

Along with unwashed bedding, putrid food and fetid water, the women were subjected to undue hardships and torture, resulting in the infamous November 14, 1917 "Night of Terror." A number of women prisoners were threatened, chained to their cells, beaten and hurled against walls, floors and metal fixtures. One woman suffered a heart attack and was denied prompt medical attention. A few days later, violent force feedings began for suffragists who had initiated a hunger strike in retaliation against the brutality.

Bruised, ill and broken, the suffragist prisoners were brought to Alexandria, Virginia on November 27, 1917, for a hearing at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., agreeing the women's treatment had been unduly harsh, ordered the release of the suffragists from Occoquan. Freed from the brutality of Occoquan, many resumed their cause for enfranchisement.

The 19th Amendment was ratified August 18, 1920. Certification of the Amendment by U.S. Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby occurred a few days later, on August 26, 1920. August 26 is now known as Women's Equality Day.

This Women's Equality Day, August 26, 2021, Alexandria Mayor Justin Wilson, the Office of Historic Alexandria and Alexandria Celebrates Women will dedicate an historic marker to honor the women who bravely endured imprisonment and torture in their efforts to gain equality at the ballot box and to recognize the site of the landmark hearing that took place in Alexandria.

HONORING JANICE LANE SCHROEDER AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 20, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a tireless advocate, role model, leader, and the CEO of Children & Families of Iowa Janice Lane Schroeder as Iowan of the Week.

Janice is a leader in Iowa's statewide efforts to serve families harmed by substance abuse, mental health crises, domestic abuse, and other life circumstances. After starting her career working with chemically dependent adults, she now heads the hardworking team at Children & Families of Iowa.

This nonprofit is one of the top family services organizations in our state. Through its varied programs and services, the organization helps everyone from children who need a safe home to adults learning to cope with trauma. Children & Families of Iowa goes beyond offering solutions for families and children in crisis; the organization offers hope when it may seem like there is none. They offer a chance to build better futures and provide an opportunity to change lives.

The saying the apple doesn't fall far from the tree applies to Janice and her family. She learned through her own family's service to others, and that inspired her to become the leader and advocate she is today. Her father, Rev. Hardest Lane, founded the nonprofit H.E. Lane Center for Positive Change to assist men reentering the community from incarcer-

ation. Her mother, Janice O. Lane, a missionary and National Merit Scholarship Corp. administrator, led work establishing a family reunification center so women could be visited by their children.

With everything she's already accomplished in her career, Janice still has a few more projects on her bucket list. Some of those projects include: developing a multicultural, clinical team specializing in child welfare in marginalized communities, further establishing existing initiatives in early childhood education, and parent-child educational opportunities; developing more accessible mental health care treatments for survivors of domestic abuse; and improving employment education for youths.

It is Janice's passion for the work that she does that makes her such an effective leader and community advocate, and it is people like her who make Iowa such a great place. I will continue to fight in Congress to support organizations like Children & Families of Iowa and amplify the continued efforts of advocates like Janice. It is my pleasure to honor Janice Lane Schroeder as Iowan of the Week.

HONORING THE NORTHWEST INDIANA BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2021

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 20, 2021

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I commend several remarkable leaders who have been honored as the Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame Class of 2021. This year's inductees include Maria and Oscar Martinez, Pat Popa, Peter Nau, and the Ziese Family. Centier Bank was also presented the Enterprise of the Year Award.

Maria and Oscar Martinez are the proud owners of Tortillas Nuevo Leon, a family-owned company in Hammond, which sells tortilla products to grocers and restaurants. Maria and Oscar were both born and raised in Nuevo Leon, Mexico. After coming to East Chicago in 1957, Oscar spent 14 years making tortillas in the tortilla factory before starting Tortillas Nuevo Leon with Maria in 1975, making only tortillas. In 1990, the family tradition continued when their two sons, Jesus and Jaime, and their daughter, Olga, joined the company and helped expand the product line and distribution networks. Oscar retired in 2005 and Maria followed in 2007, leaving their children to run the business. Jesus became president, Jaime is vice president, and Olga is the office manager. Tortillas Nuevo Leon products can be found in twenty-eight states and Canada.

