

On June 1, 2008, he answered “the call” from his Spiritual Father and his Pastor, the former Bishop of Victory Christian Center, Inc., David L. Thomas, which changed his life forever. By saying “Yes” to the call, thousands of lives have been positively impacted by his ministry. During his tenure at Victory Christian Center, he served as an Elder, Campus Pastor, Chief Operating Officer, Director of Operations and served on the Board of Director of Legacy A Global Kingdom Alliance.

Lock wanted to leave a legacy that would extend beyond his lifetime. “He fought the fight, finished the race and most of all remained faithful to his calling. Well done thy good and faithful servant.” Pastor Lock’s hard work and devotion will continue to reverberate throughout our community, and his memory will live on forever.

CONGRATULATING ALISON BOWERS AND HER RELAY TEAM FOR WINNING THE IHSA STATE TITLE IN TRACK

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

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It is because of student leaders like them that I am especially proud to serve Illinois’ 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Alison Bowers and the relay team for their accomplishment.

HONORING THE LIVES AND SERVICE OF NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN AND WOMAN JOHN AND CHLOE ANN O’NEIL

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lives of New York State Assemblyman and Assemblywoman John and Chloe Ann O’Neil on the occasion of their memorial dedication service.

Prior to Mr. O’Neil’s time in the Assembly, he dedicated his life to teaching students at various universities throughout upstate New

York, such as Canton College of Technology. He spent over twenty years working with the United University Professions to ensure professors all over New York were well represented. Mrs. O’Neil spent her life dedicated to serving others through volunteer work at Canton-Potsdam Hospital and decades of teaching at the Parishville-Hopkins Central School. John and Chloe Ann were married in April of 1966 at Sacred Heart Church in Cicero, New York and the loving couple had two children.

John and Chloe Ann O’Neil were both dedicated New York State assembly members. John was elected to the Assembly in 1980, representing the St. Lawrence County area. He served six terms, working up until his passing in 1992. Chloe Ann worked closely with John while he was in office and was subsequently elected to John’s seat in a special election, serving from 1993 to 1998. Both John and Chloe Ann O’Neil were enthusiastic advocates for helping others and improving the quality of life for New York State residents.

John O’Neil tragically died in a car accident in 1992 and Chloe Ann O’Neil passed away in a two-car collision in 2018. The O’Neils were true assets to the North Country and every New York State citizen has benefited from the immense civic commitment of this legendary couple. I am proud to honor the lives of John and Chloe Ann O’Neil on behalf of New York’s 21st Congressional District.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RED STEAGALL COWBOY HERITAGE AND RANCH RODEO 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th anniversary of the Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering. Established three decades ago, this multi-faceted event started at the Cowtown Coliseum in the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District. Named after famed American Western musician and poet Russell “Red” Steagall, this three-day gathering brings together more than 30,000 people each year from across the globe. The first gathering began as a celebration of cowboy poetry, which grew from the tradition of cowboys telling stories over campfires.

The Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering that exists today still honors the roots of cowboy poetry, but it has evolved into a much larger celebration of music, poetry, and more. To kick off the gathering, one of the last authentic wagon trains is formed by participants throughout the state, travelling to various ranches across Texas until they arrive at the Fort Worth Stockyards to kick-off the festivities. The Western Swing Festival & Dance features musical performances each night of the event by artists such as Bobby Flores, Jake Hooker, and Red Steagall himself.

Rodeo is also a major part of the heart and soul of this gathering, with multiple events featuring competing ranches that battle for bragging rights and the opportunity to showcase the skill and grit of the cowboys who work this lifestyle every day. One of the greatest accom-

plishments of the Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering, however, is the scholarships provided to students interested in Western culinary arts, poetry, and swing music. To date, the gathering has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships, with over \$250,000 coming from the Youth Poetry Contest alone, to those students who are looking to keep these traditions alive for generations to come.

Our community owes a great deal to Red Steagall for hosting this gathering and helping shape the world-renowned event that it has become today. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering, and the executive producers, Mr. Red Steagall himself, Mr. Steve Murrin, Mr. Hub Baker and Mr. Jim Calhoun, Jr., along with the countless others who make this time-honored event possible, and all that this tremendous family event does to bring together Fort Worth and the entire state of Texas each year to share our mutual passion.

HONORING SARAH YOUNG GLACKIN

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Sarah Young Glackin on her long and distinguished career as a staff member on the House Appropriations Committee as she prepares to leave us for new endeavors.

Myself and my fellow colleagues—on both sides of the aisle—have relied extensively on Sarah’s expertise in many appropriations matters, most notably in the areas of defense and military construction.

Sarah’s career began on the Subcommittee on Defense, with a portfolio that included Tricare and Defense Health Programs.

Four years later, she moved to the Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and then Subcommittee on Interior and Environment. She soon returned to Defense, where she worked on Counterdrug and Narcotics, Missile Defense, Defense Health Programs, Military Medical Research, and TRICARE. For the last decade, Sarah has served on the Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies.

She was responsible for military construction across all components and services, the improvement of housing for our servicemembers and their families, and the NATO security investment program.

Oftentimes congressional staffers are not appropriately recognized for their service. However, they are the Americans from all over our Nation that represent the fabric of our country. Sarah has served in more ways than one.

