

to the individuals within them. He lived his life motto of "Work Hard, Play Hard, Pray Hard" each and every day. Bob was passionate about training and coaching athletes and helping his friends and family achieve any of their goals. He coached the Woodcrest Christian Mountain Bike Team and helped train anyone who asked in preparation for Ironman challenges, triathlons, half-marathons, and Catalina SOK runs, to name only a few competitions he loved. When Bob wasn't racing himself, he could be found cheering on the sidelines for anyone striving to reach their goals.

I had the pleasure of knowing Bob through his service to Riverside County and can personally attest to the countless lives he touched. He was a great American, an esteemed leader, a respected mentor and a dedicated husband, father, and friend. I extend my heartfelt condolences to Kelli, to their children, Nathan, Heather, Adam, Travis, and Emily, their grandchildren Rages, Winter, Harley, and Easton, and the rest of Bob's family and friends. Although he may no longer be with us, he will continue to have a lasting impact on the lives of his family and community.

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY
OF MR. THOMAS H. RHODES

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Mr. Thomas H. Rhodes as he celebrates his 100th birthday on June 18th. Throughout his life, Mr. Rhodes has demonstrated exemplary patriotism through his service in World War II, and long-standing devotion to his family and community.

During World War II, Mr. Rhodes proudly served his country as a U.S. Marine and participated in several major conflicts including the battles of Pearl Harbor, Midway, Peleliu, New Britain, and New Guinea. After the war, he returned to Central New York to continue his service at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, New York. Following completion of his military service, Mr. Rhodes was honorably discharged as a Sergeant. Today, he remains an active member of the Marine Corps League, an organization that aims to serve communities nationwide, preserve the traditions of the U.S. Marine Corps, and strengthen bonds between former servicemembers and their families.

Outside of public service, Mr. Rhodes is known for his commitment to his family. He was devoted to his late wife, Bridget "Peggy" Rhodes, and remains a dedicated father to their four children, and proud grandfather to 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Active in his community, Mr. Rhodes regularly appears in Fayetteville and Manlius parades and is a life-long member of the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing Mr. Thomas H. Rhodes's 100th birthday. Mr. Rhodes's life has been one marked by admirable devotion to his family and country. I wish him health and happiness in the future.

INTRODUCTION OF THE
RESTAURANTS ACT OF 2020

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, there is perhaps nothing more central to communities large and small than their local restaurants. Restaurants play host to everything from first dates to marriage proposals and many of life's important memories. The focal restaurant industry supports Top Chef Masters, first jobs, and parents working double-shifts to give their children a brighter future. The COVID-19 pandemic has put all of this in jeopardy.

Since mid-March, the vast majority of independent restaurants have closed their doors, laid off most of their employees, and are unsure what their business model will be after the pandemic. While independent restaurants employ more than 11 million people, the food supply chain touches every corner of the country and every congressional district. From farm workers and fishermen to truck drivers and distributors, the restaurant industry provides a \$1 trillion annual boost to the United States; economy, to say nothing of supporting tens of millions of livelihoods.

The restaurant industry has been uniquely devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. This is particularly true of independent establishments that account for more than three-quarters of all restaurants and bars in the United States. The restaurant sector is the top contributor to unemployment rolls across America. In April alone, 5.5 million restaurant workers lost their jobs, accounting for 27 percent of total job losses in the month. Some of these jobs are coming back but many will not return without assistance. The National Bureau of Economic Research predicts that only 15 percent of restaurants will be able to stay open if the COVID-19 pandemic lasts six months.

The RESTAURANTS Act would establish a \$120 billion restaurant revitalization fund at the Department of Treasury. Funding would be available to food service or drinking establishments that are not publicly traded or part of a chain with 20 or more locations doing business under the same name. The grant values would cover the difference between revenues from 2019 and projected revenues through 2020. The first 14 days of the grant's availability is only available to restaurants with annual revenues of \$1.5 million or fewer, ensuring that the smallest restaurants are prioritized. Additionally, the legislation includes administrative funding toward outreach and engagement to restaurants owned and operated by women, Veterans, and people of color. A study on this proposal found that the fund would generate at least \$183 billion in primary benefits and \$65 billion in secondary benefits—more than double the amount of the fund.

