

CELEBRATING THE CITY OF BARSTOW'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAY OBERNOLTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 75th Anniversary of the City of Barstow, California. This city, home to 25,415 residents in California's 8th District, serves as a unique pillar of the High Desert culture and a crossroads of opportunity within our desert community.

Barstow had its beginnings in 1947 as the Mojave Desert hub of Route 66 and the U.S. railroad system. Today, the city still serves a critical role in our nation's transportation and logistics systems as home to the BNSF Railyard with the potential for great expansion and growth in our future that could forever change the landscape of this High Desert community.

Barstow also plays a critical role in supporting our military and military families. The city is home to the only veterans home in the Inland Empire and High Desert region. It also serves as a transportation hub for the U.S. Marine Corps with Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow located just up the street and supports the U.S. Army as the closest town serving the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, where almost every soldier deployed to Afghanistan has trained.

Furthermore, the city remains a critical waypoint as the last major town travelers pass on their way from Los Angeles to Las Vegas. The city's work to preserve this unique cultural input as we approach the 100 anniversary of historic Route 66 has helped to keep California culture and American history alive and strong.

As we celebrate Barstow's 75th Anniversary, I am proud to partner with local officials, including Mayor Paul Courtney, to help shepherd in economic growth, and the potential for a new golden age. Congratulations to the City of Barstow on its rich history and long future ahead.

WE MUST PASS THE JAMAL KHASHOGGI ACT

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the death and honor the legacy of Washington Post journalist, Jamal Khashoggi, and to support my bill, the Jamal Khashoggi Act.

The murder of Mr. Khashoggi was not only a gross human rights violation, but a brutal crime. It is imperative that Congress send a message to the Executive Branch—and the world—that we will not condone those countries that target dissidents of any kind, including journalists seeking to report the truth.

As reported in David Ignatius' September 28 column in the Washington Post, Mr. Khashoggi's final column was about the need for "free expression." Mr. Khashoggi built a career on exposing assaults against press freedom and consistently reminded his read-

ers that all of us hold a stake in an open press; from here in the United States to Saudi Arabia, Turkey, China, and beyond.

Mr. Khashoggi's legacy must be honored. I am introducing this bill to demand the U.S. government do the right thing and impose accountability for those who attack democratic voices. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and show the world that the United States will defend the global right to a free and open press.

TRIBUTE TO CINDY ROTH

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Cindy Roth, who is retiring after serving the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce for the past 45 years. Cindy has been a true leader in Riverside County for decades and served as an effective advocate whose many tireless efforts to better our region will be missed.

Cindy's lifelong career at the Chamber began when she was 17 years old. After serving as a staff member and working her way up through the organization, she was chosen to serve as President and CEO in 1999. Throughout her career, Cindy has been a powerful and influential voice for the Riverside business community in Southern California as well as our state capital in Sacramento and here in Washington, D.C. Everyone in Riverside County knows if you want to get something done, one of the best people to turn to is Cindy Roth.

Over the years, Cindy has been a part of many efforts and achievements that have shaped the future of our region, including locating the California Air Resources Board emissions testing facility in Riverside and establishing the School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside. My office and I have also enjoyed a productive partnership with Cindy to strengthen the role played by March Air Reserve Base and the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, in our national security and Riverside County. In addition to her role leading the Chamber, Cindy has been an active member of many community organizations including the Monday Morning Group of Western Riverside County, The Raincross Club, the Fox Riverside Theater Foundation, the City of Riverside Economic Development Corporation, and the Foundation Board of Trustees for La Sierra University.

Cindy clearly possesses a passionate belief in public service and a dedication to the community she has served so faithfully. I know I speak on behalf of all residents in expressing my heartfelt thanks and praise for Cindy's significant contributions to Riverside County. Personally, I will always value her friendship and collaboration on so many important issues. I wish Cindy, her husband Richard, and the entire Roth family the very best in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING FEMALE LEADERS WHO SHE LEADS AMERICA IS HONORING AS CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

HON. LISA C. MCCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and highlight the work of some extraordinary female leaders in our country who are being honored by She Leads America as "Christian Women of Distinction."

For my constituents back in Michigan, I try and lead by example through my faith and commitment to public service. But many times, people don't look to Washington for their role models. Fortunately, it does not take long to find others guided by their strong moral compass, faith, and commitment to selfless public service. Today, I honor some of these women, who through their tireless dedication, have shattered glass ceilings and touched the lives of countless individuals around the world. For my part, I remain committed to defending religious freedom here in Congress to ensure each of these women, and all of my constituents, never have to compromise their religious beliefs in order to conform to whatever the trending culture is at the moment.

One of these women, Dr. Carol Swain, has risen from adversity to become an award-winning political scientist, former tenured professor at Princeton and Vanderbilt Universities, public intellectual, speaker, entrepreneur, commentator, and author or editor of eleven books. She is passionate about empowering others to confidently raise their voices in the public square and so founded the Be the People Project (BTPP). Her clarion call is for "We the People to stand up and Be the People" who change our nation and world. Dr. Swain served on the Tennessee Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the 1776 Commission. Her research has won national awards and has been cited in three U.S. Supreme Court cases.

Madam Speaker, I hope these women, such as Dr. Swain, know full well the impact they have had on countless lives. These women are trailblazers, and the example they have set will be followed by people of my district, and many other Americans, for years to come. I thank each of them for their passion and commitment. This honor is well-deserved.

CONGRATULATING CHIEF JEFF YERKEY ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE ROCK ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chief Jeff Yerkey, who is retiring from the Rock Island Fire Department after 33 years of service.

Chief Yerkey first joined the Rock Island Fire Department in 1990, appointed as a firefighter paramedic. Exercising diligence and initiative throughout his tenure, Chief Yerkey

helped found the Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic program in 1991, a core unit still in place today. His honorable stewardship to his community earned him a promotion to lieutenant in 2000. As he continued to set an example of excellence among his peers, he was elevated to Captain in 2006, then Battalion Chief in 2008. His innovative approach to protecting and serving his neighbors was unrelenting in every respect. Two years later, he was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief, where his experience was an asset to boosting public safety. On April 4, 2016, he ascended to Fire Chief, a role he carried out with rare courage, dedication and spirit. Always committed to bettering his city, he took on the additional role of Assistant City Manager in July 2021. Chief Yerkey's contributions to the City of Rock Island are deeply admirable. His impact on our region will be remembered for generations to come.

It is because of heroic and determined leaders such as Chief Yerkey that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to, again, formally recognize Rock Island Fire Department Chief Jeff Yerkey on his retirement and thank him for his 33 years of service to our community.

RECOGNIZING DR. VINCENT L. ROSS, MD, ITALIAN AMERICAN MAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor Dr. Vincent L. Ross, MD, who will be named the Italian American Man of the Year by the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County at their annual gathering on Sunday, October 9, 2022.

Dr. Ross was born and raised in West Scranton, Pennsylvania to Luciano and Dora Ross. He completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Scranton as a cadet in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. He then attended Loyola University-Chicago's Stritch School of Medicine. After completing his medical degree in Chicago, Dr. Ross relocated to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania where he did a residency in pediatrics at the Harrisburg Hospital. In fulfillment of his commitment to the Air Force, Dr. Ross was assigned to two years of duty at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado where he served as the physician for the football team. While in Colorado, he also worked in Denver-area hospitals. As the use of air transport increased for moving critically ill children between hospitals, Dr. Ross had the opportunity, as a senior officer, to fly over the Rocky Mountains.

In 1971, he returned to his native Scranton where he opened his own pediatrics practice. As the pediatrics department at the Community Medical Center grew, he was named the Director of Pediatrics there. During his long tenure with the hospital, he was also named to the President's staff and the hospital Board of Directors. For his dedication to medicine and Northeastern Pennsylvania, Dr. Ross was recognized by Mercy Hospital and Moses Taylor Hospital for 50 years of service. He also received the American Medical Association Rec-

ognition Award, the 50 Year Award from the Lackawanna Medical Society, and the Society's Presidential Award.

