

Jim Gainey is remembered by his friends and family as "A devoted husband, loving father, and perfect Papa. He will be remembered for his faithfulness to the Lord, his impassioned love for people, his selfless generosity, and fierce commitment to his family."

Jim is survived by his wife, Lynette Davis Gainey, two daughters and their husbands, Laura and Byron Young of Beaumont, and Susan and Mike Ferguson of Austin, grandchildren Mark Young and wife Katie, Emily Valerio and husband Isaac, William Young, Leah Goertz and husband Ryne, Nathan Watts, and Benjamin Watts, great grandchildren James, Claire, Ellis, Abraham, and Charlotte. He is also survived by two brothers, Hugh Gainey and his wife Elaine Rogers, A.R. and Paul Gainey of Houston, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents James Wiley Gainey and Evelyn Gerrard Gainey, and his sister, Allison Gainey Stephens.

Madam Speaker, I would like to honor my friend, Jim Gainey, for his service to our country and for his many years of faithful service to our community. My thoughts and heartfelt prayers remain with his family and friends during this difficult time.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GEORGIA FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

HON. A. DREW FERGUSON IV

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, which celebrated its 25th anniversary in August. Headquartered in my home district in LaGrange, Georgia, the association has solidified itself as the premier resource for growers in an area that is essential to Georgia's economy and prosperity.

By providing services such as education programs to maximize production, marketing opportunities to increase profits, and disaster management tools to handle natural disasters and other crises affecting the industry, the Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association is without question a cornerstone of agriculture and a boon to specialty crop growers across the state.

Throughout the pandemic, the association has instituted a multitude of innovative solutions aimed toward helping its members and Georgia's specialty crop growers. They have also worked diligently with national organizations and congressional offices to secure relief aid through the Coronavirus Food and Assistance Program for those in need.

As the Georgia Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association rounds out 25 years, I look forward to a bright future of continued strength and advocacy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this association's great accomplishments.

HONORING SAMANTHA ROSANNE MACON'S 50TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Samantha Rosanne Macon of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, on the occasion of her 50th birthday. Her continued service to our community is worthy of commendation.

Mrs. Macon was born in Dearborn, Michigan, to Rose Tripepi and Joseph Czapiewski. A graduate of Annapolis High School, she later attended Henry Ford College and Eastern Michigan University, graduating with honors. Mrs. Macon holds a master's degree in education and teaches at Simpson Middle School in Flat Rock, Michigan. In 2006, she married Dino Macon and together they have two dogs and a cat.

When she is not in the classroom with her middle schoolers, Mrs. Macon continues to teach and serve her community. She can be found at the Eton Senior Center in Dearborn Heights, teaching seniors how to decorate cupcakes. She is also an active member of her church and volunteers there often.

Mrs. Macon is known by friends and family as someone with a kind and generous heart, who is always there to help those in need. In her downtime, she enjoys hosting gatherings for friends and family, visiting the beach, baking, and traveling.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Samantha Rosanne Macon on her 50th birthday. I join with her family and friends in extending my best and warmest wishes to her on this special day. I am proud to honor her life, her accomplishments, and her invaluable contributions to our community.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF KEVIN VAN BUSKIRK

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of an esteemed leader in Contra Costa County, Kevin Van Buskirk, and congratulate him on his retirement from the Contra Costa Building & Construction Trades Council and Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No. 104.

Kevin was born in Pleasant Hill, California, to Joel and Deanna Van Buskirk. After graduating in 1979, he became a Teamster and worked as a tire man in San Leandro. After his apprenticeship with Marelich Mechanical at the Chevron Campus, he became an official sheet metal worker. While working as a journeyman, foreman, and general foreman, Kevin actively organized with Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No. 104 by attending meetings, events, union pickets, and protests.

In November of 1995, Kevin was appointed as the union's first full-time organizer. As an example of the important work he has done, his efforts to hold a particular non-union company accountable led to the involvement of the

Santa Clara County District Attorney and the revelation of ongoing wage theft. In 2000, Kevin was elected Business Representative for Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No. 104. He also served as a delegate to the Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council, as well as a delegate to the Contra Costa Central Labor Council. In 2007, Kevin became President of the Contra Costa Building & Construction Trades Council and Vice President of the Contra Costa Central Labor Council.

