

I join the Basking Ridge community in mourning her loss. Carolyn exemplified what it means to be an upstanding citizen and neighbor. Her presence will be missed by all.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF FIRE  
CHIEF MIKE FARBER

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 4, 2021*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lifelong career of a great Fire Chief, Mike Farber. In a 40-plus-year career, Mike has selflessly risked his life as a firefighter for the people of Arizona. His courageous leadership and expertise was reflected in his role as a serving member of the Mesa Community College Curriculum Committee and Fire Science Advisory Committee. For three consecutive years, Mike facilitated a Leadership Academy and brought numerous recognized leaders from the fire service to share their wisdom and to help mentor the district's officers and staff.

Mike was also well known for his extensive experience and educational background. For more than 20 years, Mike has taught courses at Mesa Community College and Central Arizona Community College in Tactics & Strategy, Hydraulics, Supervision, Algebra, and Communication. His commitment and work ethic to civic duty and his community is a characteristic that all Americans should strive for. I believe that Fire Chief Mike Farber is a great example of what being an American is about. His impact and involvement will not be forgotten by his local community and state.

Madam Speaker, I express a sincere form of gratitude to Fire Chief Mike Farber, and I encourage my colleagues to join me in celebrating a successful career and legacy as a valuable protector to the people of Arizona.

CONGRATULATING THE PLAINVIEW ROTARY CLUB ON 100 YEARS OF ACTION

**HON. JODEY C. ARRINGTON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 4, 2021*

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Plainview Rotary Club, which is celebrating 100 years of service.

Since May 1, 1921, the Plainview Rotary Club has consistently served not only the Plainview community, but also the entire Texas Panhandle region and beyond. While times have undoubtedly changed over the past century, the Plainview Rotary Club's foundation of "Service Above Self" has not. With almost 60 members, this club's impact echoes throughout West Texas.

Whether it is working with the Salvation Army at Christmas, providing dictionaries to Hale County third graders, awarding students with perfect attendance, giving protective equipment to medical personnel, or promoting community improvement projects, Plainview Rotarians are known for putting service into action.

These individuals exemplify the principles of West Texas exceptionalism. For that, I wish to thank each member of the Plainview Rotary Club for their continuous, dedicated commitment to improving the lives of others. It is an honor to represent these members in our Nation's capital.

Again, congratulations on 100 outstanding years, and go West Texas.

IN RECOGNITION OF GARY AND  
MARIE KLINE

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 4, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gary and Marie Kline as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 5, 2021.

Gary is a native and lifelong resident of Chambersburg, and Marie moved to the area from Edison, New Jersey. They met during a football game at Chambersburg Area High School. Mr. and Mrs. Kline were married on June 5, 1971, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Chambersburg by Father Clemmons. Together they raised a beautiful family, welcoming a son, Gary, and daughter-in-law, Jessica.

For decades, they have worked together to serve the Chambersburg community and are active members of the Corpus Christi Church. Gary is a Fourth Degree Member of the Chambersburg Knights of Columbus Council 1426, where he served as Grand Knight from 2000 to 2002. Marie's community involvement extends from her volunteer work with the local Red Cross organizing blood drives across the region and to her service to local children at the Fourth Street Nursery School.

Gary and Marie Kline have shared a wonderful 50 years of marriage. Their enduring commitment to one another has held them together for better and for worse, and their strong and lasting marriage is one of life's greatest blessings. As Mr. and Mrs. Kline celebrate this remarkable achievement, I wish them every continued health and happiness in the years to come.

MENSTRUAL EQUITY FOR ALL ACT  
OF 2021

**HON. GRACE MENG**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 4, 2021*

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce that on May 28th, Menstrual Hygiene Day, I introduced my Menstrual Equity for All Act of 2021. No one should be inhibited from participating fully in daily life due to lack of access to menstrual products. Safe, affordable access to period products is a basic need for over half the population, moreover, it is a human right.

Madam Speaker, period poverty permeates and cuts across a swath of issues—from educational equity to criminal justice reform; from economic and housing justice to immigration. The tragic reality for too many individuals in our nation, is that the cost of menstrual prod-

ucts is a barrier to managing monthly menstruation in a safe and dignified manner.