Pat Popa is the owner of Popa Heating and Cooling, an HVAC company located in Highland. Popa Heating and Cooling was originally founded in 1968 by Pat's husband, Nick Popa. Their initial focus was installing heating and cooling systems in new home construction, but growth and success have enabled the company to expand their services to include existing residential heating and cooling in the Northwest Indiana area. Now, they replace old systems, offer new installations for existing homes, and provide system services, repairs,

and equipment. Pat has been instrumental in organizing projects in downtown Highland to help increase traffic for the retail business district and improve the quality of life for its residents. In addition to her successful business, Pat gives much of her time and efforts to the Northwest Indiana community. In 2003, Pat created "Downtown Ducks," a public art project that earned her the Governor's Award for Volunteerism from then-Governor Joseph Kernan. She has also been recognized by South Shore Arts with a Lifetime Distinguished Service Membership for developing a scholarship program for art students in Lake, Porter and LaPorte Counties through "The County Seats" public art project.

Peter Nau is the president of Hammond Machine Works, a North American supplier of high-quality precision machining, metal fabrication, assembly and finishing of parts to the OEM market. Hammond Machine Works, which serves the rail car industry, has always been a family business. The business began in 1908 and was owned by Charles Nicholas Nau. Charles' son, Mike Nau, purchased the business in 1962 from Henry Kuehl and grew the company's capabilities and involvement in the community. Peter first started working with the company in 1979, and in 1992 he purchased the business from his father and took over as President. Under Peter's leadership, Hammond Machine Works has continued to succeed and expand. In 2015, the company invested \$4 million in new equipment at its production facility in Dallas, Texas. Hammond Machine Works was honored with the Premier Supplier Award from one of the major car builders in Texas in addition to earning a collaboration award for working with a company to develop a product. For his contributions to charitable endeavors throughout Northwest Indiana, Peter was named Person of the Year by the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce in 2016. Peter and his wife, Debbie, have three sons, Peter, Travis, and Michael, all of whom play a role in Hammond Machine Works.

The Ziese Family owns and operates Ziese & Sons Excavating, Inc., a demolition and excavating company based in Crown Point. Ziese & Sons was established in the early 1970s by the late Kenneth D. and Jean Ziese. The small business started with just mom, dad, two sons, Kenneth and Zach, and a dump truck. The company continued to grow and expand and joined the operating engineers, becoming unionized in 1991. This made it easier to secure commercial jobs, insurance, and other benefits. Ziese & Sons Excavating currently has 47 employees, which includes family members from the third generation. Zach Ziese serves as the president, Ken Ziese as vice president, and Jean Ziese is the company's secretary. A couple of noteworthy projects completed by Ziese & Sons Excavating include the Strack & Van Til plaza in Crown Point and the new Franciscan hospital.

The recipient of the Enterprise of the Year Award is Centier Bank, Indiana's largest private family-owned bank. Originally known as Bank of Whiting, Centier Bank was founded by Henry Schrage in 1895 after he opened a bank inside of his general store. Since 1895, the Schrage family has built a legacy of success that extends throughout the communities it serves. Under the leadership of current president and CEO, Michael Schrage, Centier Bank currently has 60 offices throughout

northern and central Indiana and nearly \$6 billion in assets. In addition, Mr. Schrage is dedicated and passionate about providing a “servant heart culture” to clients, financial partners, and to the community. Whether it is through sponsorships and donations, volunteerism, or any other means of philanthropic outreach, Centier Bank’s primary goal is to be an engaged and passionate member of the community while creating a sustainable impact.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these dedicated leaders and organizations upon their induction into the Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame. They are truly deserving of this honor, and for their exceptional leadership and commitment to the region and beyond, each of them is worthy of the highest praise.