He currently lives in Scranton with his wife of 59 years, Donata, and they have three children and two grandchildren.

I am proud to join with the Columbus Day Association of Lackawanna County in recognizing Dr. Ross for his commitment to caring for Northeastern Pennsylvania's youngest residents for more than five decades. As a compassionate and highly respected physician and dedicated community member, he has been a driving force for good and is well deserving of this honor. May he continue to find fulfillment in his service to medicine and the community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF RICK SEDGWICK

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to honor the life and service of Rick Sedgwick, who passed away at the age of 67 after a lifetime of service to the people of Michigan's First District and beyond.

Born in San Diego, California on November 23, 1954, Rick moved to Michigan when he was a child. After graduating from Saginaw Arthur Hill High School in 1973, he enrolled at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, where he studied the Ojibwe language and culture and earned a degree in education. Rick would go on to work in community mental health, school transportation, the U.S. Postal Service, and various trades in the construction field before serving twenty-five years as a special education teacher for Alcona Community Schools. In addition to his long and distinguished career, Rick and his family spent two years working as missionaries counseling Native Americans at Okonoe Christian Fellowship Retreat Center in Northern Minnesota. This was just one of the many opportunities Rick pursued to spread the gospel and serve others. His church family could certainly confirm the same. Rick and his wife Robin were members of New Life Christian Fellowship in Alpena, Michigan for close to twenty years.

Rick passed away on the morning of September 5, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. His kindness, selflessness, and devotion to others will surely leave a lasting mark on those who had the opportunity to know him.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of Michigan's First Congressional District, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of Rick Sedgwick. His legacy will forever live on in his family, friends, communities, and in the many lives he bettered through his service.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FARM BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF IDAHO

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to an Idaho icon and institu-

tion, Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Idaho, for exceptional service to its customers and the community. Farm Bureau Insurance is celebrating 75 years of providing insurance to the residents and farmers of Idaho.

Farm Bureau started offering insurance to Idahoans in 1947. They are now the second largest insurance writer in the state and the number one farms and ranch insurer in Idaho. They are working to provide peace of mind to Idaho families, farms, and businesses of Idaho by protecting what matters most.

Over the last 75 years, Farm Bureau has been actively contributing to the health and prosperity of Idaho's communities. As an active corporate citizen, Farm Bureau has been a positive force in Idaho by sponsoring Christmas in the Night Skies, Relay for Life, Salute to Idaho Veterans, Elevate Leadership Summit, and the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument among other causes and events over the last 75 years.

Farm Bureau has been awarded an AM Best financial strength rating of excellent or higher since 1959. In 1996, they earned the Better Business Bureau's Torch award for ethics. In 2021, they were awarded the best insurance company in Idaho by Forbes. In both 2020 and 2021, Farm Bureau earned Demotech's Star Award for superior business practices and customer satisfaction.

Madam Speaker, I would like to join their customers, clients, and our community, in honoring Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Idaho for 75 years of exceptional service to our great state.

RECOGNIZING FEMALE LEADERS WHO SHE LEADS AMERICA'S HONORING AS CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

HON. LISA C. MCCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 30, 2022

Mrs. MCCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and highlight the work of some extraordinary female leaders in our country who are being honored by She Leads America as "Christian Women of Distinction."

For my constituents back in Michigan, I try and lead by example through my faith and commitment to public service. But many times, people don't look to Washington for their role models. Fortunately, it does not take long to find others guided by their strong moral compass, faith, and commitment to selfless public service. Today, I honor some of these women, who through their tireless dedication, have shattered glass ceilings and touched the lives of countless individuals around the world. For my part, I remain committed to defending religious freedom here in Congress to ensure each of these women, and all of my constituents, never have to compromise their religious beliefs in order to conform to whatever the trending culture is at the moment.

One of these women, Sharon Weston Broome, is the first female Mayor-President of the City of Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish. Prior to this role, she served as a Baton Rouge Metro City Council member, a Louisiana State Representative, and a Louisiana State Senator. As Mayor her focus has