

the opportunity to recognize him for his service to the South Jersey community. God Bless Mark and God Bless America.

REMEMBERING HERMAN ZERGER

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Mr. Herman “Zerg” Zerger, Jr., of Woodsfield, Ohio. Herman Zerger passed away on Friday, October 22, 2021 at the Arbors of Woodsfield, Ohio.

He was born at Woodsfield, Ohio on January 5, 1924, a son of the late Herman and Sylvia Mowder Zerger. Herman was a 1942 graduate of Woodsfield High School, Woodsfield, Ohio and was also a retired owner and operator of Zerger’s Quarry for over 50 years. He served 10 years as a Special Duty Sheriff in Monroe County and was elected five consecutive terms as Center Township Trustee. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Woodsfield, Ohio. During WWII in 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served as a Platoon Sergeant with Rifle Co. I-141st Infantry, 36th Infantry Division. He fought 300 days on the front line in 31 battles in both Italy and France. He cast his first vote (for Franklin Delano Roosevelt) from a foxhole facing the Germans before being taken as a prisoner on February 3, 1945 by the SS troops.

He was one of the founding charter members of the V.F.W. Post 5303, Woodsfield, Ohio where he served as a trustee for 40 years and the 40 & 8 Grand Voiture of Ohio No. 363 where he served as Chaplain. He is a life member in Ohio Chapter No. 1 American Ex-Prisoner of War; Life Member of American Legion Post No. 87, Woodsfield, Ohio; former member of the Monroe County Democratic Central and Executive Committee where he served as the Monroe County Democratic Chairman for 45 years, being the longest serving county chair in Ohio; life-long Trustee of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 8; charter member of the 141st Infantry Regiment 36th Division; life member of Veterans Battle of the Bulge, Buckeye Ohio Chapter No. 1; life member of the Combat Infantryman’s Association; Ohio Combat Infantryman’s Association; Akron Chapter C.I.B.; life member of the Texas 36th Infantryman’s Association; life member of Midwest Chapter 36th Division Association 141st Regiment Co. I; American Order of the French Croix de Guerre, Inc.; 5th Army Association; life member of American Ex-Prisoners of War No. 9114; life member of the Ohio Chapter No. 1 American Ex-Prisoners of War; charter member and former vice commander of Mid-Ohio Valley Chapter 15 Ex-Prisoners of War; charter member Mid-Ohio Valley Chapter No. 743 of the Purple Heart; recipient of the Bronze Star for action at Riquewihir, France; Diploma from the French Government National Association of the Cross of War, T.O.E. and Military Valor-Paris Citation ordered by the Army; and the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Doris Williams and Ruth Roth; a stepson, Gary Russell and a step-daughter, Chris Russell Schenerlein.

Surviving are his companion, Clair Thompson of Stafford, Ohio; a niece, Dee (Mike)

Vargo of Woodsfield, Ohio; a nephew, Stephen (Erlene) Williams of Chickasha, Oklahoma; a step-daughter, Connie (Hank) Kaufman of Johnstown, Ohio; a great-niece, Alexis Vargo; three great-nephews, Christian Vargo, Brian Williams and Jeff Williams; a special cousin, Rick (Kitty) Zerger of Caldwell, Ohio; several step-grandchildren; special friends including, Joe (Robin) Bishop of Woodsfield, Ohio, John Marshall of Columbus, Ohio and Mark (Lorie) Easton of South Carolina.

I was blessed to have the friendship of an icon of military service and the state Democratic Party. I pray for peace for his family during this troubling time.

HONORING 2021 CALIFORNIA
TEACHER OF THE YEAR JIM
KLIPFEL

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARCIA of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and honor California’s 2021 Representative for Teacher of the Year, Mr. Jim Klipfel. A U.S. History teacher and Athletics coach from my alma mater of Saugus High School, Mr. Klipfel is the embodiment of academic passion, humility, and service to others. While his family, friends, and students would be the first to say that Mr. Klipfel is not one to embrace the spotlight, there is not a shadow of a doubt as to whether he truly deserves the honorific title of “Teacher of the Year”.

At Saugus High School, Mr. Klipfel has served as an athletic and academic mentor to generations of students, going above and beyond what is normally expected of an educator to impart the leaders of tomorrow with invaluable lessons and qualities to help them succeed and make the world a better place. He has always challenged students to think for themselves, reject the status quo, and “pull back the curtain” to expose the faults of existing systems in the hopes of improving them. He has poured his heart and soul into his profession and the success of those whose education he has been entrusted with. It is not a responsibility that he takes lightly. His friends, colleagues, and most of all his students bear witness every day to how much Mr. Klipfel gives of himself to ensure the success of his students. He does so with unbridled intelligence, kindness, and above all else, passion.