HONORING SPECIAL EVENT
SERVICES

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 20, 2021

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American spirit of determination, resilience, and steady faith as embodied by Special Event Services (SES), a full service technical production company headquartered in Mocksville, North Carolina.

Keeping time with the music industry, it came as no surprise to founding partners Jim Brammer and Jeff Cranfill that earning a living from their craft would require infectious passion and a commitment to the next show, regardless of the size of the crowd. From their opening act as a 1986 garage start-up, the duo steadily grew SES into a major industry player, eventually providing their live-event production services in audio, lighting, video, and rigging to the likes of 18 Grammy winners and many more.

SES’ clientele ranges from iconic legends of decades past, like Hootie and the Blowfish and Lynyrd Skynyrd, to contemporary chart-toppers such as Luke Combs, Ed Sheeran, and The Avett Brothers. Also aligned with the heart of the company’s business is their desire

to amplify Christian voices, and SES has provided services to Franklin Graham, Joyce Meyer, and Joel Osteen, among others.

Such success, however, hasn’t been achieved without its own share of challenges. When concerts, shows, and national tours came screeching to a halt at the onset of 2020’s COVID-19 pandemic, SES too was forced to take a hiatus from their regular way of doing business. Due to lockdown and stay-at-home orders, the company pivoted instead to producing intimate online sessions streamed for fans to view from their homes.

In October of 2020—despite a grim outlook for the live event and performance industry as they knew it—SES celebrated the grand opening of their recently completed new base of operations, planting them in the historic town of Mocksville, the heart of Davie County. Fast-forward to the summer of 2021, and business is rapidly picking up tempo, proving our economy is primed to rebound to its former heights. One higher profile example of recent note, the Carolina Country Music Festival, featured a star-studded lineup and over 30,000 fans in attendance for the multi-day festival. Being tapped to lead the production was SES, a decision that’s indicative of the industry’s confidence in the company and its work.

Though 2020 was a year of uncertainty, the company set their sights ahead and continued working towards the reemergence of their core business: live-event production services. With tours, festivals, performances, and gatherings back in full swing, it’s abundantly clear that a central belief of SES that “Together we are greater than the sum of our parts” is ringing loud and true.

Please join me in applauding Special Event Services for their perseverance through adversity as they faithfully live out their work’s mission, one show at a time.

HONORING LT. GEN. JOHN F.
GONGE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 20, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant General John F.

Gonge for his long and distinguished military career as well as the establishment of the Gonge Innovation Center at Travis Air Force Base’s Phoenix Spark Lab. Lt. Gen. Gonge was born in 1921, in Ansley, Neb., where he graduated from Ansley High School in 1938 before his desire to serve led him to enter active military service as an aviation cadet. He attended the U.S. Army Air Corps Flying School at Lubbock Army Air Field, Texas, where he received his pilot wings and commission as a second lieutenant in December 1943. During World War II, he flew the “Hump” in the China-Burma-India campaigns with the Army Air Corps Air Transport Command, ensuring crucial resources could be transported through the treacherous Himalayas to American allies.

A career transport pilot, General Gonge has filled innumerable roles during his career, remaining with airlift forces through Air Training Command, Military Air Transport Service, and Military Airlift Command. At each stop along the way he has imparted his experience and wisdom to many others who seek to serve their country. In July 1969 he came to Travis Air Force Base as vice commander of the 60th Military Airlift Wing before he was assigned as commander of the 63d Military Airlift Wing at Norton Air Force Base, Calif., in February 1970. Subsequently, General Gonge commanded the 22d Air Force at Travis Air Force Base from August 1972 to August 1975, when he became vice commander of the Military Airlift Command.

General Gonge is a command pilot with more than 13,000 flying hours. His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal, and the Distinguished Unit Citation Emblem. These recognitions and his promotion to the grade of lieutenant general in September, 1975 make it clear that General Gonge’s legacy will continue to guide and inspire generations to come. On behalf of the people of California’s 3rd Congressional District, I offer my sincere gratitude for his many decades of dedicated service.