

RECOGNIZING MIKE MASTOVICH

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 1, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Johnstown Tribune-Democrat reporter Mike Mastovich on being named CNHI LLC's 2020 top sportswriter in CNHI's Division I. Mike has been with the Johnstown Tribune-Democrat since 1986 and has covered the Johnstown sports community for over 35 years.

Throughout his career, Mike has told important stories for the Johnstown community—from record-setting coaching achievements at UPJ to Johnstown's professional hockey journey and countless high school sports milestones. Mike is at the center of our region's sports history and is a treasured member of this community.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, it is my privilege to congratulate Mike Mastovich on this outstanding achievement and wish him continued success.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT TODD R. KING AS THE SPRINGGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT 2018 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 1, 2021*

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I'm honored to congratulate Lieutenant Todd R. King upon earning the Springgettsbury Township Police Department 2018 Officer of the Year award. Due to exemplary performance and diversity of assignments, Lt. King exemplified sound decision-making, tireless dedication, and outstanding judgment while maintaining lasting and meaningful relationships within the department and the citizens he serves.

The Officer of the Year designation is awarded to those who demonstrate a high level of resourcefulness, reliability, and leadership in daily assignments. Over the course of his career, Lt. King has continued to rise through the ranks of the department—in no small part due to his dedication to serve and desire to earn the respect of his fellow officers and staff.

In 2018, Officer King assumed the primary role of evaluating and overhauling department policy and procedures, in addition to procuring and implementing new equipment to bring the department up to speed technologically. His knowledge and resourcefulness played a key role in the quality work produced daily by the department.

The breathtaking level of responsibility delegated to Lt. King also was notable. His daily assignments play a pivotal role in ensuring that "rank and file" had whatever was needed to fulfill their critical duties. He continues to be an invaluable asset to the department, and I am proud to recognize his achievements here today.

For exemplary performance, assumption of numerous assignments, commitment to the mission, and tireless service to the

Springgettsbury Township Police Department and the citizens it serves, I'm honored to recognize Lieutenant Todd R. King as the Department's 2018 Officer of the Year.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BOONE COUNTY COUNCILMAN STEVE JACOB

**HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 1, 2021*

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a dedicated public servant and constituent, Steve Jacob. Steve passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, surrounded by his family.

Steve Jacob was born on March 16, 1947, to parents William and Marietta. He grew up on the family farm in Jasonville, Indiana, going on to attend Purdue University. Upon graduation, Steve began his career at Indiana Bell, working his way to the role of vice president of Ameritech. Through his knowledge and experience, Steve served as a Congressional Fellow here in Washington, D.C., working for the telecom industry.

Though Steve had many commendable experiences in his career, he is perhaps best known in my district for his 20-plus years in public service. Steve served on the Boone County Council and at the time of his passing was the president of the council. His work on numerous boards and committees is to be commended. I am confident that the impact he made in public office will be felt for many years to come.

I extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Janet; his children Jeff, Jill, and Chris; and to the rest of his family and friends.

ADDISON LENCHNER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 1, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Addison Lenchner for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Addison Lenchner is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Addison Lenchner is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Addison Lenchner for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HISTORIC TAX CREDIT GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2021

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 1, 2021*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Historic Tax Credit Growth and Opportunity Act of 2021. This legislation passed the House last session in Title III of Division M of the Moving Forward Act (H.R. 2, 116th Cong.). It would bring relief to historic rehabilitation projects impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic while also improving the credit for smaller projects and expanding the number of projects eligible to receive the credit.

Since its inception in 1976, the Historic Tax Credit (HTC) has incentivized private sector investment in rehabilitating historic buildings. The HTC has attracted approximately \$173 billion in private capital in the last 45 years, helping to rehabilitate and revitalize communities. More than 45,000 buildings have been rehabilitated using the credit, creating nearly 3 million jobs. Unlike many other tax incentives, HTC projects spur enough economic development to return money to the Treasury. In 2019 the National Park Service reported that the HTC has generated \$38.1 billion in federal tax revenue from \$32.9 billion in tax credits.

The Historic Tax Credit Growth and Opportunity Act of 2021 first recognizes the challenges that historic rehabilitation projects have faced during the COVID-19 pandemic and provides a temporary increase in the credit value to address market volatility and projects' difficulty in accessing capital. The legislation also increases the credit value for small projects, which are often more difficult to finance. Finally, HTC-GO makes several changes to the structure of the credit to make more buildings eligible for the credit and allow for the credit to be more easily paired with the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate to enact this legislation in a comprehensive infrastructure package this year.

RECOGNIZING DR. BRUCE WALDHOLTZ

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 1, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Bruce Waldholtz for receiving the American Cancer Society's National Volunteer Leadership Award.

For 20 years, Dr. Waldholtz has generously devoted his time and energy as a volunteer with the American Cancer Society. Together with the American Cancer Society, Dr. Waldholtz is working to raise awareness of issues surrounding colorectal cancer, including screening methods and the importance of early detection. He has worked in his local community and has been an advocate for important legislation that would help to prevent and treat colorectal cancer. Recently, Dr. Waldholtz partnered with police chiefs in his

area to launch a social media awareness campaign encouraging members of their community to follow current guidance on cancer screenings and prevention.

