

She works as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Meadowbrook Nursing Home, where she treats each resident with respect and the highest quality of care. Going above and beyond what is required of her to help others, she has twice provided potentially life-saving assistance at accidents outside of her job. As proof of her dedication to serving her community, she received the Presidential Award at her CV-TEC graduation. This young woman serves as a great example to the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York.

Ms. Maggy truly embodies the spirit of helping her neighbor, which is present throughout the North Country. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to thank Ms. Maggy for her commitment to her community and congratulate her for this well-deserved recognition.

TRIBUTE TO JEAN HALE

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the remarkable career and astute leadership of my dear friend, Jean Hale of Pikeville, Kentucky, who plans to retire after dedicating 52 years in the banking industry in Central Appalachia, serving as Chairwoman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Community Trust Bancorp for the last 23 years.

Jean Hale joined Community Trust in 1969 and progressed through the officer ranks, working twice as hard to make her mark in a male-dominated industry. In 1992, she was named President and CEO of Community Trust Bank and seven years later, became president and CEO of Community Trust Bancorp. In 2005, Chairwoman was added to her growing list of leadership roles. During her tenure, the company's total assets increased 152 percent from \$2.2 billion on December 31, 1999, to \$5.5 billion on June 30, 2021, with banking locations in Kentucky, West Virginia, and Tennessee.

She credits her stellar work ethic to her parents. Her father was a coal mining electrician, and she refers to her mother as a "home-making engineer" for making their clothes, raising their garden and canning goods. Together, they put Jean and her three siblings through college with no debt, moving from Grapevine to Pikeville so they could live at home and go to college, saving money on room and board. Jean has carried the same financial wisdom and skills throughout her career, even making her own suits when she first started working for Community Trust.

Over the year, her counsel and expertise have been highly sought after among financial sector experts, leading her to become Chairwoman of the Board of the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority and a member of the Kentucky Economic Development Partnership Board, the Commonwealth Seed Capital, LLC Board, the University of Pikeville Board of Trustees, the ARH Foundation Board, and the Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

In addition to her work in the banking industry, I am personally grateful for Jean's commit-

ment to SOAR—Shaping Our Appalachian Region—a non-profit organization that she helped launch to revitalize rural communities in Kentucky's Appalachian region as a result of the downturn of the coal industry. Jean was one of the first leaders that I personally asked to help establish SOAR. The initiative that started in 2013 is now a comprehensive regional movement that is effectively shaping a brighter future for the people of southern and eastern Kentucky. Since day one, she has served on the SOAR Executive Committee and as Chair of the Development Committee and Finance Committee. Thanks to her leadership, SOAR is a thriving, self-sustaining grassroots organization that is empowering economic development and growth where we need it the most.

The characteristic that sets Jean apart is her passion. She deeply loves Eastern Kentucky and watching our region thrive despite our challenges. I count it a great honor to celebrate my friend, Jean Hale and the countless accomplishments that she has made on behalf of so many Central Appalachian families and businesses. May her retirement be blessed by many wonderful years with her family and beloved grandchildren.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF GERDA M. FITTS (KRUEGER)

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the steadfast service of one of Missouri's World War II U.S. Cadet Nurses, Gerda Fitts (Krueger).

Born in 1924, Gerda grew up during the Great Depression, where she helped on the family farm, read the Bible and helped with the chores around her family home. Gerda graduated high school while America was engaged in World War II. Her father had served in World War I and seeing her brothers' commitment to fight for their country in World War II, encouraged a patriotic earning within her soul. Thus, determined to do her part, Gerda enlisted in the United States Nursing Corps in 1943. This was when God first called her to serve others, and the time spent doing His work set her on a path she has been following ever since. After getting out of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps, Gerda started working for the Wentworth Military Academy as the social director. She taught etiquette class to the young boys who attended Wentworth Military Academy. It was during this time that she met her now-husband, James 'Jim' Fitts, an Air Force veteran who had just retired after serving a dedicated 34 years. Gerda and Jim both retired from Wentworth Military Academy, Gerda as the social director and Jim as the Academy Commandant. After their retirement, they moved to Hermitage, Missouri, where they have both continued serving their community.