In the past three months, Congress has demonstrated the political will to pass more than \$3 trillion of relief to most sectors of the economy—the House of Representatives just passed an additional \$3 trillion of relief. There were broad-based programs and there was targeted relief for specific industries. Yet restaurants have not been a recipient of any targeted relief. We can't afford not to act. Millions

of livelihoods, hundreds of thousands of businesses, and the fabric of our communities is at stake.

IN RECOGNITION OF STEVE
DEBAKER AND TROUT SPRINGS
WINERY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steve DeBaker and Trout Springs Winery for their work in creating the Wisconsin Ledge American Viticultural Area (AVA) in Northeast Wisconsin.

Steve DeBaker opened Trout Springs Winery in 2005, establishing it as Brown County's first winery. Trout Springs Winery is Wisconsin's only licensed fish hatchery, plant nursery, and winery all under one roof. After 9 successful years in the wine industry, Trout Springs Winery was honored by the Wisconsin Grape Growers Association as their Winery of the Year in 2014.

An AVA is a special region designated as having certain geographic and climatic features required for growing wine grapes, and the designation is often included on wine labels. Soon after opening Trout Springs Winery, Steve decided to establish the Wisconsin Ledge as an AVA. After 4,000 hours of dedicated research, numerous submissions to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, and some assistance from the Niagara Escarpment Resource Network with the GIS mapping process, Steve and Trout Springs achieved their goal of establishing the Wisconsin Ledge as an AVA.

The Wisconsin Ledge AVA sits on the Niagara Escarpment, a land feature in Wisconsin that stretches for more than 650 miles, created millions of years ago. It touches 11 different counties in Northeast Wisconsin and contains soil and a climate ideal for growing grapes. With 22 bonded wineries within its scope and 3,800 square miles of land, the Wisconsin Ledge has become the 12th largest AVA in the world. It has grown into a tourist destination for visitors from around the world, leading to an annual agritourism increase of nearly two million tourists and over \$50 million in revenue. Steve's commitment and work to developing the Wisconsin Ledge as an AVA has legitimized the Northeast Wisconsin as a grape growing region.

Madam Speaker, I am privileged to honor Steve DeBaker and Trout Springs Winery as the birthplace of the Wisconsin Ledge American Viticultural Area. His dedication and positive contributions to the Wisconsin agricultural industry make Northeast Wisconsin proud.

HONORING KAMERON
MIDDLEBROOKS AS THE IOWAN
OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today as tens of thousands of peaceful protesters are

rising in cities across our country and around the world to say enough is enough. People from all walks of life are coming together to call for real change to address the inequities and failures of our systems, to shine a light on persistent and systemic racism, and to demand justice for the senseless deaths of African American men and women like George Floyd, Breanna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery.

Moments like these in history force us to confront the sobering truths of who and where we are as a nation. Many will have their eyes opened to realities and perspectives they did not see before, thus beginning or furthering their journeys to unlearn deeply engrained beliefs and better understand how racism continues to shape our daily lives. Others still will feel emboldened to turn their knowledge and empathy into action for the first time.

And then there are those leaders who have been in this fight for much longer. I rise today to honor as Iowan of the Week one such leader who has been on the front lines not only of recent peaceful protests, but also of the day-to-day work of lifting up a community from within: Kameron Middlebrooks.

Kam's history of activism and accomplishments belie his relative youth. Now in his early thirties, he's already spent half his life advocating for Des Moines' black community. If you mention Kam's name to someone in central Iowa, it's likely they've already heard of him. That could be because they went to school together at Roosevelt High, read about him as one of the Des Moines Register's 15 People to Watch in 2019, heard about the work he's done on the Des Moines Human and Civil Rights Commission, or for a host of other reasons. As busy as life in Congress keeps me, I wonder how Kameron fits everything into his day.

Kam currently serves as President of the Des Moines Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), an organization he joined in high school before becoming its youngest-ever Midwestern Regional Field Director and successfully leading a campaign to register more than 15,000 people of color to vote across the Midwest. He's owned his own small business, and now coaches African Americans interested in becoming small business owners through that process as minority business coordinator for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. He hosts annual trainings at Des Moines' Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families to equip participants with essential skills to successfully run their own shops. He coordinates multiple work groups to address disparities among black and white residents of Polk County in critical areas like employment, education, and housing. And his efforts to create a more equitable society without racial discrimination don't stop there.

