

hotspot not only for the manufacturing that remained, but now also for logistics and distribution.

Those who know Mac recognize him as a leader amongst his peers and it has even been said of him by Greensboro Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Brent Christenson that “Mac has long been the standard by which other chamber leaders and economic development professionals have been measured.”

Please join me in thanking Mac Williams for his commitment to the economic wellbeing and continued prosperity of Alamance County. We wish him the best in his future endeavors. Today, Alamance County is “A Great Place to Be” in large part because of Mac’s contributions.

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**MAC WILLIAMS TO RETIRE AS ALAMANCE CHAMBER PRESIDENT BY THE END OF OCTOBER**

The Triad is soon to lose as second veteran economic developer within a year as Alamance Chamber of Commerce President Mac Williams draws the curtain on a 45-year career, around the end of October.

But like Loren Hill, who retired after 20 years as president of the High Point Economic Development Corp. at the beginning of the year, retirement doesn’t mean he is going away.

Williams, who joined the Alamance Chamber in 2004, told the Alamance News he will be seeking other opportunities in the economic development community. He may not have to look far.

“Mac has another career in either consulting or site selection,” Bob Lewis, shareholder and broker at NAI Piedmont Triad, told Triad Business Journal. “I’d hire him to come work with our company. He would be a dynamite addition to our site selection group.”

Hill wasn’t on the job market long. Within a month after leaving his prior post, he was named economic development director of the Piedmont Triad Partnership.

Lewis said Williams “had a great run” in his time in Alamance County. He played a key role in the recruitment of companies to both North Carolina Industrial Center and North Carolina Commerce Park. He helped lead the transformation of the county’s former textiles-based economy into one focused on logistics and distribution, maximizing the county’s proximity to major metropolitan areas and efficient interstate access.

Under Williams’ watch, Alamance County brought in food distribution centers for Walmart and grocery chain Lidl; food manufacturing and distribution facilities for Sheetz and Lotus Bakeries; and had manufacturing wins such as Honda Power Equipment expansions and Honda Aero, which builds HondaJet engines for Honda Aircraft Co.

Most recently, he helped secure a new distribution hub for United Parcel Service and a distribution center for Chick-fil-A.

“Mac has long been the standard by which other chamber leaders and economic development professionals have been measured,” said Greensboro Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Brent Christensen. “He leaves a lasting legacy of creating jobs for the Alamance County community and being a great advocate for this region. I know that his counterparts in the region and state will miss him, but hopefully we will be able to call on him for advice from time to time.”

Added Brian Hall, director of development of Samet Corp., one of Alamance County’s more active commercial construction con-

tractors, “Mac leaves a legacy of working in partnership with both public and private partners, to secure economic growth, driving investment in the county and helping to create a brighter future for Alamance County.”

Not just “elephant hunting,” Lewis, who has known Williams since the early 1980s, said Williams understands the value of recruiting multiple smaller companies that collectively provide similar impact to a single large one. Economic development requires leadership that effectively educates elected officials and the community on the value that is a public/private venture.

“We talk frequently and keep each other informed about various aspects of the market, and he has done just a stellar job for Alamance County,” Lewis said. “He is highly respected in the economic development community.”

He’s forgotten more about economic development than most people will ever know.”

**HONORING THE LIFE OF CYRIL L. LEUELLING**

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Cyril L. Leuelling of Morton, Illinois, who passed away on May 19, 2021, at the age of 98.

Cyril Leuelling, born on June 26, 1922, in Dawson, Illinois, and graduated from Ball Township High School in 1941. In 1942, he was called to serve his nation and was drafted for World War II. After his training, Cyril was deployed to England to serve with the 359th Regiment, 90th Infantry Division.

Cyril achieved the rank of Technical Sergeant and was responsible for the lives of 40 soldiers. In addition to serving in D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge, Cyril and his men contributed to the operation which led to the liberation of the Flossenburg concentration camp in Germany. On September 28, 1944, in Metz, France, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for saving a fellow soldier’s life and then awarded the Purple Heart for wounds he sustained in combat. He returned home to central Illinois after 19 months at war.

Cyril was featured in a World War II Exhibit at the Museum of World Treasures in Wichita, KS. He attended and was interviewed for the Veteran’s History Project at the dedication of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Cyril is also in the June 2002 issue of National Geographic “The Untold Stories of D-Day”. He was a long-time member of the American Legion.