Gerda Fitts has been alive nearly a century. During this time, she has seen the world advance in ways she could have never dreamed. She had to live through the horrors of the Great Depression, a World War, and a Cold War. She has witnessed 17 Presidential administrations and has watched as America had its ups and downs. Through it all, she remains

the same humble, sweet, caring woman who never forgets to check on her friends, and who truly loves her community and country.

Although the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps is not recognized as a formal branch of service, it is important that women like Gerda are recognized for their service to our country during World War II. Please join me in honoring Gerda Fitts for her steadfast service to our Nation.

CONGRATULATING BLACK HAWK COLLEGE ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Black Hawk College for its 75th Anniversary. Black Hawk College has long been an excellent college in our district.

Black Hawk College started off as Moline Community College in 1946, and was located at Moline High School. The College accommodated World War II veterans seeking higher education and offered transfer, career, and adult education classes. In 1961 it became Black Hawk College, which was the first county-wide junior college in Illinois. Black Hawk College expanded as neighboring school districts petitioned to join its district. In 1965, with the passage of "The Illinois Public Junior College Act," Black Hawk College became part of the state's system of higher education, committed to offering traditional liberal arts courses, occupational courses, and adult education courses at its campus in Moline. I commend Black Hawk College for all it has done for students and community colleges in our district.

It is because of community leaders such as Black Hawk College that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize and congratulate Black Hawk College for its 75th Anniversary.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 132

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor American Legion Post 132 of Orange, California, an inspiring organization dedicated to supporting veterans, national security, Americanism, and our community and its young people.

For more than ten decades, American Legion Post 132 has helped veterans adjust to life after service. It has served as a second home for some, helped others find jobs, and offered many the chance to forge lifelong friendships.

Post 132 was organized in 1919, the same year the American Legion was chartered by Congress as a patriotic veterans organization. Post 132 then received its temporary charter December 17, 1919 and its official charter October 1, 1920, making it one of the earliest

American Legion posts in California and the second oldest in Orange County.

The newly formed Post 132 met for nearly a decade in the Orange City Hall basement until the Legion Hall was dedicated June 3, 1928. For several years, the Legion shared the facility with the Orange Armory of the National Guard, which used the basement for firing practice. The basement now houses a unique Military Museum that displays items from the American Civil War to present day.

Not only is Post 132 one of the oldest American Legion posts in the country, it is one of the most active. Post 132 Legionnaires keep a full calendar of fundraising events for veteran causes, programs for holidays like Flag Day and Veterans Day, and outreach activities to local schools and community groups to talk about the importance of honoring those who fought for our country.

In support of developing future leaders, Post 132 sends high school students to the annual Boys State and Girls State summer leadership and citizenship program. In addition, Post 132 sponsors local Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops.

Post 132 is a combination of four "families" that includes its veteran Legionnaires, an Auxiliary Unit that is part of the largest women's patriotic service organization in the world, a Sons of the American Legion unit made up of descendants of parents or grandparents who served in the military, and a Riders Chapter, a group of motorcycle enthusiasts who participate in parades and other events that raise funds and foster camaraderie.

The American Legion Post 132 family has, in all aspects, provided extensive service to our veterans and has fostered patriotism and good citizenship, especially for our youth.

More than 500 veterans from throughout Orange County belong to Post 132. Throughout its long history, its members past and present have fought in every war and major military conflict since World War I.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the more than 100 years of outstanding service to our community by American Legion Post 132, and the service of the hundreds of veterans who are members of this patriotic organization.

HONORING COMMUNITY HEALTH
OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INCORPORATED

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, founded in the late 1960s, Community Health of South Florida, Incorporated was established in order to answer the call of service for members of the community. Many minority residents of Miami-Dade County lacked access to health care due to the existing segregation of medical care in the South. Other migrant farmworkers were uninsured, preventing them from obtaining preventative or ambulatory care. Doris Ison recognized the need to provide care for all, regardless of race or economic status, having been a farmworker herself who immigrated from the Bahamas. Inspired by the American dream, Mrs. Ison was a catalyst for action and inspired local leaders, organiza-

tions, and members from her church to establish Community Health of South Dade, Incorporated in April of 1971.