Recognizing the unique challenges that American high schoolers face today, Mr. Klipfel has prioritized students’ well-being and mental health while also pushing them to go beyond their comfort zone and realize their full potential. He achieves this by putting in the work to make himself available to any student who needs help and by walking them through mistakes in order to learn from them. He routinely holds after-hours study sessions to help students better prepare for tests, and never shies from lending a helping hand to those who may be in difficult situations outside the classroom. He always strives to teach his students lessons that will help them beyond academics, such as the value of charity, making the best out of difficult situations, and the importance of civic engagement.

In the face of numerous challenges over the past two years, Mr. Klipfel has proven to be a

resilient figure in the CA-25 community. After a school shooting in November of 2019, he helped his school rebuild and become stronger in the aftermath of tragedy. As the world transitioned to online learning and Zoom classes, Mr. Klipfel worked to keep students engaged and active in the classroom to ensure their continued academic success despite the odds facing them.

I am proud that such an exemplary teacher was selected to represent California’s 25th District and California at large on the national stage and honored for his service and accomplishments. Mr. Klipfel no doubt represents the best of what teachers can be, and the promise of the future when we invest ourselves into helping young people realize their full potential inside and outside of the classroom. California’s 25th district, our state, and our country are grateful for all Mr. Klipfel has given our community as he continues to inspire and educate the leaders of tomorrow.

TRIBUTE TO STEVEN BLANK

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Steve Blank, an entrepreneur who has inspired thousands of innovators to solve some of the world’s most pressing problems.

Steve Blank was born in New York City to immigrant parents and attended the University of Michigan for one semester. He then served his country for four years in the U.S. Air Force, repairing fighter planes in Thailand.

Steve Blank was fortunate to return to Silicon Valley in the exciting 1970s. He worked for 21 years in high tech, and founded many companies, including Zilog, MIPS Computers, Convergent Technologies, E.piphany (now Epiphany) and retired in 1999. In the mid-1990s, he created the Customer Development model that focused on distinguishing between companies that execute business models as opposed to startups that search for them, thus launching the LeanStartup movement.

In 2011, Mr. Blank created the LeanLaunchPad experiential entrepreneurship class at Stanford University, Columbia Business School, and UC Berkeley. The LeanLaunchPad changed the way entrepreneurship is taught by giving students hands-on experience in what it takes to start a company instead of having them write business plans. Also in 2011, the National Science Foundation adopted Mr. Blank’s LeanLaunchPad curriculum for its Innovation Corps (I-Corps), in order to help the nation’s leading scientists and engineers learn how to take their tech ideas from the lab to the marketplace. The NSF I-Corps is now the standard for how scientific research is commercialized in the U.S. It has been adopted by other federal research agencies (including NIH, DOE, HHS, and NSA), and has trained 1,900 teams, and launched over 1,000 startups.

In 2016, Mr. Blank, Joe Felter, and Pete Newell created Hacking for Defense (H4D) at Stanford University—the first in a series of mission-driven entrepreneurship courses to provide a new platform for national service and change the way critical national security problems are solved. H4D is supported by

Congress and taught at 48 universities in the U.S. and at universities in the United Kingdom and Australia. H4D also gave rise to several sister courses that are accelerating mission-driven entrepreneurship in other sectors and policy arenas. These courses include: Hacking for Diplomacy, Hacking for Oceans, Hacking for Cities, Hacking for Energy, Hacking for Homeland Security, Hacking for Recovery, and Hacking for Climate and Sustainability.

As a result of Mr. Blank's work, hundreds of students at universities across the U.S. are engaged right now in a new form of national service, helping to create a pipeline of innovation for our nation as they solve real problems at startup speed. As a result of their experience in a LeanLaunchPad or "Hacking for X" courses, many of these students are choosing careers in the public sector.

Steve Blank has written many books, teaches entrepreneurship at Stanford and other distinguished institutions, and has earned numerous accolades for his innovative work. He was listed as one of the Masters of Innovation by the Harvard Business Review and one of the 30 Most Influential People in Tech by Forbes. He won the 2013 Silicon Valley Visionary Forum award, and with his wife was honored with the 2013 Environmental Leadership Award. He has often been a commencement speaker and his speech at Philadelphia University was ranked one of 300 best commencement speeches in the last 300 years by NPR.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring Steve Blank on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the LeanLaunchPad and the 5th Anniversary of H4D. Steve Blank has made our students wiser, our environment cleaner and our country stronger. He is a national treasure.

FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, Veterans Day is approaching and although we recognize these selfless individuals annually, one day surely is not enough. Every year we honor these individuals and their sacrifices, but we don't always get to hear their stories. Here, in South Jersey, we have an incredible community of active military and veterans, as well as their families. Today we honor three individuals: Jerry Callahan, Marco Polo Smigliani, and Ronald Rease. Their stories have been depicted in Veronica Dudo's, Emmy-nominated story, Freedom Isn't Free. These men put their lives on the line for our country in three wars. These men, all from South Jersey, are Purple Heart recipients after they were wounded in battle protecting our great Nation. As a district, and a Nation, we owe unconditional reverence to the three of them for their sacrifices to this country. I thank the gentlemen, it is an honor to be their Congressman.

RECOGNIZING JAMES A. SULLIVAN, WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND AMERICAN HERO

HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. MAST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. James A. Sullivan, a veteran of World War II, a true American hero and a pillar of our North Hutchinson Island community.

For nearly a century, Mr. Sullivan has committed to the betterment of his community. At the young age of seventeen, before he had even graduated from high school, he answered the call to serve his nation. In fact, he sent his sister in his place to accept his diploma and enlisted in the U.S. Navy with his parents' signature.

During his time with the U.S. Navy, Mr. Sullivan rose to the rank of Third-Class Petty Officer Radioman. He was assigned to the elite contingent stationed on Merchant Marine ships that transported critical supplies to the U.S. military across the Pacific throughout World War II. This was a dangerous role: despite its name, the U.S. Navy Armed Guard had little defensive equipment and sustained one of the highest casualty rates of any military division.

Following his time in the Navy, he earned a degree from Bunker Hill Community College, and felt a continued call to service. He joined the Thin Blue Line and served for nearly four decades as a police officer in Medford, Massachusetts.

Along with his beloved wife, Theresa, he is the cornerstone of a loving family who is continually inspired by his example of service, patriotism and love.

To quantify Mr. Sullivan's impact is nearly impossible. His determination and dedication are inspiring to all those he meets. I can say, without a doubt, that our Nation is a better place because of his leadership.

Our Nation has a proud history of military service, and the many men and women who have worn the uniform deserve to be held in the highest regard. All Americans owe a great debt of gratitude to their fellow citizens, like Mr. James A. Sullivan, who have valiantly served, and particularly as we recognize Veterans Day, I would like to convey my sincerest appreciation to him.

IN RECOGNITION OF SARA CASASSA, 2022 NEW HAMPSHIRE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Sara Casassa on being named New Hampshire's 2022 Teacher of the Year. Serving her community as a teacher for the past three decades, Sara has made a lasting impact on the lives of students and families across the New Hampshire public school system.

Sara arrived at Barnard School in 2009 as a language arts teacher while also having knowledge as a webmaster and technology integrator. Sara's compassion and selflessness

have given her the ability to cultivate an effective learning environment both virtually and in the classroom. It is without doubt that Sara has been an asset for students inside and outside the classroom. Moreover, her easy-going personality and sense of humor has made her beloved amongst the South Hampton community.

As the proud product of Manchester public schools, I know firsthand that access to a high-quality education is the cornerstone of our democracy, our economy, and our future. Sara's dedication to her profession, to providing a robust and engaging education experience to her students will no doubt lead to countless open doors for her students down the road. Sara is an example of what an exceptional educator and leader looks like.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate Sara for her achievement and thank her for her decades of service to our community. Sara has demonstrated a deep dedication to teaching and inspiring our future leaders. This is a well-deserved honor.

CHASE MAZUR—EAGLE SCOUT

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 1, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, the Boy Scouts of America is a youth organization that instills moral and ethical principles in young people. Ascending the ranks in this youth organization is no easy feat, but for those who reach the pinnacle, it is a mighty accomplishment. The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest in the BSA and does not come easy. Chase has accomplished an incredible goal, of which he and his family should be proud. He has exemplified what it means to be a leader in his community; a leader within his troop and organization; and leader in the classroom. I congratulate Chase on his incredible accomplishment. God Bless Chase and God Bless America.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

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Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2021 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.