by Abortion Prohibition Act to protect the most vulnerable of the unborn.

We have accomplished great victories for life over the past three years, however we know there is more to be done.

That's why I want to thank the hundreds of thousands of Americans from Kansas and throughout our country who will be convening in Washington next week to stand for life.

We know that research has proven what pro-life Kansans have already known—that life is precious and it begins at conception.

As a dad of three and a Kansan, I stand in support of fellow Kansans and Americans who are a voice for the voiceless.

**RECOGNIZING THE GRAND OPEN-
ING OF CITY OF HOPE IN NEW-
PORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA**

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I, along with Representatives GILBERT R. CISNEROS, JR., J. LUIS CORREA, MIKE LEVIN, ALAN LOWENTHAL, KATIE PORTER, and LINDA T. SANCHEZ, rise to recognize the grand opening of City of Hope in Newport Beach, California. This is City of Hope's first Orange County location and it will make a tremendous impact in enhancing the lives of residents by providing highly specialized care and pioneering cancer research closer to home. City of Hope is a National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center. Each year, more than 100 million people worldwide benefit from scientific and clinical discoveries made at City of Hope. For the first time, Orange County residents will have local access to City of Hope's network of world-renowned cancer specialists and groundbreaking treatments.

With the opening of City of Hope's Newport Beach location, the organization, which has been named by U.S. News & World Report as the top-ranked cancer hospital in California, fulfills its promise of providing lifesaving treatments to Orange County and launches a new era in cancer care. City of Hope is also developing a comprehensive cancer campus in Irvine, California.

City of Hope was founded more than a century ago to address a pressing medical need. Its arrival in Orange County also answers the call of a community where nearly 20 percent of cancer patients have needed to leave the area for advanced cancer care. City of Hope is bringing the latest in personalized therapies, highly specialized physicians, and nationally recognized compassionate care to our local community, which will positively impact patient healing.

We ask that all Members join us in recognizing the extraordinary work and contributions

of City of Hope and their efforts to eradicate cancer and bring tomorrow's discoveries to the people who need them today, in Orange County and around the world.

**CONGRATULATING STEVEN H.
PERDUE FOR RECEIVING THE
2019 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
AWARD**

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Steven H. Perdue for receiving the 2019 Distinguished Service Award from Traverse Connect. Through his exceptional leadership and steadfast devotion to his community, Steve has become an indispensable part of Northern Michigan.

Since 1929, the Distinguished Service Award has been given to leaders who have had a tremendously positive impact on the Traverse City area. Through his decades of service to his community, Steve has shown himself to be more than deserving of this honor. Founded in 1974, Grand Traverse Industries (GTI) provides comprehensive services for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As President and CEO of GTI, Steven has led these efforts since 1980. His exceptional work has helped thousands of persons with disabilities in the Grand Traverse Area find meaningful employment.

Steve's selflessness has been previously recognized on multiple occasions, for instance receiving the 2007 Sara Hardy Humanitarian of the Year Award from the City of Traverse City. Outside of his work at GTI, Steve has served in a variety of leadership roles in the Idaho Special Olympics, the Idaho and Michigan State Trade Associations, the TC Area Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Council, and the Traverse Bay Economic Development Corporation. He also serves on the Board of SourceAmerica, a national nonprofit that creates job opportunities for those with disabilities. The impact of Steve's work on the people of Michigan cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate Steven H. Perdue for receiving the 2019 Distinguished Service Award. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a selfless leader. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Steve all the best in his future endeavors.

**HONORING FIREFIGHTER LAW-
RENCE LAVALLEY FOR HIS
FIFTY YEARS OF ACTIVE SER-
VICE WITH THE BANGOR VOLUN-
TEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

HON. ELISE M. STEFANK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Ms. STEFANK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Firefighter Lawrence LaValley for his fifty years of active service with the Bangor Volunteer Fire Department.

Since he joined, Mr. LaValley has proven to be an instrumental member of the Bangor Volunteer Fire Department. He has served in numerous roles for the department, including membership on the board of directors, safety officer, and multiple assistant chief positions. Lawrence is the current vice-president of the department; his son, Larry, is the current Chief; and his grandson, Justin, is the Third Assistant Chief. Throughout his 50 years of service, Lawrence has demonstrated a superb work ethic and a commitment to being an outstanding firefighter. Lawrence has been among the top five responders in the department for several years running. He has also demonstrated a commitment to his community outside the department serving as Town Justice and on the Bangor Republican Committee.

Lawrence LaValley devoted 50 years of his life to fire protection, and is an exemplary member of his community. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Firefighter LaValley for a lifetime of service and dedication to keeping Bangor and the surrounding communities safe.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the United House of Prayer for All People as the church celebrates its 100th year anniversary. The United House of Prayer for All People was founded by Bishop Charles Manuel Grace in 1919 in West Wareham, MA. The church is now headquartered in the District of Columbia and has 137 places of worship in 27 states.