Beginning as two trailers off U.S. Highway 1, today, the mission has expanded to 11 health centers. Additionally, 35 school-based centers were established in order to serve the needs of Miami-Dade and Monroe County's underprivileged children. Community Health of South Florida, Incorporated offers services ranging from Primary Care, Urgent Care, Pediatrics, Behavioral Health, Radiology, Dental, Vision, and many others. Community Health of South Florida, Incorporated again answered the call for service during the COVID-19 pandemic by providing testing and telehealth medical services. True to Mrs. Ison's vision, CHI provides care for the uninsured and low income in Miami-Dade County, as well as the insured.

In 2016, Community Health of South Florida, Incorporated received the Governor's Sterling Award. They are designated as the second federally qualified health center in the nation to be a behavioral health medical home, are certified as a patient centered medical home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance, and are accredited by the Joint Commission. To carry on the legacy of Mrs. Ison, the Brodes H. Hartley, Jr. Teaching Health Center helps to train the next generation of medical professionals.

It is an honor to join the South Florida community in celebrating their 50th anniversary. As Community Health of South Florida, Incorporated celebrates this milestone, I am grateful for all this organization has done to serve the needs of South Florida.

HONORING THE HEROIC LIFE OF
CHARLES SMITH

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 heroic life of Charles Smith on the occasion of his passing.

Mr. Charles Smith was born in Keene, New York in 1924 to Samuel and Elsie Smith. In 1943, he was drafted to fight in World War II and joined the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division. Mr. Smith had grown up skiing during intense winters in Upstate New York and decided to enlist as a ski trooper, soldiers specifically trained for mountainous warfare. His unit was sent to Italy where they fought in the Apennine Mountains and the Po Valley, at one point fighting for 20 continuous days and crossing 120 miles. Facing snipers, mines, and machine guns, his unit experienced the highest casualty count for their size and period in combat with 992 deaths and 4,000 wounded.

While bravely defending his country, Mr. Smith was injured by enemy shrapnel but courageously continued to fight alongside his unit. Mr. Smith was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his heroic service to his country.

After the war, Mr. Smith married his wife, Roberta Louisa Manley, and had three children. He became a carpenter and worked on building Plattsburgh Air Force Base. Always dedicated to his community, he was also a

proud volunteer at Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital for over a decade.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize the extraordinary life of Charles Smith, and his brave and selfless service to his country. It is my hope that his fearless spirit and bravery will be carried on by those who knew and loved him.

CONGRATULATING THE MOLINE
HIGH SCHOOL BASS FISHING
TEAM ON WINNING THE ILLINOIS
HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
BASS FISHING STATE COMPETITION

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bennett Glessner, Dustin Goderis, and Elijah Medina of the Moline High School Bass Fishing Team on winning the Illinois High School Association's State Bass Fishing Competition. This is their second time achieving this honor.

The team won the state title with a fish that was 20 pounds, 3 ounces. As a former student athlete, I admire the Moline High School Bass Fishing team's patience and determination. I am proud that this team represents Moline so well throughout the state.

It is because of the hard-working student leaders such as those on the Moline High School Bass fishing team that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Moline High School Bass fishing team for their state title win.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF BELTA TORRE SGAMBELLURI
PEREZ

HON. MICHAEL F.Q. SAN NICOLAS

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Mr. SAN NICOLAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Belta Torre Sgambelluri Perez. Belta was a leader whose commitment to service and devotion to community has and continues to inspire generations throughout our island. We will fondly remember her as an innovative entrepreneur and tireless advocate that has helped shape the history and future of Guam.

Widely known for her pioneering efforts in cultivating a new industry for the island, Belta is an icon of pageantry and performing arts. Following her reign as Guam's 1961 Liberation Queen, she earned her associate's degree in Education and Theater and bachelor's degree in Education and Communication from the University of Guam and San Jose State University respectively. She then utilized her extensive training and background in the arts to establish the first John Robert Powers School in Guam and the Philippines. Providing formal training and mentorship to thousands of students for over 50 years, Belta developed an institution that admirably encourages our youth to pursue their dreams, foster their talents,