

on resiliency, leadership and building community.

The workspace features ample desk space laid out to foster a welcoming, vibrant space where people feel inspired to work, the lively energy that permeates our dedicated and mobile/drop-in desk space is captivating. Our workspaces aim to establish a sense of community and a familiar atmosphere that strives to promote collaboration and innovation. With more than 50 private offices and a number of private phone booths, Thrive's third location also offers a serene escape from the bustling energy of our open spaces. It also offers a 1,400-square-foot training room designed to accommodate a variety of events and is equipped with whiteboard walls and a projector as well as three conference rooms of varying sizes and a private rooftop deck.

Thrive West Arvada has become the "go-to" spot, from lunch-and-learns to corporate training sessions for the whole team, happy hours for networking and so much more, our new venue is equipped with the versatility to meet the needs of teams large and small.

It is also conveniently located near RTD's G Line and I-70, connecting the thriving Arvada community to downtown Denver.

Congratulations to Thrive Workplace for the recognition from the Arvada Chamber, and I extend my deepest appreciation for their contribution to our community.

HONORING RUGGIERO REALTY LLC FOR RECEIVING THE FULTON MONTGOMERY REGIONAL CHAM- BER OF COMMERCE SMALL BUSI- NESS AWARD

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ruggiero Realty LLC for receiving the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Small Business Award.

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and I am proud of the strong small business community in the North Country. Lana Ruggiero, owner of Ruggiero Realty LLC, is a Fulton County native and lifelong resident of Gloversville. Lana holds numerous real estate designations, is a notary public, and has been honored numerous times; including as a top producing agent and REALTOR of the year in Fulton County. She is very active in the community and in various business organizations, currently serving as a member of the Fulton-Montgomery County Regional Chamber of Commerce, President of the Gloversville Women's Alumni Club, and on the board of the Parkhurst Field Foundation. She previously served as treasurer of the Fulton County Board of REALTORS. Heading into her sixteenth year as a REALTOR, Lana attributes her success to her desire to serve her clients as if they were part of her own family.

Lana's deep knowledge and passion for the community has led to her continued success. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to congratulate Lana and the Ruggiero Realty LLC for this well-deserved recognition. I look forward to their future success.

HONORING CINDY DACH

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the achievements of Cindy Dach, a leader and visionary entrepreneur in Arizona. Throughout her career and in every endeavor she takes on, Cindy has always been tireless in her pursuit to make our community a better place for everyone. Cindy's work was recently acknowledged with the 2019 ATHENA Businesswoman of the Year award, an honor from the Greater Phoenix Chamber awarded to women who demonstrate excellence in leadership, community service, and mentorship.

That Cindy should be awarded an honor in the name of the Greek goddess Athena is fitting. Like Athena, Cindy is a force of nature, who lives her life with fearlessness, bravery, and authenticity. It was these qualities that led her to co-found the Roosevelt Row Community Development Corporation. The organization revitalized a downtown neighborhood into the Roosevelt Row Arts District, now a walkable arts district in Phoenix's urban core, nationally known for its arts and cultural events, rotating exhibits and wonderful local restaurants.

Most emblematic of her spirit of service is Cindy's role as co-founder and CEO of Changing Hands bookstore, a gathering place for people all over the Valley to exchange ideas. The bookstore has served as a touchstone in our community for more than 45 years, and has hosted presidents and leaders including Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Jimmy Carter, and Madeline Albright.

Cindy has also helped inspire a generation of young women to build and create in their own art studios, craft breweries, and boutiques on Roosevelt Row. While Cindy has been a pillar of Roosevelt Row for decades, she is saving space and a saving grace for women in business. Not only does she lend square footage of her own properties, but she also mentors and actively supports female entrepreneurs in the arts district.

I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating Cindy Dach as a leader and entrepreneur behind the helm of a rising Phoenix. I'm grateful for the opportunity to witness her work and to call her a friend.

HONORING THE POSITIVE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me as I rise to pay tribute to The Positive Community Magazine for 20 years of promoting African-American culture, values and traditions.

In the late 1990s, Adrian Council, Sr. and Jean Nash Wells wanted to change the way African Americans were perceived in their communities and in the country. They did not like the fact that most of the publicity they

read about African Americans was negative. They started a newsletter, called the Good Newsletter, and filled it with positive stories from black culture. Then they distributed it to churches and other popular gathering places throughout the northern New Jersey and New York area. Eventually, the Good Newsletter became the Positive Community Newsletter.