In the United States, 25 million women live at or below the poverty line. A 2019 study found that among low-income women in a major U.S. city, nearly half had to choose between buying food and spending money on menstrual products. One in five teens have struggled to afford period products, or were not able to purchase them at all. As a result, over 80 percent of teens say they missed school or know someone else who has. A recent study revealed that 1 in 10 college students was unable to afford menstrual products, and those who experienced period poverty on a monthly basis, were more likely to experience moderate to severe depression.

Madam Speaker, menstruators from all walks of life, across our country are having to choose between their period or their dignity. In fact, a lawsuit filed against DHS's monstrous treatment of migrant children in its custody found that girls with periods were left to bleed through their clothes and denied showers for days on end. This is unconscionable. We must break the silence, raise awareness, and fight for menstrual equity for all—each and every day.

My Menstrual Equity for All Act, is the first of its kind to comprehensively address the challenges of those experiencing period poverty. My bill would provide students from elementary school through postsecondary education free menstrual products, ensure that incarcerated individuals and detainees in federal, state, and local facilities have access to free menstrual products, allow homeless assistance provides to provide these products with federal grant funds, require Medicaid to cover the cost of menstrual products, direct large employers to provide free menstrual products in the workplace, and ensure that all public federal buildings provide free menstrual products in restrooms.

Madam Speaker, we cannot address educational equity, economic justice, or infrastructure reform without addressing the barriers that prevent our social infrastructure from caring for the basic health care rights of our population. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and join me in upholding this human right. We must work to end period poverty once and for all.

RECOGNIZING WWII VETERAN  
EVERTT ATKINSON ON HIS 99TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. MIKE BOST**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 4, 2021*

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Evertt Atkinson of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, who turns 99 tomorrow.

Evertt was born on June 5, 1922, in Jefferson County to Emery Pearl and Hallie Winnifred Morre Atkinson. Upon the death of his mother, Evertt dropped out of school at the age of 13 to help his father tend to the family dairy farm and help raise his three younger brothers. Upon hearing of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Evertt hitchhiked from Mt. Vernon to Scott Air Force Base to enlist in the military. However, he was only 19 at the time, and he was forced to return home to get his father's written permission to enlist.

By November of 1942, he became an Aviation Cadet. He went on to take additional training as an electronic specialist, became a commissioned 2nd Lieutenant and then a Flight Instructor in the Army Air Force. He was also elected to the Honor Committee and graduated in the top 10 percent of his class. While on a 10-day leave, he met and fell in love with Doris Louise McCauley, whom he married on December 3, 1943. Three years later, Evertt was honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant.

Upon returning home to Mt. Vernon with Doris, they raised their three children: Ruth Ann Clark-Wheeler, Rebecca Louise Hill, and Dennis Dale Atkinson. In 1948, Evertt acquired his high school diploma and worked on his wife's family's dairy farm until 1965. He then worked for Sturdi-Built as a salesman for the next 28 years.

Those who know Evertt are familiar with his outgoing, positive approach to life and loss. He continues to volunteer for numerous charitable causes in his community. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Evertt Atkinson on his 99th birthday. On behalf of Southern Illinois, happy birthday.

RECOGNIZING DR. EDWARD  
TRYAKIAN'S DONATION TO  
YEREVAN STATE UNIVERSITY

**HON. DAVID E. PRICE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 4, 2021*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Edward Tiryakian, Duke University Professor Emeritus of Sociology, for the creation of a library wing in his honor at Yerevan State University in Yerevan, Armenia. Dr. Tiryakian donated his professional library to the university and was recognized in an official dedication ceremony on May 24, 2021.

Dr. Tiryakian is a renowned scholar, widely published in sociological theory, sociology of religion, and sociology of development. As a leading sociologist for 65 years, Dr. Tiryakian has amassed a large collection of important works in the field, ranging from 19th century texts written by founding sociologists to mid-20th century works written by prominent sociologists he has studied under. Over two years ago, Dr. Tiryakian approached Yerevan State University about donating his professional library to the university. The university enthusiastically agreed and constructed a dedicated wing in their main library to house the collection.

