

2016. Although she had the task of juggling the roles of a full-time wife, mother of two daughters, a student, and an employee, her life has been quite a challenge and a rewarding experience. As she continued the journey to pursue her degree and stay actively engaged in her community, she is reminded of an encouraging scripture, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Captain Peppers enrolled in the Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration in Leadership Cognate at Liberty University. After 22 years since completing her studies at Jackson State University, she maintained a 4.0 GPA during her first semester in the program, only by God's grace and mercy. Veronica received a new assignment in the Mississippi Army National Guard as a Training Officer of the 298th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion in Philadelphia, Mississippi, where she provides operation and training management guidance to the battalion for more than 630 service members. Her additional duties included Equal Opportunity Advisor, Antiterrorism Officer, and Family Readiness Group Coordinator.

She is a graduate of Leadership Madison County (1990) and a current life member of both National Guard Association of the United States and National Guard Association of Mississippi, where she currently serves on the board of directors as the Company Grade Officer Representative.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain Veronica Peppers.

IOWAN OF THE WEEK MARY CAMPOS

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Ms. Mary Campos, a longtime Iowan civil rights activist. Campos was the first Latina inducted into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame. In 2017, she received the American Civil Liberties Union Edward S. Allen Award for her time helping non-English speaking families learn English and helping them through the steps to become a U.S. Citizen. She has also earned the Ohtli Award, the highest honor given from the Mexican government to a Mexican descendent for her work assisting Mexican immigrants. She has served on the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and the League for United Latin American Citizens and was one of the founders of the National Black and Brown Forum. Campos, who turned 90 in November, is still serving her community in various capacities.

Ms. Campos received an honorary nursing degree from the Des Moines Area Community College. At Exito, a catalyst for the empowerment of Latino youth in Iowa, conducted the third annual Mary E. Campos Luncheon where DMACC President, Rob Denson, presented the honorary degree. At Exito started the Mary E. Campos Scholarship to help honor Campos' dream of seeing young people, especially students of color, earn higher education degrees and fill positions of leadership within their communities.

It is an honor to celebrate the outstanding achievements of Ms. Campos and celebrate the determination and hard work that she and other activists like her have put into Iowa. I have great respect and admiration for folks who stand up for people who can't always stand up for themselves, and I am humbled by Ms. Campos' decades and decades of bravery and compassion.

I applaud Ms. Mary Campos for her unwavering dedication. Let us be of service this Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and remember the important work of Dr. King that lives on in people like Mary Campos.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LARRY J. RAVEN

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Larry J. Raven, who passed away on January 6, 2020. Larry was an appointee to the City of Fresno Parks Commission, the blue-ribbon Zoo Commission and the General Plan Commission for over 40 years.

Larry J. Raven was born on January 25, 1939 in Selma, California to Isabel and Phil Raven and was a lifelong Fresno County resident. He and his older brother, Jerry W. Raven started a dairy on their parent's ranch when Larry was just 13. Larry was active in Future Farmers of America at Selma Union High School, serving as president in 1957. He earned the title of California Farmer and in 1958 achieved the highest honor of American Farmer. In 1961, he and his brother opened a drive-thru grocery store in Selma and sold their own brand of milk, Roselane.

In June of 1963, Larry married the love of his life Penny Nichelini. Two years later, Penny and Larry opened the first R Pantry Market, a drive-thru grocery market. In a few short years they had 9 convenience stores and an additional 3 old fashioned meat markets called, Holy Cow Meat Markets. Always ahead of his time, the R Pantry Markets, Inc. was the first franchised convenience market chain in the state of California and the first business in the state to offer self-service gasoline pumps.

In the 1970s, Larry and Penny purchased an old winery in Selma, renamed it Raven Alcohol Distillery, and converted it to California's first fuel alcohol distillery, producing thousands of gallons of product daily. He became a national expert on the conversion of molasses to fuel alcohol and obtained a U.S. Patent in 2002 for his "Process and Apparatus for Conversion of Biodegradable Organic Material into Product Gas".