Madam Speaker, Sarah has been an institution on the Appropriations Committee since the moment I arrived there. My colleagues and myself will miss her dedication, her patience, and her deep reservoir of knowledge. I want to wish Sarah all the best as she pursues new adventures.

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HONORING RON JACKSON FOR RECEIVING THE FRANCISCA IRWIN AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ron Jackson for receiving the Francisca Irwin Award for Community Service from the Essex Community Fund.

For decades, Ron Jackson has selflessly served the North Country. Mr. Jackson has lived in Essex all his life, joining the local fire company at 16 before studying engineering at SUNY-Maritime and serving with the Merchant Marines. As town Supervisor for 10 years, Mr. Jackson worked to upgrade the community sewer and water systems and helped gather funds for Beggs Park. A pillar of the local EMS and fire units, he helped to both design and build the fire house. Following the events of 9/11, he even led an ambulance crew to New York City to offer assistance. Mr. Jackson remains a devoted community leader today and currently serves on the town board.

The Francisca Irwin Award for Community Service is named for "Frisky" Paine Irwin, who was a devoted advocate for the Adirondack community. Based on Mr. Jackson's decades of tireless service, he is undoubtedly deserving of this recognition. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I thank Mr. Jackson for his service to the North Country and congratulate him on receiving this award.

HONORING WWII VET NORVAN D.
MCCLURE

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Norvan D. McClure of Fort Wayne. Our Nation owes Norvan a tremendous debt of gratitude for his service to our country in the United States Army during World War II. Serving in an Engineer Combat Battalion in the Europe, his sacrifices were critical to the defense of our homeland, of Europe and to the security and prosperity of millions.

Most notably, Norvan's service earned him the French Legion of Honour award, the highest distinction awarded by France. Established by Napoleon in 1804, the Legion of Honour known as *Ordre national de la Legion d'honneur*, is awarded only to the most exceptional of soldiers served in defense of the French Republic. As a combat engineer, Norvan was charged with most perilous tasks of any soldier during the war: removing mines and booby traps left behind by a retreating fanatical Wehrmacht. But for Norvan and his heroic actions, many more America have been killed and the Allied advance across Western Europe would have been even more difficult and deadly than it was.

Norvan's unit continued into Germany, and then Austria, where it remained involved in combat operations until the end of the war in Europe in May 1945. Norvan returned to Indiana, raised five children with his wife, Maryann, and became a Locomotive Engineer, a job he had for 44 years. I'm proud to honor him. On behalf of Congress, let me say: We hope Norvan's heart is filled with joy knowing he has experienced our country's blessings, including the affection of family, friends, and a grateful Nation, over a long and well-lived life. May God Bless Norvan, and may God Bless the United States.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 98TH
TURKISH INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Turkish-American Cultural Association of Michigan on the celebration of the 98th Turkish Independence Day on October 29, 2021. The Turkish-American Cultural Association of Michigan has been a positive force in our community and this celebration is worthy of commendation.

The Turkish-American Cultural Association of Michigan have been a strong voice for the Turkish people here in Michigan and their efforts play a role in cultivating a meaningful relationship between Turkey and the United States. The group serves as a bridge that unifies our communities to promote, plan, and execute programs that improve humanitarian and cultural welfare of the Turkish community in Michigan and abroad. Their leadership and the sharing of their unique tradition and culture has made a difference here at home and in communities across the nation.

As we celebrate the 98th Turkish Independence Day, I am proud to recognize the many Americans of Turkish descent who have made significant contributions to our state, especially those notable Turkish-Americans who reside in Michigan's 12th Congressional District who tirelessly work towards innovation in the fields of academia, the arts, and technology. Turkish-Americans enrich our communities through sharing their culture and continue to demonstrate a steadfast commitment to making Michigan a more inclusive, vibrant, and prosperous place for all.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 98th Turkish Independence Day. We thank the Turkish-American Cultural Association and their President, Dr. Mehmet Erdem Yaya, for their commitment to the betterment of our state of Michigan and look forward to celebrating this special anniversary for many years to come.

CONGRATULATING ILLINI BLUFFS
HIGH SCHOOL'S SOFTBALL TEAM
FOR WINNING IHSA CLASS 1A
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Illini Bluffs High School softball team for winning the Illinois High School Athletic Association Class 1A State championship.

The team won the state title in softball, completing a perfect 29-0 season. The Tigers fell behind 3-1, but rallied in the fifth inning. Triples from Zoe Eeten and Addie Welsh as well as timely base knocks from Ashley Aksun, Emma Hicks and Annabelle Fortin allowed the Tigers to score five unanswered runs and pick up a 6-3 win over Orangeville. As a former athlete, I commend the determination and drive of these young women. They are a bright example of the importance of team dedication and strong work ethic. I am proud to see them represent their community so well throughout the state and the country with their dedication and passion.

It is because of student leaders like them that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Illini Bluffs' softball team on their Class 1A State Finals championship.

HONORING KARA MAGGY FOR RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED LEADER OF TOMORROW AWARD FROM THE GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kara Maggy for receiving the Distinguished Leader of Tomorrow Award from the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York.

Kara Maggy has been a Girl Scout for 11 years in addition to her participation in 4-H.