

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.

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.

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.

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.

RECOGNIZING ELIZABETH RINK AND MONICA SKEWES OF BOZEMAN AND ADRIANN RICKER OF FORT PECK

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Elizabeth Rink and Monica Skewes of Bozeman, and Adriann Ricker of Fort Peck for their dedication to and pursuit of finding solutions to public health issues confronting Montana.

Rink, Skewes, and Ricker, an enrolled member of the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, have spent years working with members and leaders of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation community on public health issues it faces. Through community-based research, they are helping develop trauma-informed policies for reservation agencies. All three are working vigorously alongside tribal members to find solutions. Montana State University faculty members Rink and Skewes as well as Ricker from Fort Peck Community College were recently selected for the Interdisciplinary Research Leaders Program, which is supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The fellowship allows them to continue this important work.

Their goal is to equip Fort Peck's leaders with data that can guide their policymaking. Their research supports a more compassionate, community-centered approach to address the long-term needs of those seeking help. The three researchers say if a person never heals from tragic circumstances like substance abuse or addiction then the harmful cycles don't end.

Rink, Skewes, and Ricker empower Fort Peck leaders with data. As a result of their work and collaboration, tribal leaders have more information to better understand these complex public health issues. Their research and work are making a difference: many of members of the community are more accepting of and sensitive to these challenges and hardships than they were before.

Madam Speaker, for their community collaboration and tireless work to promote positive community change, I recognize Elizabeth Rink and Monica Skewes of Bozeman, and Adriann Ricker of Fort Peck for their Spirit of Montana.

IN HONOR OF HELEN ZIGMOND

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Cheyenne resident Helen Zigmond.

Born in Czechoslovakia on October 27, 1927, Helen and her family were abducted and taken to Auschwitz during the Nazi occupation in WWII. In 1954 Helen and her husband, Eugene, moved to Cheyenne where they stayed for the rest of their lives. Helen took pride in her music store and was active in the local synagogue and the community.

Helen was the last known Holocaust survivor in Wyoming and her presence in the Cheyenne community will be greatly missed. Her story, and those of other survivors, must serve as a reminder to future generations that we all have an obligation to pledge "Never Again."

Again, Madam Speaker, I want to honor and celebrate the life of Helen Zigmond and extend my condolences to her friends and family.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF BILLIE AUBRY HITT

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Billie Aubry Hitt, who passed away on January 21st at the age of 81.

Billie, a lifelong resident of Calhoun County, Mississippi, answered the call to serve our great nation with the National Guard and later enlisted in the United States Air Force. His career took him all over the world, then brought him back home to Mississippi at the Columbus Air Force Base. Billie later retired and returned to Calhoun County, where he served as both Justice Court Judge and as Sheriff.

Billie, a member of Lewis Memorial United Methodist Church, set an example of faith for his family to follow. He was an active member in his community with the Post 50 American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, National Order of Trench Rats, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mississippi Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Calhoun City Rotary Club, the Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1969 and the Calhoun County Republican Party.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Geneise Winters Hitt, as well as many friends and family members. Billie Hitt's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

HONORING MARGARET TATE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community servant Margaret Tate. Margaret has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and the desire to serve others.

Mrs. Tate and her husband, Nelson, are Yazoo City residents who make invaluable contributions to their community. Margaret volunteers at the Baptist Medical Center in Yazoo where she was named "Volunteer of the Year" in 2017.

Margaret is a retired speech-language therapist of 32 years with the Holmes County School District. She is an active, dedicated member of King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church where she serves with Mother's Ministry. She is a lifetime member of the Mississippi Valley State University National Alumni Chapter where she serves as secretary.

She is also a member of the MS Association of Retired Educators. Mrs. Tate volunteers at the Manna House helping to sort clothes and serve meals to the people in the community.

Margaret enjoys reading, traveling and serving others. Her joining the hospital auxiliary volunteers provided this opportunity that has proven to be a rewarding experience.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Margaret Tate for her dedication and tenacity to serving her community and desire to be an example for all.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE CYNTHIA GRAY HATHAWAY FOR A DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Cynthia Gray Hathaway on her retirement and recognize her years of distinguished service with the Third Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan. Her contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Cynthia Gray Hathaway received her bachelor's degree in business administration from Wayne State University and earned her master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Detroit. While working toward her master's, Hathaway simultaneously was employed by the Detroit Recorder's Court Probation Department where she became intrigued about law. Later, Hathaway pursued this interest and received her law degree from the Detroit College of Law.

Cynthia Gray Hathaway has become a cornerstone of our Michigan community. As a judge of the Third Circuit Court in Wayne County, Hathaway's commitment to justice and the residents of Michigan has made a difference. Beyond her work in a professional capacity, Hathaway has also been a dedicated community member who is active in the NAACP, Detroit Urban League, the Women's Economic Club, and the Reggie McKenzie Foundation, among many others. Hathaway is known for her high degree of professionalism, kind demeanor, and passion for helping everyone she encounters. She has demonstrated her commitment to the entire Michigan community, and it my honor and privilege to recognize her distinguished work today.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Cynthia Gray Hathaway as she retires from the Third Circuit Court. We thank her for her many years of service and leadership and wish her the best of luck in all future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary, the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization.