

starts in the NASCAR Cup Series. His best finish came in 2013 at Daytona, when he placed eighth in the Xfinity Series season opener. Health challenges ended his driving career in 2016. He also formed Martin-McClure Racing in 2015 as an owner with former driver Hal Martin. The team won two races in the K&N Pro Series with drivers Chad Finchum and Austin Cindric.

Mr. McClure is survived by his parents Jerry and Sue McClure; his sister Emily Brandt and her husband Robert; mother of his children Miranda McClure; and his seven daughters Mabreigh, Maryleigh, Mirabella, Merritt, Myanna, Meraline, and Melania. He is also survived by his special friend Keira Tibbs and her two daughters. I offer my condolences on their loss.

HONORING ANNIE ORSINI AS
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 7, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Annie Orsini, Assistant Principal at Westridge Elementary School and Jordan Creek Elementary School in West Des Moines, as Iowan of the Week.

Assistant Principals across Iowa's Third Congressional District and our entire country play a critically important role in the overall success of the schools where they serve—working tirelessly to foster strong relationships between the school and the community, establish a positive and inclusive learning environment for students, make sure parents are informed and involved, effectively lead both instructional and support staff, monitor the day-to-day logistical operations of their educational facilities, and more. An Assistant Principal's plate is always full, always being added to, and often includes a plethora of 'other duties as assigned' tasks to complete. Our schools, students, and communities all benefit from their dedication to making a positive impact on early education.

In Annie's case, her efforts are doubled as she serves as Assistant Principal for two elementary schools. With roughly 1,500 students and families and approximately 125 instructional and support staff under her care, she has a big job to tackle every single week. Whether it's mentoring teachers, analyzing data to create impactful plans, addressing logistical and operational issues such as transportation and scheduling, working on extra- and co-curricular programs, or nurturing positive peer relationships between students, her days are filled with meeting the needs of others. She sets the vision, inspires others, maximizes available resources, and constantly innovates in order to create an optimal learning environment for students and staff.

Annie is an educator who truly believes not only in the power of teaching and empowering kids to learn, but also in the very real impact effective teaching has on the system as a whole. Her efforts extend beyond improving more traditional classroom instruction of subjects like math, English, and history to include

social emotional learning and addressing mental health. She's working with staff on efforts that help kids get organized, show empathy, make decisions, see other people's perspective, and more. In being more intentional about nurturing both the head and the heart, Annie is creating environments in which students can feel safe, special, and develop their unique gifts before striking out into the world.

Throughout the last year, the COVID-19 pandemic has placed incredible burdens on many areas of our society, and few places have been as directly challenged as our schools. Originally planned for implementation over three years, Annie and her team had to roll out a scaled-up online learning program in only six months. They had to figure out how to get kids to school safely and keep them safe while they were in the classroom, and neither challenge came with a playbook. Time and again, Assistant Principals like Annie have been called upon to work even harder than usual to best support students, educators, support staff, families, and their communities as everyone navigates the global health crisis.

For that reason amongst others, I am proud to support a House Resolution calling for April 5th-9th to be recognized as National Assistant Principals Week. These folks deserve our thanks and this opportunity for all Americans to reflect on their meaningful contributions to our communities.

For nearly two decades, Annie Orsini has dedicated herself to furthering the growth and achievement of young students, teachers, and local schools. Her passion is clear and inspiring. Each day she makes a difference, and our future is brighter because of her efforts. I am proud to recognize her as our Iowan of the Week.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY
CHIEF JIMMY HUGHES ON RE-
CEIVING THE 2020 ROBERT JACK-
SON MEMORIAL AWARD

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 7, 2021

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Deputy Chief Jimmy Hughes on receiving the 2020 Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award.

Deputy Chief Hughes started his career with the Concord Police Department in 1998 as a patrol officer. He rose through the ranks before being promoted to Deputy Chief in 2019 by CPD Chief Gary Gacek, and previously served with CPD in the Special Investigations Unit, Criminal Investigations, and the Office of Management & Planning. He was an original member of the SWAT team, where he also served as SWAT commander. Jimmy is a graduate of the Police Executive Research Forum—Senior Management Institute for Police—Session 67 and a 1998 graduate of Pfeiffer University with a BS in Business Management/Finance.

Throughout his career, Deputy Chief Hughes has worked to establish relationships and partnerships with the community, fellow law enforcement officers, and criminal justice

professionals. Jimmy is hard working, driven, and has said that he attributes his success and longevity to the Golden Rule, treating people the way he wants to be treated. Deputy Chief Hughes is married and has five children. In his spare time, Jimmy enjoys restoring classic vehicles.

The Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award is presented in memory of Robert Jackson Eury, a man who lost his life in the line of duty while serving as a Cabarrus County law enforcement officer. This award keeps Mr. Eury's legacy alive through officers who share his same admirable and commendable spirit in Cabarrus County. Deputy Chief Jimmy Hughes fits the mold of esteemed law enforcement officers in our community set by Robert Eury.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Deputy Chief Jimmy Hughes for receiving the 2020 Robert Jackson Eury Memorial Award. We all wish him well as he continues to make a positive impact in our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF HONORING
THE MILITARY SPOUSES OF
CAMBRIA AND SOMERSET COUN-
TIES

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 7, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the military spouses of Cambria and Somerset Counties and to commemorate the 12th Annual Military Spouse Appreciation Day Ceremony in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan established that the Friday before Mother's Day would be Military Spouses Appreciation Day, which honors the service and sacrifice of military spouses.

Like their partners in uniform, military spouses also answer the call to serve our nation. Their unwavering commitment to our servicemembers and families is a key part of America's story and success.

As the husband of a Naval officer, I understand firsthand the challenges that many military spouses face, and I am incredibly grateful for their role in supporting our Armed Forces and the defense of our Nation.

Today's ceremony, made possible by the Johnstown Veteran Community Initiatives, Wessel & Company, and the American Red Cross, is a well-deserved opportunity to recognize these outstanding Pennsylvanians who have sacrificed so much.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, it is my privilege to honor the military spouses of Cambria and Somerset Counties and to thank them for their service and sacrifice for our Nation. On Military Spouse Appreciation Day and every day of the year, I ask that Pennsylvanians join me in praying for the wellbeing and perseverance of our local military families—as well as for the peace and safety of our Nation.

IN HONOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S
CITY AND TOWN CLERKS

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 7, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today during Municipal and Town Clerks Appreciation Week to honor New Hampshire's City and Town Clerks for the hard work that they do each and every day to ensure our local governments run smoothly and that our citizens get the services they need.

Municipal clerks deliver important public services and each year interact with hundreds of members of their community. Whether maintaining public records, registering motor vehicles, licensing dogs and other pets, or administering local elections, chances are you've relied on your local clerk more than once in the last year and on countless occasions throughout your life.

During this pandemic, we've asked city and town clerks to go above and beyond under incredibly difficult circumstances. The COVID-19 pandemic necessarily shut down many aspects of society in order to keep our families and communities safe. But the work of a clerk must continue to ensure that citizens are served and that the wheels of local government continue to move forward.

Administering an election in the best of times is incredibly challenging. Doing so in a pandemic meant clerks had to rewrite the playbook and develop and implement new best practices on short notice. New Hampshire residents voted in record numbers last fall, and even with an unprecedented number of ballots cast early and by mail, our elections ran as smoothly as ever because of the dedication and hard work of our municipal clerks. Providing services and maintaining vital records in the best of times is complex and time consuming. Doing so in a pandemic meant clerks needed to adapt to meet the needs of their neighbors to do their job while keeping residents safe. These are no small feats, and we are grateful.

The New Hampshire City and Town Clerks Code of Ethics states: "Town and city clerks are elected and/or appointed by the citizens who have the utmost trust and faith in the clerk's ability to fairly and honestly serve their community. Let us all live up to that trust with honor and dignity." Over the last year, our municipal clerks have indeed lived up to that trust and performed their duties with honor and dignity throughout New Hampshire.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank our municipal clerks for their dedication to New Hampshire and convey the thanks of a grateful state for their continued public service.

HONORING ANNIE LOPEZ

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 7, 2021

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the lifetime achievement of Annie Lopez, a nationally recognized artist and com-

munity leader in Arizona. A pioneer of the Phoenix art scene, Ms. Lopez shattered barriers to elevate the work of local and Latino artists across our state, and her living legacy deserves to be etched in our historical record for all to remember.