In these capacities, he has negotiated numerous project labor agreements and has assisted many young men and women, as well as our returning veterans, into the trades.

Kevin firmly believes that becoming a unionized tradesman has resulted in the success of his career and the ability to provide for his family.

I wish Kevin well in his retirement and thank him for his enduring commitment to the rights of all workers. Please join me in honoring Kevin Van Buskirk for his many contributions to our community.

HONORING ROBERT AND DIANE FINDLAY AS IOWANS OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Diane and Robert Findlay as Iowans of the Week.

Every day, people of all ages and backgrounds read books for different reasons. Some read books to spark their imagination, and others read books for more insight on fascinating topics. For Diane and Robert Findlay, books are so much more than that. The Findlays started a book club in their community of Dallas Center, Iowa called Read & Serve. This group is not your average get-together to discuss the week's literature. The Read & Serve book club is made up of members of different faiths, like Baha'is, Christians, and free thinkers alike. While their faiths vary, they all share a common passion: community. Diane and Robert belong to the Baha'i faith, and they constantly look for opportunities to get involved in their local community, specifically through prayer, learning, and serving with neighbors and friends.

While the Read & Serve book club enjoys discussing their current readings, they also enjoy participating in service projects to further cultivate their collective sense of community. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the Findlay's book club still wanted to find a project to get involved with that allowed them to give back, albeit in a safe manner. They heard of a project happening in New York where people were donating their used books to local and county jails for the incarcerated individuals to delve into. The Read & Serve book club connected with the Dallas County Sheriff and Dallas County Jail to see what they could do to get new books into the facility.

The Findlay's book club, with the help of the county jail, created a survey listing a multitude of genres to gauge the interest of the inmates. The survey showed they were interested in almost every genre imaginable. From westerns

to Shakespeare, thrillers to poetry, these individuals seemed eager to get their hands on the covers and their minds into the pages.

Since the Findlays have started this project, they have been sending new copies of used books to the Dallas County Jail every third Tuesday each month. After the local news covered their story, more and more people from across their community, even across the country, contacted the Findlays stating their desire to contribute books. Even an author from Texas contributed signed copies of books they have published all because they were inspired by the Findlay's story.

Diane and Robert have felt the most rewarding aspect of their project is seeing how much interest has been generated in their community and around the country. They have received many calls and emails expressing gratitude for their efforts to support a community within our country that is often forgotten. Many of these calls and emails are accompanied by requests to send the Findlays more books, or even requests for instructions as to how others can start similar projects in their own communities.

Books can make profound impacts on the lives of readers. Books inform us, captivate us, and allow us to grow through the stories and narratives laid out on the pages. I'm proud of the work constituents like Diane and Robert are doing, and I'm thrilled that their desire to serve their community has made an impact on communities across the Nation. I am honored to designate Diane and Robert Findlay as our Iowans of the Week.

HONORING MR. AL MAGGINI

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Al Maggini in celebration of his 106th birthday on September 5, 2021.

A third generation San Francisco native, Mr. Maggini has served both his country and community for all of his life. A few years after graduating from St. Ignatius College Preparatory in 1933, Mr. Maggini enlisted in the Army Air Corps to serve his country. He became a World War II B-17 Navigator who flew 35 bombing missions over Germany and was widely acknowledged for his bravery. After the war, he returned to Sonoma County where he began work as a stockbroker. After moving to Santa Rosa, Mr. Maggini taught classes at the Santa Rosa Junior College for eleven years, and eventually served as a member of the College's board of trustees for 34 years. Mr. Maggini worked late into his 90's while continuing to volunteer for the community in numerous ways.