In the 1970s, both Larry and Penny became licensed California Real Estate brokers and founded The Raven Company. Shortly after, Larry became a licensed California Contractor and built his first subdivision in Selma, eventually building over 1,000 family homes and neighborhoods. For the America's Bicentennial, Larry spearheaded the idea of planting thousands of red, white and blue petunias along the old boulevard and it was designated "America's Largest, Private Bicentennial Display". Larry was an outspoken supporter of

the completion of Highways 41, 180 and 168 and invited the California Highway Commission to meet in Fresno; at his urging the Commission voted to allocate the funds to build Highway 41.

In the 1980s, Larry and his sons began the yuletide tradition of "Candlelight Christmas on Huntington Boulevard" with over 100 homeowners decorating their homes which delighted tens of thousands of visitors annually and continued for 21 years. Larry also organized an effort to paint the 52 classic lampposts in the historic mile, becoming the largest private improvement ever made to city property and featured in Sunset Magazine. Between 2010–2015, the couple acquired several ranches with plans to build subdivisions. As a result, Larry went back to his roots and became a successful farmer, devoting most of his time to a 120-acre ranch in Sanger with oranges and almonds.

Larry is survived by his wife, Penny and their sons Tagge and Corby; Corby's wife Stephanie Raven and their four children, Bella, Carsyn, Audrey Grace and Declyn Raven; his brother Jerry W. Raven and wife LaVerne Raven and many nephews and a niece.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Larry J. Raven. His commitment and dedication to the Central Valley community left an impact on many. We join his family and friends in honoring his great life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on January 9, 2020 during roll call no. 5, On Ordering the Previous Question, Providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 83, directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to terminate the use of United States Armed Forces to engage in hostilities in or against Iran. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 6, On Agreeing to the Resolution, Providing for consideration of H. Con. Res. 83, directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to terminate the use of United States Armed Forces to engage in hostilities in or against Iran. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING JONAS SALK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED A 2019 NATIONAL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA) DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jonas Salk Elementary School of Bolingbrook, Illinois as a 2019 ESEA Distinguished School.

Since its formation, Jonas Salk Elementary has prided itself on providing academically rigorous instruction in a welcoming and safe environment. As one of only two Illinois schools granted this distinction, Jonas Salk Elementary has been recognized for exceptional student performance and academic growth for two or more consecutive years.

I want to congratulate the students, teachers, and parents of Jonas Salk Elementary School on this truly impressive achievement. This recognition reflects no small amount of time and effort, and I look forward to the continued success of this distinguished institution.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF  
KATHLEEN WEBER

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 24, 2020*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Kathleen Weber, who passed away on January 18, 2020, at the age of 75 after a lifetime of public service to her community.

Born in Santa Rosa on August 27, 1944, Kathleen was raised by her father who worked in the insurance industry and her mother who designed costumes for the Santa Rosa Junior College theater program. She met and fell in love with Ed Weber at in the theater program at Santa Rosa Junior College and married him in 1964. Kathleen worked in the medical field and the former Mattei Brothers clothing store, before embarking on what became an outstanding and renowned baking career.

Kathleen's father-in-law introduced her to baking bread on his personal wood-burning oven. This quickly became a full-time hobby for Kathleen, which blossomed into a profession through study under renowned brick-oven baker Alan Scott. The Webers fashioned their own oven based on Mr. Scott's design, and proceeded to launch a business that has since been credited with renewing the appeal of slow-rise bread regionally. Their biggest break came when they became the bread supplier to Thomas Keller, world famous chef and owner of French Laundry restaurant. Mr. Keller later became a close friend and collaborator with the Webers.

In 2004, the Webers opened Della Fattoria as a breakfast, lunch, and weekend brunch restaurant where Kathleen worked tirelessly to welcome patrons and give back to her hometown community. Around 2016, the Webers' son, Chef Aaron, started a prix-fixe dinner menu focusing on the farm-to-table method Kathleen had started with Della Breads, and in 2018, added to it a full dinner menu. In 2019, Della Fattoria undertook a large dining hall expansion onto two adjacent properties, and their daughter, Elisa, oversaw the interior design and fabrication of the furniture, making the business venture another full family effort.