Cyril lived a life of full accomplishments, but most importantly, he will be remembered for his love and commitment to his wonderful family. On April 21, 1947, Cyril married Abigail “Abbie” Prater in Riverton, IL. They were blessed with four children, Nancy, Janet, Ronald, and Diane, 10 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. After retiring from his distinguished 38-year-career at Caterpillar Inc., Cyril and Abbie spent most of their time traveling and visiting family all over the country. He was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years on April 18, 2015. Cyril’s fondest memories in life were ones spent with his family and his love and pride for them was boundless.

I want to offer my condolences to the Leuelling family and the people of Morton on

the loss of a great man. Cyril left a lasting impact on those who had the pleasure of knowing him. May his memory be eternal.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 222; NAY on Roll Call No. 223; YEA on Roll Call No. 224; YEA on Roll Call No. 225; YEA on Roll Call No. 226; NAY on Roll Call No. 227; YEA on Roll Call No. 228; YEA on Roll Call No. 229; and NAY on Roll Call No. 230.

**LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT, INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, TRANSPORTATION, AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2022**

SPEECH OF

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 4502, the Seven Bill Appropriation Minibus for Fiscal Year 2022.

This critical bill is a massive down payment on the promises we have made to the American people. After years of disinvestment in our infrastructure, reductions in health care spending, and limits on climate research, after 18 months of a devastating pandemic from which nearly all of our communities continue to struggle, this bill represents a chance to create good jobs, secure our safety net programs, and address the impacts of climate change.

The bill makes a massive investment in working families. It provides a \$20 billion increase for high-poverty schools and a \$3 billion increase in funding for special education programs. The bill dramatically expands funding for early childhood education and childcare. It continues our commitment to expanding access to higher education by increasing the maximum Pell Grant by \$400, dramatically increasing funding to expand higher education opportunities, including TRIO programs and GEAR UP, and increasing funding for Teacher Quality Partnerships and other higher education programs. The bill also provides \$106 billion for SNAP and includes provisions to ensure that SNAP will not run out of money and families will continue receiving benefits throughout the year.

I am proud to see the dramatic increases in funding for key health care priorities and to address long-standing health disparities and inequities. First and foremost, this bill finally,

after 45 years, repeals the racist, anti-woman Hyde Amendment to ensure that women are able to access abortion regardless of their income or where they live. The bill also provides a massive boost in funding for Title X Family Planning Services and for Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, to ensure that these science-based, cost-effective programs continue to provide critical health and wellness services. In addition, the bill continues to increase our investments in life-saving research and public health infrastructure, including \$49 billion for the National Institutes of Health, \$10.6 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, \$1 billion in new flexible funding to improve the public health infrastructure, \$1.8 billion for Health Centers, which includes a nearly 1000 percent increase in funding to \$50 million for school-based health centers.

The bill makes a significant investment in our crumbling infrastructure while creating new jobs and ensuring that we finally address the climate crisis. In particular, it provides \$105.7 billion to invest in transit passenger rail, airports and highways and provides \$250 million to ensure those investments also reduce our admissions, benefit communities too often left behind, and increase the climate resiliency of our infrastructure. The bill also doubles investments in passenger and freight rail and promotes safety through investments in transit state of good repair and expanded transportation safety and inspection workforce. Finally, after the House passed an amendment I offered, the bill will provide \$6 million in grants for security and maintenance at 9/11 Memorials and Museums. Taken all together, these investments will create tens of thousands of good-paying, union jobs and help our economy continue to recover and grow.

Access to housing remains a major concern in New York, and this bill will take some steps so that more New Yorkers are safely and affordably housed. The bill expands housing choice vouchers, or Section 8, to help 125,000 more individuals and families find affordable housing in their community and ensures that all 4.8 million families currently receiving housing assistance can stay in their homes. The bill also matches my request for \$600 million for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA), a \$170 million increase, so that New York City and other major cities do not face a massive funding cut this year. I am, however, very disappointed the bill provides just \$3.4 billion for public housing capital needs, which is not even enough to cover the massive repair backlog at NYCHA alone. As I have said many times before, the ongoing underfunding of public housing capital needs is not sustainable for NYCHA or other large public housing agencies. I am committed to working with my colleagues in the New York Delegation and across Congress to address this concern as quickly as possible.

In addition to all of these critical investments, the minibus funds eight critical community projects in my district, totaling over \$9.2 million in direct funding to NY-10. These projects include a new Parenting Center at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, elevator repairs at Harborview Terrace Housing Development, expansion of mental health and substance abuse program at the LGBT Center, and funding for the Columbia-Harlem Small Business Development Center. I am proud to be able to deliver this funding and

bring new jobs, better health outcomes, and improved financial stability back to my district.