This generous gift included over 300 published books, many of which are rarities in the field and are no longer in print. Dr. Tiryakian cited his desire to honor his Armenian heritage as a source of inspiration for the generous donation. The University held an official commemoration this month for the library wing that will hold Dr. Tiryakian's beloved books.

Dr. Tiryakian's donation is the latest demonstration of his dedication to students and study of sociology as well as his leadership in the field. He joined Duke University as a professor in 1965, and he and I became friends and colleagues when I joined the faculty a decade later. At Duke, he has served as the Sociology Department Chair as well as Direc-

tor of International Studies and was instrumental in internationalizing the university. He also has held national leadership positions as President of the American Society for the Study of Religion and Chair of the American Sociological Association History of Sociology Section. Dr. Tiryakian received his bachelor's degree from Princeton University and a Ph.D. in Sociology from Harvard University. He taught at both institutions before joining the faculty at Duke.

Throughout his career, Dr. Tiryakian has remained steadfast not only in his own pursuit of knowledge, but in his dedication to supporting the next generation of scholars at home and abroad. His generous donation opens the door for the university's students to learn from great scholars in the field of sociology, including Dr. Tiryakian himself.

Madam Speaker, it has been a pleasure to know and work alongside Dr. Tiryakian during his extraordinary career. We have had many conversations about Armenian history and politics over the years, but I had never visited the country until 2019, when, as chairman of the House Democracy Partnership, we engaged the Armenian parliament in the wake of the country's Velvet Revolution. I thought of Ed Tiryakian often during that visit. It is especially satisfying to see him close the circle personally and professionally with this gift to Yerevan State University, knowing that it will benefit Armenian students and enrich Armenian-American ties for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEBBY  
CUNNINGHAM

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 4, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Debby Cunningham as she becomes the newest Executive Director of Greencastle-Antrim Chamber of Commerce. As a native of Greencastle, Debby is returning to the community to lead the Chamber of Commerce, support small businesses, and help revitalize our local economy.

A graduate of the Hagerstown Business College, Debby served as the business manager at the University of Maryland Extension. In this role, she managed the fiscal and human relations processes that kept the institution running smoothly across Maryland, while also supporting community relations.

Debby Cunningham's experience and passion for public service will be incredible assets as she leads the Greencastle-Antrim Chamber of Commerce. It is my honor to congratulate Debby on this new role, and I look forward to our continued work together to serve the people of Franklin County.

HONORING THE MINISTRY AND  
COMMUNITY IMPACT OF MR.  
LARRY YONKER AT SPRINGS  
RESCUE MISSION

**HON. DOUG LAMBORN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 4, 2021*

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to honor the ministry and community impact of Mr. Larry Yonker at Springs Rescue Mission in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Springs Rescue Mission has become a pillar of the Pike's Peak region, not only by caring for the homeless but as a model of local business, government, and faith-based collaboration, for the good of the community.

It was only one decade ago that Springs Rescue Mission was working to create its first shelter. The focus of its humble campus was still on feeding the homeless, men's addiction recovery, and some limited daytime services. Under Mr. Yonker's leadership, the Mission has become an expansive homeless resource campus—a Community of Hope for the most vulnerable men and women of Colorado Springs. With 450 beds, the Mission is now the largest homeless shelter in the region. The Resource Center offers case management and other essential services to help those in need to regain their health, return to work, and find permanent housing. Every day, hundreds of neighbors in need come to the Mission for a filling meal, a hot shower, a warm bed, and compassionate care. Just next door, 65 chronically homeless people have found a home at Greenway Flats. And in the middle of it all, a new 200-seat Samaritan's Kitchen, recently opened their doors to our community.

As a Colorado native and graduate of the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo, Larry is motivated by a deep faith in God and compassionate love for his neighbors. Larry's drive and focus is derived from Matthew 25:34-40, and has been the inspiration for Larry's tenure at Springs Rescue Mission,

"Then the King will say to those on His right hand. 'Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'"

Over the years, Mr. Yonker has been committed to bringing community partners both in the private and public sectors together, with a mission to provide lifesaving and life-building care for those most in need. He has been a champion for those trapped in homelessness, addiction, and poverty and for collaboration and partnership across every walk of life to ensure people receive the care they need.

As Larry retires, it is my highest privilege to honor and thank him for being a "faithful servant" to Colorado's Fifth Congressional District.