

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.

CONGRATULATING REBA WARREN ON HER RETIREMENT AND RECORD OF SERVICE TO HER COMMUNITY AND THE NATION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reba Warren, a phenomenal woman, and a soror of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., on her retirement after a long and distinguished career as a senior Corporate Counsel for a Fortune 500 company.

After graduating from Howard University in 1981, Reba Warren was admitted to Duke Law School, from which she graduated in 1984.

As a corporate counsel for Reynolds, Reba Warren helped pave the way for African-American women to follow in a professional sector, in which they are woefully underrepresented.

This daughter of AKA took to heart the guidance that her fellow Howard alum, Vice-President KAMALA HARRIS, received from her mother: "You may be the first you may be the first to do many things, but make sure you're not the last."

For more than two decades, Reba Warren exhibited excellence in her professional duties and also mentored and encourage women, especially women of color, as they strove to create career paths in male-dominated environments.

A civic-minded community member, Reba Warren has served on several non-profit boards, is active in her church, and

Reba Warren currently serves as a member of the Second Harvest Food Bank to end food insecurity for Forsyth County, which is but the latest civic engagement in a lifetime of service to her community, which includes Big Brothers Big Sisters, Neighborhood Justice Center Board, Salvation Army Girls Club Committee, Crosby Scholars Community Partnership Board, Novant Health/Forsyth Medical Center Foundation Board, Jack & Jill of America, Winston Salem Chapter, Winston Salem Chapter of the Links, Incorporated, Girl Scouts of America, and the North Association of Black Lawyers.

Madam Speaker, I wish this phenomenal woman and mother of three sons well in her retirement, but I know that her ethic to serve her community will continue as we will all be better off for it.

HONORING LUCIA EMILY DOUD WALLACE OF WILLSBORO, NEW YORK ON HER 106TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor long-time Willsboro resident, Lucia Emily Doud Wallace, as she celebrates her 106th birthday on June 1, 2021.

Lucia Emily Doud was born in Malone, New York on June 1, 1915, the youngest of six children. She attended the Fine Arts College of Syracuse University where she met her future husband, Edmund Whiting Wallace. The cou-

ple were married in 1938 and spent 74 happy years together. They raised two children, Marjorie Alison Wallace, and Dr. Cynthia Day Wallace. The Wallace family has shown tremendous strength of character and perseverance through the challenges that life has thrown their way, including the deaths of Marjorie and Edmund. Through it all, Lucia remained a steadfast light in the lives of those around her.

In addition, Lucia is quite the accomplished artist. She was awarded the National Sculpture Award and studied under Lorado Taft, a renowned American sculptor. Lucia excelled at painting, sculpting, and is even an accredited national flower show judge. In her 106 years of life, Lucia's joy and wisdom have been a constant presence in her community and her artistic talent has brought much happiness to her family and friends.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to wish Lucia a very happy 106th birthday. I wish her continued health and happiness in this next year of her life.

RETIREMENT OF ESTHER L. BUSH

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Esther L. Bush, who will be retiring after 27 years as President and CEO of the Pittsburgh Urban League—one of the top-rated Urban League affiliates in the country.

A Pittsburgh native, Ms. Bush is a member of the class of 1969 from Westinghouse High School in Pittsburgh. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree in education from Morgan State University and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Johns Hopkins University before beginning her career as a high school teacher and later a college administrator and corporate consultant.

Ms. Bush spent a total of 41 years working for the Urban League. Beginning in 1980, she worked for various Urban League branches in New York City and was President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Hartford before returning to her hometown of Pittsburgh in 1994.

As a member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Education, she prided herself on her contributions to education and once stated that the formation of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh Charter School in 1998 was one of her greatest accomplishments as the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh's President and CEO. Her excellent work in education resulted in national recognition. In 2013, Ms. Bush was 1 of 10 Americans recognized at the White House as a Champion of Change in the Educational Excellence for African Americans program.

She also hosted the National Urban League Conference in 2013. Under her watch, the Pittsburgh Urban League Chapter also received the distinction of receiving a 5-out-of-5 top rating in its assessment from the national chapter.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District, I want to commend Esther Bush for her contributions to Pittsburgh and the African American community. Her actions

are reflected in every life that she touched. Esther Bush should serve as an inspiration for us all. I am pleased to recognize her service to our community and wish her a happy and enjoyable retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF CORI SEILHAMER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cori Seilhamer for her dedication and drive to establish and lead the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) in Franklin County. Her work to train Law Enforcement Officers and members of the community to respond to mental health emergencies has made our community safer.

The Crisis Intervention Team's success has led to the development and implementation of the CoResponder/Community Liaison program, which pairs mental health professionals with Law Enforcement Officers and their agencies to respond directly to mental health emergencies.

As of April 2021, there have been 1,150 unique individuals who have been referred for mental health treatment and services as a result of the team's lifesaving work. The two co-responders and their law enforcement partners have been able to divert numerous arrests and court sanctions during the tenure of the co-responders. The team has linked numerous individuals with community resources and support which have helped to reduce recidivism and the need for contact with law enforcement.

The South-Central Pennsylvania CIT team has trained 225 individuals with experience ranging from law enforcement and emergency medicine to community organizers, mental health professionals, and veterans affairs employees. Cori Seilhamer's extensive experience and guidance has paved the way for other agencies and counties to start their own Crisis Intervention Teams as a response to her outstanding successes in Franklin County.

Cori's commitment and selfless service to our community has had a phenomenal impact for the residents of Franklin County. On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I thank her for her service to our community and wish her every continued success.

HONORING THE RETURN OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHN F. MIDDLESWART

HON. DARRELL ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the homecoming of United States Marine Corps Private First Class John Franklin Middleswart, who was previously pronounced deceased and unaccounted for after the attack on Pearl Harbor. On June 8, 2021, PFC Middleswart will be laid to rest in eternal peace at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, California, witnessed by living relatives.