Bishop Charles Manuel Grace's vision for the United House of Prayer for All People was for it to be a place of worship that also addressed the critical needs of communities devastated by social and economic injustice. The impact of the church can be seen through community development, enterprise, and improved housing throughout the United States. United House of Prayer has developed thousands of multi-family and single-family homes while maintaining affordability in neighborhoods across the country.

The church has also made a major impact on education. The late Bishop Walter McCollough, the church's second leader, founded the McCollough Scholarship College Fund to afford young people the opportunity to pursue their dreams of higher education. The late Bishop S.C. Madison established the St. Lady D. Scholastic Achievement program to reward grade school students for maintaining good citizenship and honor roll achievement.

The United House of Prayer continues to be an extraordinary force in serving the needs of the less fortunate and impoverished citizens across this country. I am fortunate to represent several House of Prayer congregations in Virginia's third congressional district. The House of Prayer provides youth community programs, senior citizen projects, food banks, child care, and other community projects. The church remains focused on being a place

where all nations and people, irrespective of denomination or creed, can pray and worship in spirit and in truth.

The 100-year celebration of the United House of Prayer for All People is not just a celebration of bricks and mortar, it is a celebration of faith, unity, and dynamic leadership.

Madam Speaker, the United House of Prayer for All People, under the current leadership of Bishop C.M. Bailey, has never sought public recognition for their hard work and dedication to the community. Bishop Bailey and the church have dedicated their lives to the advancement, growth, and success of communities throughout the country. I congratulate them on their 100th anniversary and I am excited to see the positive contributions they will continue to make in the years ahead.

AZERBAIJAN—BLACK JANUARY

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, this month, our friend and ally, the Republic of Azerbaijan marks the 30th anniversary of "Black January." This time period symbolizes the beginning of the end of Soviet rule over Azerbaijan, an occupation that existed for much of the 20th Century. Violent conflict erupted in Azerbaijan's capital city of Baku on January 19–20, 1990 when Soviet troops killed over 100 Azeri demonstrators and wounded another 700.

In stark contrast to the violence of the Soviet military, the people of Azerbaijan continued their peaceful protests until declaring independence from the U.S.S.R. on October 18, 1991.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the events of Black January in Azerbaijan and honoring those who lost their lives in pursuit of freedom. The United States continues to stand with our ally and partner.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF RODOLFO KARISCH

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the public service of Chief Rodolfo Karisch as he celebrates his retirement after 30 years with the U.S. Border Patrol.

Chief Karisch retires after having served with distinction as the Chief Patrol Agent of the Rio Grande Valley Sector and Commander of the South Texas Corridor. Prior to his selection as Chief Patrol Agent of the Rio Grande Valley Sector, Rodolfo Karisch served as Chief of the Tucson and Del Rio Sectors. He also served as Acting Assistant Commissioner of the Office of Professional Responsibility. Throughout his extensive career, Chief Karisch has consistently embodied the Border Patrol's motto of "Honor First".

Chief Karisch was a friend of mine and a steady, guiding light to his institution throughout his service. His career was dedicated to the best interests of the community and the

country, and he worked tirelessly to protect our border, the town of El Paso, and his community.

I thank Chief Karisch for three decades of dedicated service and wish him many happy memories with his family and loved ones during his retirement. It is often said that a retirement is an ending, but retirement is also a well-deserved beginning to new adventures and opportunities. I wish him and his family all the best in the future.

Madam Speaker, I am happy to recognize the legacy of Chief Rodolfo Karisch.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND RE-OPENING OF THE MICHIGAN UNION

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the grand re-opening of the Michigan Union.

The Michigan Union is a cornerstone of the University of Michigan. Opened in 1919, the Michigan Union is one of the oldest college unions in the country. For nearly a century, the Michigan Union has given students, faculty, and members of the Ann Arbor community a space to gather, study, and socialize. Throughout the years, the Michigan Union has undergone a great deal of transformation and witnessed some of our nation's greatest historical moments. On the morning of October 14, 1960, Democratic presidential nominee John F. Kennedy gave an impromptu speech that laid the groundwork for the Peace Corps. Later, during a visit to the University of Michigan, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. joined students in the Michigan Union to discuss his thoughts on discrimination and the future of integration in America. To carry on this impactful legacy and adapt to meet the needs of 21st century students, the Michigan Union closed in May 2018 to undergo an \$85.2 million renovation.

Today, we celebrate the Michigan Union as it opens its doors once again. While maintaining the architectural integrity of the 1919 original structure, Michigan Union has vastly remodeled internal features. Aside from technology upgrades and infrastructure renewals, the Michigan Union now includes expanded lounge and study rooms, a revolutionary idea hub, an enclosed courtyard, collaborative spaces, and a host of different food vendors.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the grand re-opening of the Michigan Union. Through the historical renovation, the Michigan Union will continue to be an iconic symbol of the University of Michigan for generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, for personal reasons, I was unable to attend votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 18—H. Res. 798 on