Kam and I spoke on the phone last Monday. He'd spent each of the several nights prior at peaceful protests until the early hours of the morning to make sure the younger generation got home safely. When thanked for his work, he praised others. When asked what comes next, he already had plans for how we can empower youth voices and create a stronger community. His passion, selflessness, and drive were infectious. It's no surprise he's emerged as someone Iowans are eager to follow.

Across my state and the country, thousands continue to gather day after day to stand to-

gether against injustice. Young leaders like Kameron are among them. While it is imperative current elected officials heed their calls for action, it is also my hope that the young voices powering this movement are inspired to stay involved and ultimately become the officeholders called upon to enact more just and equitable policies.

For many reasons, the people of Iowa are fortunate to call Kameron Middlebrooks one of our own. I ask today that the House of Representatives join me in honoring his continued service and leadership by naming him our Iowan of the Week.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. SCOTT MENZEL FOR A DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH THE WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Scott Menzel for his years of distinguished service to students in Michigan and offer my heartfelt congratulations as he begins a new chapter as superintendent for the Scottsdale Unified School District in Arizona. Although we are all sad to see him go, we are proud to celebrate his outstanding contributions to the Washtenaw Intermediate School District.

In 2011, Dr. Scott Menzel became the superintendent of the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) and started his tenure at a pivotal moment in the community's history. In 2012, Willow Run and Ypsilanti schools began the consolidation process to form a new district. The consolidation, which many thought to be impossible, came to fruition thanks to the support of the WISD and Menzel's tenacity, hard work, and commitment to education. Prior to his work in the WISD, Menzel served as superintendent for Whitmer Lake Public Schools from 2002 to 2007. Later, Menzel led similar operations at the Livingston Educational Service Agency from 2007 to 2011.

Throughout all capacities, Menzel has been recognized as a humble leader who strives to make a lasting and meaningful difference in students' lives. He dedicates himself to causes he believes in, and encourages others to demonstrate compassion, service, and excellence. Undoubtedly, Menzel's passion for education and academic opportunity have left a profound impact on the school district, evident in the recent passing of a bond proposal that will help construct a new \$53.2 million school for special-needs students outside of Ann Arbor. Moreover, Menzel's focus on addressing racial disparities and promoting racial equity throughout the district has set a clear example for other districts to emulate. He has been an avid proponent of My Brother's Keeper, an initiative created under the Obama Administration to address persistent opportunity gaps facing young boys and young men of color, and his involvement has helped the program flourish and grow throughout Michigan. He has received numerous honors and accolades for his work including the National African American Parent Involvement Day Spirit Award, the

MASA Regional Superintendent of the Year Award, and the White House YMCA Champion for Change Award, among a host of others.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Scott Menzel. Menzel has helped students develop skills and gain confidence not only needed to succeed academically, but in life beyond the classroom. He has impacted their futures in profound ways, and we are all grateful for his commitment to his students, his district, and his community. We thank him for his service to students in Michigan and wish him the best of luck in Arizona.

GREGORY THOMPSON
CONDOLENCES

HON. DAN CRENSHAW

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise with deep sadness to mourn the loss of Gregory Thompson, who passed away on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 in Woodbridge, Virginia.

Gregory sadly joins countless Americans who fell victim to the COVID-19 pandemic. At just 56 years old, his full life was cut far too short.

Gregory served our country in the United States Air Force and was a Security Officer at the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C. for more than 15 years.

A self-made man, Gregory was the owner of Made to Measure, a custom tailor clothing business that he owned with his partner Howard Wallace. That's how I knew Gregory.

Gregory was kind, warm, and I always enjoyed our time together. Gregory always took on the difficult task of making me look my best with a smile, and I am grateful that I had such a talented craftsman to take care of me during my first year in Washington.

But much more than a tailor, Gregory was a father to Giovanni and a brother to Elizabeth, Veneda, Michael, and Walter. He was a cherished friend and beloved family member to many, all of whom are grieving this profound loss.

I ask the whole House to join me as we mourn the loss of Gregory Thompson and offer our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time.

Never Forget.

HONORING THE CAREER OF PATRICIA RADER, A LIFELONG PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2020

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Patricia Rader, as she retires from serving as a Claims Specialist at the Social Security Administration in Minneapolis.

A Blaine native, Patricia has served the Social Security Administration and the many Minnesotans that benefit from their services for forty years. Over the course of her four decades of work, she has touched the lives of