One of the first on the West Coast to commercially produce bread using the brick oven process, Kathleen and her family took local door-to-door offerings into a regional and high demand delicacy. She became a published author with "Della Fattoria Bread," a recipe book seeking to make high-quality baking more accessible to the home cook. In addition to her culinary contributions to the community

and support of the local food movement and local business chamber, Kathleen's public service expanded to include providing meals to first responders in Petaluma during the Sonoma County wildfires. She is credited for always looking for new ways to get Petaluma on the map.

Kathleen is survived by her husband Ed, her two children Aaron and Elisa, and her two grandsons Jakob and Samuel. While she will be greatly missed by many, Kathleen Weber's legacy will live on through the indelible positive impact she had on this community and beyond.

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IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES A.  
LINDBERGH ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL AS IT IS NAMED A 2019  
NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 24, 2020*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary School as it is named a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. The school's impact on the children of our community is worthy of commendation.

Located in Dearborn, Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary School is a cornerstone of our Michigan community. The school is dedicated to helping students reach their full potential as empathetic, balanced, and goal-oriented leaders who strive to effect change and make meaningful contributions to their communities. With a focus on cultivating strong relationships, Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary builds a positive and supportive school culture that helps students gain the confidence they need to embrace academics and accomplish anything they set out to achieve.

The National Blue Ribbon Award is a prestigious honor, only bestowed upon the most outstanding schools. By inspiring children to achieve greatness by learning and leading every day, Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary School is a deserving recipient of this great honor. Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary has made a difference in our community and continues to be a place where students, educators, and families work together to create a safe, welcoming, and academically rigorous program that promotes success.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Charles A. Lindbergh Elementary School as it is named a 2019 National Blue Ribbon School. The award is a testament to the exceptional guidance of its teachers and staff who work every day to ensure quality educational experiences, achievement outcomes, and success for each and every student. I am grateful for the school's profound impact on our community and wish it continued success in the years ahead.

IN HONOR OF DONNETTE  
PETERSEN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 24, 2020*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Green River resident Donnette Petersen on celebrating her 100th birthday.

Donnette has been a Green River resident for much of her life. She has been a staple of the Green River community and was known as quite the cook when she was younger and would host large dinner parties with friends. Donnette has been an example to her community and that was evidenced by the outpouring of support at her birthday parties. This is a wonderful time to celebrate Donnette and thank her for her contributions to Green River and the great state of Wyoming.

Again, Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to Donnette Petersen on celebrating her 100th birthday.

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HONORING THE CAREER OF BILL  
FREY

**HON. JAMES A. HIMES**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 24, 2020*

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the heroes of the fight for decent housing and meaningful opportunity for every American—my role model, my former boss, and my friend, Bill Frey. Bill will attempt to retire from Enterprise Community Partners at the end of January after three decades of shaping that institution, mentoring generations of committed leaders and improving the lives of countless Americans. I say attempt, because Bill's soul-deep commitment to fighting the world's fight and to servant leadership will not fade with the passage of time.

Enterprise's need, and the respect Bill commands in the world of community development, may conspire to make Bill's attempt at retirement a rare failure for a man who has achieved everything, and always for others.

Bill's deep commitment to selfless service, his unusual humility, and his intuitive sense for gentle leadership is leavened by an impish humor that makes Bill irresistible to all, from the formerly homeless new renter to the senior banking executive, to the faith and community leaders that he empowered and supported across a lifetime.

Madam Speaker, the years in which I worked for Bill Frey were years of inspiration, learning and always laughter. I grew immeasurably watching Bill's steady hand, his courageous personal fights, and the example he set for so many of us.

I'm not going to say I will miss him, because as I said, I suspect he's not really going anywhere. And even if he does manage to spend more time with his wonderful family and growing collection of grandchildren, his legacy touched so many of us forever. Thank you, Bill.