At a young age, she discovered her passion and vision for the arts. In 1982, Ms. Lopez became a member of the Movimiento Artístico del Río Salado (MARS), a nationally acclaimed Chicano Arts organization. Ms. Lopez made it her mission to re-define how Chicano art is perceived in the broader art community. She became an immediate sensation, captivating audiences through her storytelling focused on her own experiences in Arizona and shared family heritage. Ms. Lopez proudly wears her heritage on her sleeve—and she translated that passion literally with her most recent work, hand-crafted dresses made from stitched-together prints on tamale paper that dawns excerpts of Arizona's SB 1070 and her grandparents' immigration cards. Through her art, she starts a dialogue about racism, stereotypes, and the local art world—making poignant statements about Latino culture with her unmatched sense of humor.

A fourth-generation Arizonan, Ms. Lopez has always been a relentless advocate for our community. She has served as a board member for MARS, and as a panelist for the City of Phoenix and the Arizona Commission on the Arts. Ms. Lopez has exhibited her work in venues across the nation, including the Smithsonian Institution, the National Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago, the Phoenix Art Museum, Tucson Museum of Art, and the Arizona State University Art Museum. In the beginning of 2020, in recognition of her artistic excellence, Ms. Lopez was the first Latina artist to have her work displayed in the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C.—cementing her legacy as one of the greatest artists Phoenix has ever known.

Ms. Lopez has given all her time, heart and soul to the betterment of Phoenix and Arizona. She has inspired so many young artists to achieve their highest aspirations, and those who learn from her enter the world with a greater appreciation for Chicano art history.

I humbly rise to extend my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Lopez for immense contributions to our state. A dedicated artist, advocate, and community servant, her life's work remains a local favorite in Phoenix, and I wish her the best as she continues to create a legacy that will be felt by Arizonans for generations to come.

HONORING ECOS ESSENTIAL
WORKERS

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 7, 2021

Ms. STRICKLAND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor ECOS' dedicated essential workers from the sustainable manufacturing facility located in Lacey, Washington, in the 10th Congressional District.

Family-owned, women-owned, and operated since 1967, ECOS is known for being a pioneer of environmentally friendly and sustainable cleaning products. In addition to its facility in the South Sound, ECOS operates manufac-

turing plants across our nation, employing hundreds of Americans. Just this month, ECOS officially became a climate positive brand, stepping up as an environmental leader in Washington, and across the country, by regenerating more natural resources than it consumes.

Not only does ECOS play a leading role in the cleaning products industry as a climate positive manufacturer and embody a bold vision for a sustainable future, ECOS has also been an essential business in the fight against COVID-19. Since the start of the pandemic, ECOS' essential workers have been working around the clock to manufacture sustainable cleaning supplies.

Madam Speaker, I am proud that ECOS essential workers represent my district and my community in the South Sound. I want to personally thank and recognize them for their dedication and patriotism in making safe and eco-friendly cleaning products throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. They are the frontline heroes that are powering our region and our nation as we recover, rebuild, and emerge from this pandemic on stronger, more sustainable footing. For all of these reasons, it is my privilege to recognize the tremendous contributions of ECOS' essential workers.

EXPLANATION REGARDING
COSPONSORING A BILL

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 7, 2021

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, it's appropriate for me to republish my statement of March 11, 2019 on the meaning of cosponsoring legislation. Much of that statement was a republication of my statement of September 29, 2010, as I've maintained a consistent policy on this issue. The following is a republication of my statement of March 11, 2019.

"Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, September 29, 2010, stated for the RECORD:

'Madam Speaker, I wish to clarify that when I cosponsor a bill, it does not necessarily mean that I agree with every part of it. At a minimum, my cosponsorship indicates that I support moving the bill forward through the legislative process, including being marked up in committee, and if sent to the floor by the relevant committee(s), then subject to consideration and amendment on the floor.'

Let me reiterate that 2010 statement and provide additional background. I believe in the legislative process. I believe bills are improved during committee mark-ups and by consideration of amendments on the floor. The effect of cosponsoring a bill is to signal to the relevant committee chair(s) that I believe the bill should be marked-up in committee, a process that may well improve the bill (and in some cases may make the bill worse). When I decide to cosponsor a bill after it has completed the committee process, I do signal to the Speaker and Rules Committee that I believe the bill should be considered on the floor, and almost always under an open rule."