IN RECOGNITION OF MATTHEW KOLOJEJCHICK ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE LUZERNE COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former athlete and Northeastern Pennsylvania native Matthew Kolojechick. Matthew will be inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame in 2021 for his distinct athletic achievements in the sports of swimming and football. He and his fellow inductees will be honored at a reception on August 8, 2021.

Each year, the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame honors those who have brought fame and recognition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their outstanding achievements and contributions in athletic endeavors.

In 2004, Matthew joined the Wyoming Valley West High School freshman football team as a running back and linebacker. He also joined the swim team and broke a 20-year-old school record in the 50 freestyle in his first varsity meet. At the district competition, he won gold in both the 50 and 100 freestyle, and he went on to the state competition where he competed in the consolation. After transferring to Bishop Hoban High School for his sophomore year, he stood out as a running back on the football field. In the pool for the Argents, he won two district gold medals in the 50 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke. At States, he broke the existing PIAA 100 breaststroke record but fell short in the final touch and won the silver medal. As a junior, he dominated the football field as a running back and linebacker, leading the entire Wyoming Valley Conference in rushing yards. In swimming, Matthew once again excelled at Districts, winning gold in his leading events, the 50 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke; he went on to become the state champion in the 50 freestyle.

For his senior year, Matthew transferred back to Wyoming Valley West to play football under local legend, coach George Curry. He helped lead the team to a one-loss season and to the state playoffs. In the first game of the playoff series, he rushed for seven touchdowns against the undefeated Delaware Valley. In the next game against Parkland, a team that had not been scored on in seven games, Matthew scored two touchdowns. For a second year, he led the entire conference in rushing, and he set five school records: most touchdowns in a season, most rushing yards in a season, most rushing yards in a game, most touchdowns in a game, and most 200-yard rushing games in a season.

Matthew's lifelong dream was to play Division I college football, and he chose to forgo his senior swim season to make that dream a reality. He received several 1 AA college football scholarship offers before ultimately accepting a full scholarship to the University of Rhode Island where he was red-shirted his first year. His sophomore year, Coach Butch

Davis of the University of North Carolina offered him a spot as a preferred walk-on. He made the team and played back up running back and as a special team player for kickoff and punt return/coverage. He played in two bowl games with the Tar Heels: the Music City Bowl in 2010 in a win against Tennessee and the Advocate Bowl in 2011 in a Joss against Missouri.

It is an honor to recognize Matthew on his induction into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. May his story and athletic career serve as an inspiration to the next generation of Pennsylvania athletes striving for excellence.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JOSEPH "JOE" "CHITO" GARCIA

**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2021*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of Mr. Joseph "Joe" "Chito" Garcia.

Born in 1930 during the Great Depression, Mr. Garcia had a strong desire to help his family and his community. As a young boy he shined shoes, sold lemons and delivered newspapers around West Tampa to help support his family. He then grew up to be considered a wise, quiet, individual with a big heart and was described as "an outstanding example of an honorable man who lived his faith, his deep devotion to his family and friends."

During his childhood, Mr. Garcia joined the West Tampa Boys Club and later went on to support four local clubs by serving as president of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay. He worked as a lawyer and served as the Chairman of the Tampa Port Authority. During his 16 years on the Tampa Port Authority Board of Commissioners, Mr. Garcia fulfilled his goal of developing the port to become business friendly for a growing Tampa area. Driving around the Channelside area in our hometown, you can see the influence and vision Mr. Garcia had for our city. When he retired, the Port Authority named their building after him. He was also involved with the Ybor City Rotary Club and the Florida Aquarium, all which made him one of Tampa's most notable philanthropists.

Mr. Garcia's life was lined by the values of his faith and service to his country and community. He attended Jesuit High School and got a scholarship to attend Loyola University, where he worked two or three jobs at a time to help pay his way. There, he joined the Navy serving in various leadership positions and continued serving in the Navy Reserve after active duty. After the Navy, Mr. Garcia attended law school at the University of Florida.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Florida and my neighbors across Tampa Bay, I am proud to honor Mr. Garcia who died in the morning of May 28, 2021, two days after his 91st birthday and a lifetime of helping our Tampa community grow. Mr. Garcia made great contributions to advance the well-being of our Tampa neighbors through his integrity and leadership. We are grateful for his contributions and may his soul rest in peace.