In 2000, the founders decided to turn their newsletter into a magazine, called The Positive Community, and still contains stories about the people, organizations, and companies that are doing good things in black communities. For example, one of their issues is dedicated to college graduation with photos and descriptions of the graduates.

Today, The Positive Community has evolved into a faith-based lifestyle magazine written for African-American consumers in the New York and New Jersey market. It continues to be focused on the good news reported from churches and communities. The co-founders initial dream to create a balanced medium that accurately reflects the efforts of churches, small businesses, corporations, and concerned individuals to improve their neighborhoods, towns and cities has become a reality. In addition to the monthly publication, The Positive Community co-sponsors church and community events that focus on health and financial literacy-related issues.

On New Year's Day of 2020, the magazine hosted the inaugural Great American Emancipation Day Awards Banquet at the historic Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, New Jersey to celebrate their 20th anniversary. They presented seven guests with awards to honor their commitment to African-American communities, such as the Torchbearer Award, Servant Leadership Award, and the Community Spirit Award. The event continued the same devotion to respect for the audience as the magazine has shown to its readers.

Madam Speaker, I ask my fellow Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to join me and recognize The Positive Community Magazine for its 20-year commitment to positive publicity for African Americans across the country.

HONORING LONNIE GILBERT NEFOUSE

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and fellow veteran, Lonnie Gilbert Nefouse, who recently passed away at the age of 73 in Carmel, Indiana.

Early in his life, Lonnie chose a path of service to our country. Lonnie defended our stars and stripes with the courage and selflessness that will continue to make our nation great for generations to come. This is evident in the many honors he was awarded including a Bronze Star Medal and a Purple Heart.

Not only was Lonnie a patriot, but a pillar of our Hoosier community and a true family man. He valued spending time with his family and served as a role model for future generations through his civic leadership and commitment to country.

The Pence family is lucky to have considered Lonnie a close friend. He was a generous person who will be remembered fondly and greatly missed.

May God rest his soul and bring comfort to his family and friends as we mourn his loss and celebrate Lonnie's life here on earth.

HONORING CREEK'S EDGE ELK FARM & CRUM CREEK CSA FOR RECEIVING THE FULTON MONTGOMERY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Creek's Edge Elk Farm & Crum Creek CSA for receiving the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Business of the Year Award.

Creek's Edge Elk Farm & Crum Creek CSA is a collaboration between two local family farms that seek to offer the broader community a wide selection of locally-raised, high-quality, healthy meats. The farms, owned by husband and wife team Israel and Stacy Handy of Handy Hills Farm; and Susan Keith of Creek's Edge, work together to market their products to customers throughout Montgomery and Fulton counties, as well as the Little Falls, Cooperstown and Cherry Valley areas. They have made significant investments in their farms and work tirelessly to ensure that their customers have high confidence in their products. Creek's Edge Elk Farm & Crum Creek CSA takes pride being able to provide the community with meats from healthy, well-cared for animals because as they say, "not everyone is able to raise a steer or pig in their backyard."

Agriculture is an essential component of the economy in Northern New York and Creek's Edge Elk Farm & Crum Creek CSA exemplify the best of North Country agriculture. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to congratulate Susan Keith, Israel Handy, and Stacy Handy for this well-deserved recognition. I look forward to their future success.

RECOGNIZING MARTIN FERRELL NEVINS

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Martin Ferrell Nevins of Elizabeth City, North Carolina on the occasion of his 100th birthday. A native of Iowa, Mr. Nevins, or "Matty" as he was known to friends, enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1941. During WWII he was a boatswain's mate aboard ships in San Francisco and Alaska. By the end of WWII Marty had advanced to Aircraft Structural Mechanic. He retired from active duty in 1962 as a Chief Aviation Structural Mechanic. From 1962 to 1980 he worked as a civilian at the Coast Guard Base in Elizabeth City, and retired as Superintendent of the Aircraft Repair Division. He was then awarded the Distinguished Career Service Award for his 38 years of service to the Coast Guard.

After his retirement, Marty enjoyed spending more time with his wife Helen. He also volun-

teered with Meals on Wheels, served as an officer in his Kiwanis Club, and tutored others in reading, writing and basic math. Matty was quoted as saying: "If you take something from the community, you ought to give something back, and Elizabeth City has given us so much."