Mr. Maggini's extensive history of community service goes back as far as 1949. During this time, he was one of the founders of the Youth Baseball League of Sonoma Valley and was the first President of the Sonoma Valley Little League. In 1954, he became one of the leaders of the fundraiser drive for the Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital's first expansion campaign and remained a foundation board member and advisor. He is an active fundraiser for the Provident St. Joseph Memorial Founda-

tion, which raises funds to help support the needs of local hospitals. In addition, he has served as Chairman of the St. Joseph Memorial Fund campaign, helping to raise \$10 million for the heart center. In recognition of Mr. Maggini's service to Sonoma County, the Santa Rosa Junior College named Maggini Hall in his honor.

Mr. Maggini has continuously dedicated his time to raising money for the Hanna Boys Center, along with serving on their Board of Directors. In recognition of his service, he was presented the 2018 Frank P. Doyle Award, which honors leaders in local business who go above and beyond in dedicating their time, energy, and resources to serving the needs of their community. In addition, Mr. Maggini is the oldest World War II veteran in Sonoma County, and among a handful of World War II Veterans in California. At 106, he remains an active public servant and is beloved by his community.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Al Maggini is truly a model citizen and an exemplary civil servant. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING JACOB DAVIS

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jacob Davis, Jr., of Pierce County, Georgia, for his 100th birthday on October 6.

A lifelong resident of Georgia's First Congressional District, Jacob has devoted his life to his community and country.

He was drafted into the United States Navy in 1943 and was stationed in Great Lakes, Illinois. He served as a fireman on an aircraft carrier that performed test flights for the military. After being discharged from the military in December of 1945, Jacob returned to his family farm and married the love of his life, Jenny Henderson.

Over Jacob's lifetime of farming, he has accumulated over one thousand acres of farmland. To this day, he continues his work on his pecan orchard. If the sun is shining, Jacob can be found outside working.

Although he has worked hard his entire life, Jacob was, and still is, a devoted and loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

I am proud to rise today to recognize Jacob's birthday and his lifetime of service and leadership to Georgia's First Congressional District.

HONORING STEVE BOWMAN, VETERANS SERVICES DIRECTOR FOR CLINTON COUNTY, ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Steve Bowman on the occasion of his retirement as the Veterans Services Agency Director for Clinton County, New York.

Steve has dedicated his life to the well-being of his country and his community. He served honorably in the United States Air Force for 18 years before retiring in 1994. In 2004, Steve was appointed as the Director of Veterans Services Agency for Clinton County. In this role, he has worked tirelessly to support the veteran community, serving a staggering 800 veterans a month on average. Throughout my time in Congress, Steve has been a vital resource, working closely with my office to assist veterans throughout the North Country.

In addition to his work as the Director of Veterans Services, he is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, and the North Country Veterans Association. Finally, on top of everything he has done for the Clinton County veteran community, Steve and his wife Gail are also small business owners, operating a family diner in Rouses Point.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to thank Steve and congratulate him on reaching this important milestone. His dedication to our North Country veterans has left a significant impact on the community. I wish him all the best in this next chapter of his life.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
JAYNE M. ROTH'S RETIREMENT

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 3, 2021

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Jayne M. Roth's outstanding career. Jayne has been a 4-H Youth Development Program Educator with the Ohio State University Extension for forty years and has proven herself to be both a leader and a guide for countless 4-H youth across the state and the nation.

Jayne grew up on a farm in Wayne County near the town of Orrville in Northeast Ohio. She graduated from The Ohio State University in the spring of 1981 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Sciences. She also received a Master of Science Degree in Animal Production. Jayne began her career in Putnam County in 1981 and after four years, she accepted her current position as a 4-H Educator in Wood County.

Over the span of her career, she has been honored with numerous awards, including the Wood County Education for Civic Responsibility Award, the Ohio 4-H Camping Award, and the Ohio 4-H Charles Lifer Excellence in 4-H Award. Jayne has also received the Achievement in Service Award, the Distinguished 4-H Service Award, and the Meritorious Service Award from the National Association of Extension Youth Development Professionals. Jayne has positively impacted the lives of children, teens, and families across Ohio by providing 4-H education while encouraging the volunteer spirit among her 4-H participants. In all aspects of her life, she finds joy in helping others succeed and dedicates her time to building her community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Jayne Roth in recognition of her service to Wood County and the entire 4-H community. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I wish