Congratulations to my friend Dr. Bruce Waldholtz on receiving this well-deserved award. I am grateful for his work to protect American patients, and I wish him continued success in this lifesaving advocacy.

IN RECOGNITION OF PAUL J. MAHER FOR HIS LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 1, 2021*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of public servant, community leader, and United States Army veteran Paul J. Maher. Paul peacefully passed away at the age of 87 on February 19, 2021.

Paul was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, to Paul W. and Elizabeth Zwiebel Maher. He graduated from Mary's High School, and he remained actively involved with his alma mater as an alumnus, coordinating class reunions. He also attended Wilkes College and Wyoming Seminary.

Answering the call to serve his country, Paul enlisted in the United States Army and served during the Korean conflict. Before being discharged as a sergeant, he served at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with the 81st Chemical Group attached to the 82nd Airborne, holding the positions of company administrator and desk sergeant. After the Army, he had successful careers in banking and sales.

In 1971, Paul began his political career as the Coordinator of Federal Funds for the City of Wilkes-Barre where he worked closely with the late Congressman Dan Flood. His service to the city was instrumental in the aftermath of Hurricane Agnes in 1972. He attended flood recovery meetings and helped set up trailer parks for displaced residents, and he was a founding member and chairman of the South Wilkes-Barre Action Committee. In 1976, the late chairman of the Commissioner Board, F.C. Wideman, Jr., appointed Paul as the first Luzerne County Budget and Personnel Director where he oversaw allocations of funds and started a program to engage service clubs and women's organizations in the budget process.

In 1985, he began his 26-year career working with Congressman Paul Kanjorski of Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District as a field representative, serving as a liaison for all unions and managing small business inquiries. He was a well-known presence in the community, representing the Congressman at community events.

Paul was generous with his time and active in South Wilkes-Barre throughout his life. He volunteered at organizations like the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen and the Wilkes-Barre Catholic Youth Center and served on councils and authorities such as the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority and the Wilkes-Barre Parking Authority. He was a member of many community and social clubs, including the Wilkes-Barre and Hanover Township American Legions, the Sons of St. Patrick, and the Don-

egal Society. Following his interest in politics, he served as Democratic State committeeman for four decades. Paul organized and coached football for youth and high school teams, and he was inducted into the Wyoming Valley Boxing Hall of Fame in 1998 as a boxing judge.

Paul was married to his wife, Judith Delong, for 18 years, and he took great joy connecting with his extended family. Paul dedicated his time and energy to the betterment of his community and his county, and I am humbled to honor the life of this true public servant.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF CARSON MEYER FOR WINNING THE DIVISION III WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 1, 2021*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school wrestler in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. Carson Meyer of Archbold High School has represented his school ably on his way to achieving the Division III State wrestling title. Carson overcame the challenges posed by intense competition in his effort to win the Division III State Wrestling Championship.

In pursuing the State championship, Carson Meyer defeated his opponent in the finals of the 182-pound classification. His hard work and dedication, both on and off the mat, in achieving this accomplishment is truly outstanding. He has achieved an impressive season record bringing pride to his school and community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Carson Meyer of Archbold High School. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

ADEN BACA-TARANGO

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 1, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Aden Baca-Tarango for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Aden Baca-Tarango is a student at Arvada K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Aden Baca-Tarango is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Aden Baca-Tarango for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD COMMANDING GENERAL RESIDENCY ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 1, 2021*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia National Guard Commanding General Residency Act, which would require the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard to reside in the District of Columbia, just as States and territories can require that the top official of their National Guard reside within their State or territory.

The D.C. National Guard is a Federal entity. Currently, the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard is not required to reside in the District. Congress has justifiably required that certain Federal officials reside in the jurisdiction they serve to ensure in-depth knowledge of the unique issues and challenges residents and these Federal officials face. Additionally, the Mayor of D.C., unlike the Governors of the States and territories, cannot deploy the National Guard, making residency of the Commanding General of the National Guard that much more important, though my District of Columbia National Guard Home Rule Act (H.R. 657) would give the Mayor the authority to deploy the D.C. National Guard. The appointment of the Commanding General of the D.C. National Guard is made by the President, not the Mayor, whereas the top official of the National Guards in the States and territories are usually appointed by the Governor. All of these are compelling reasons why the Commanding General of the D.C. Guard should be required to be a D.C. resident.

This bill follows in the footsteps of several other bills that I have introduced that would require Federal officials serving D.C. exclusively to reside in the District. For example, my District of Columbia Federal Officials Residency Equality Act (H.R. 3785, 116th Congress) would require the Federal district court judges, Federal circuit court judges, U.S. Attorneys and U.S. Marshals for the District to live in D.C. I have also previously introduced a bill (H.R. 4184, 116th Congress) that would require the Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia and the Director of the District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency to reside in the District.

With the nomination of the current D.C. National Guard Commanding General, Major General William J. Walker, to be the House Sergeant at Arms, this bill is more timely than ever. Moreover, the attack of the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, and the events at Lafayette Square on June 1, 2020, are prime examples of why this bill is so important. Residents of the District would feel at least somewhat more confident in the D.C. National Guard if the Commanding General were required to be a D.C. resident.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.