Unfortunately, Mr. Nevins is predeceased by his wife Helen who passed away in 2007 at the age of 92; and also by their daughter Christine, who lost her courageous battle with cancer in 2013.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring this incredible veteran and public servant, Mr. Martin Ferrell Nevins.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR THORNTON

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, in celebration of Black History Month, I rise today in recognition of Major Milo Thornton, an exemplary constituent of mine and African American Pioneer who has served our community for 23 years in law enforcement.

Major Thornton began his career in 1997, as a correctional deputy with Saint Lucie County's Sheriff Office, under the leadership of the now retired Sheriff Robert "Bobby" Knowles. After a year and a half tenure, he became a patrolman with the Vero Beach Police Department.

Major Thornton quickly rose through the ranks, being hired by Sheriff Roy Raymond at Indian River County Sheriff's Office four years later, becoming sergeant in 2012, receiving assignment to uniform patrol, and in 2016 being promoted to lieutenant, where he was reassigned to criminal investigations. In this role, he was afforded the opportunity to attend advanced training courses that would prepare him for the rest of his career. He worked closely with general assignment detectives, the narcotics division and criminal analysts to get to the bottom of various criminal investigations.

In 2017, Sheriff Deryl Loar promoted Major Thornton to the rank of captain, reassigning him to the Uniforms Operations Division in which he oversaw the operations of all men and women who patrol the county, special operations, including the K9 Unit, Traffic Unit, Agriculture and Marine Unit, among many others. Additionally, he worked with dispatchers in the Communications Unit and the Victims Assistance Unit.

In 2019 he was again promoted, this time to rank of major, where he was to serve in the Bureau of Administration. In this position, he managed aspects of human resources, information technology, homeland security, Judicial Services, and the School Resource Unit, just to name a few.

Major Thornton also serves our community in many capacities outside of his day job, one of which, as an adjunct instructor at Indian River State College, his alma mater where he earned his Associates and Bachelor's degrees. He has worked within their College of Public Safety Training for 14 years now, teaching subjects such as Introduction to Law Enforcement, Criminal Investigations, and Interviewing and Report Writing.

Major Thornton is a member of the International Associations of Chiefs of Police, a graduate of the Southern Police Institute's Command Officers Development Course (class No. 80) at the University of Louisville, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Leadership Academy (class No. 28). In his free time, Major Thornton serves as volunteer board member of several charities and non-profit organizations.

On Tuesday, February 18, 2020 in celebration of Black History Month, the Indian River County Board of Commissioners will honor Major Thornton's longstanding service to the community. The Board is dedicated to celebrating African American Pioneers in the community such as Major Thornton, who have paved the way for future generations.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Major Thornton for his dedication to protecting residents and his service to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF GAIL STOLL PATTON

HON. CAROL D. MILLER

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 27, 2020

Mrs. MILLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gail Stoll Patton, who is retiring from her position as Executive Director of Unlimited Future Inc. Mrs. Patton has been involved in the start-up of many small businesses in the Greater Huntington region. She is a visionary, a dreamer and has left quite a legacy behind for others to enact. She is a friend.

Mrs. Patton is truly a dedicated community member whose work has sought to significantly benefit the life in Southern West Virginia and the Tri-State Region surrounding Huntington. She is happily married to her husband Paul, and they own their own business, Top Hat Ballroom, a social ballroom dance studio. She also has two daughters, Phoebe and Lydia and two grandsons.

Mrs. Patton has devoted much of her life to ensuring the success of small businesses, especially those operated by women and people of color. In 2018, she was instrumental in securing a \$1 million grant from the Rockefeller Foundation and the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative to increase economic opportunities in the Tri-State area. This grant went toward improving the economy of 100 local communities.

Mrs. Patton has proven time and time again that she is a true asset to Huntington and the Mountain State. She helped lead the creation of The Wild Ramp, a year-round, non-profit farmers market-based in Huntington, West Virginia. It has already helped support countless local farmers and producers and revitalize the economy in the Central City District. It is because of people like Mrs. Patton who make me proud to represent West Virginia's Third Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Mrs. Patton for this momentous achievement. I ask you and my colleagues to join me in sending her gratitude and best wishes upon her retirement.