

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 Okontoe 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

been on improving the quality of life for citizens, while building resiliency through infrastructure improvements. Another major priority in her life is her faith and her family.

Madam Speaker, I hope these women, such as Mayor Broome, 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.

#### HONORING MAJOR N. CODY RUSH

#### HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 30, 2022*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major Cody Rush for his exemplary dedication to duty and service as an Army Congressional Fellow and the Army House Liaison Division. Major Rush is transitioning to the Army Reserves, where he will serve as a Legislative Liaison in the Office of the Chief of the Army Reserves.

Hailing from Christiansburg, Virginia, Major Rush was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant from the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets as an Armor Officer. He later transitioned to the Signal Corps. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Virginia Tech, a Master's Degree in Information Technology Management from Webster University, and a Master's Degree in Legislative Affairs from The George Washington University.

Major Rush has served in wide-ranging assignments during his 11 years as an Army officer including Tank and Scout Platoon Leader and Battalion S6 in the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, Battalion S6 and Company Commander in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Legislative Liaison in Washington, D.C. He served one combat deployment to Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division and served in the first Regionally Aligned Combined Arms Battalion in the Korean Peninsula.

I had the privilege of working directly with Major Rush, who first served as a fellow in my office during the challenging year of 2020 and during his succeeding assignment as an Army Liaison until 2022. His professionalism, performance and commitment to the mission, as both a fellow and liaison, are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and made a lasting impression with Members and staff of the United States Congress.

Throughout his career, Major Rush has positively impacted soldiers, peers and superiors alike. Our country has benefited from his leadership, judgment and passion for the Army profession.

The foundation of Cody's success is his family. His wife, Tiffany, his daughter, Abigail, and son, Jackson, are the lights of his life. I thank Tiffany, Abigail and Jackson for their sacrifices in supporting Major Rush's service to our country.

Madam Speaker, it has been a genuine pleasure to have worked with Major Rush since the second session of the 116th Congress. It is with great appreciation that I recognize and commend Major Rush for his service to our country and wish him all the best as he

continues his service in the United States Army.

#### RECOGNITION OF TONY GIACOMAZZI

#### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 30, 2022*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Tony Giacomazzi, affectionately known as "Tony G.", for his commitment to the town of Hillsborough and in particular its children. Tony G. has positively impacted thousands of Hillsborough students as both a teacher and now recreation leader. For his outstanding contribution, he has been awarded the Community Care Award for 2022 by the Associated Parents' Group of Hillsborough.

Tony came to Hillsborough as a teacher in 2003 and quickly gained the admiration of students and parents. Originally hired as a substitute, he soon joined the staff in a full-time position, teaching 3rd and 4th graders for eight years. As a remarkable leader at West School, he quickly gained more responsibility as he became president of the Hillsborough Teacher Association. Although he wanted to become a principal, and earned his master's degree in administration, he was drawn to sports and coaching.

Ultimately, Tony couldn't stay away from the sports fields, and he transitioned to the Hillsborough Recreation Department, formed through a joint powers agreement between the town and school district. For the past 12 years, he has overseen preschool programming, elementary after school class offerings, sports programs at Crocker Middle School, and classes for the greater Hillsborough community.

Tony has the remarkable ability to remember the names of every child in the school district along with the names of their siblings and parents. With that kind of memory, the man would obviously be competitive running against any member of Congress, including this one. He's an employee of the district but he is also a parent. He volunteers to coach soccer, baseball, and basketball, referees flag football, and does master scheduling. There's often grass beneath his feet, but it sure doesn't grow there because this is a guy who is always on the move.

The pandemic played havoc with recreation as well as learning. Tony was instrumental in bringing students back to campus during the pandemic. He worked closely with the board of education, faculty and the superintendent to find ways to keep the kids active yet safe. Teachers had childcare support because Tony arranged for it. He oversaw COVID testing at preschools and ensured that providers felt safe returning to schools.

Tony attended both Serra High School and Mills High School. It was at Mills that he met his wife, Jackie. They have two sons—Max (13) and Zach (10). Max and Zach, in turn, have a dog named Haze that they graciously agree to share with their parents. When not planning the next recreation event or working with the students, Tony enjoys playing golf, basketball and cheering for his favorite teams. He selected three great champions—the Gi-

ants, the Warriors and the Niners. Regrettably, from my personal point of view, he also roots for the Chiefs.

In the documents describing his nomination for this year's Community Care Award, Tony Giacomazzi was described as the perfect mix of teacher, coach, friend and mentor, and it was noted that he inspires the children to be their best selves both on and off the court. This is how American is built: one character at a time across generations. Congratulations to Tony Giacomazzi. His career will touch generations, and we are grateful that he is in public service in the wonderful community of Hillsborough, California.

#### RECOGNIZING PASTOR SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAM R. EPHRIAM FOR 60 YEARS OF SERVICE

#### HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 30, 2022*

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join the members of the New Vision Christian Center Church of God In Christ to celebrate Pastor Superintendent William R. Ephriam. At 87 years old, Supt. Ephriam is the longest-serving superintendent of the jurisdiction of Colorado CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC., and a pillar of the Colorado Springs community. He has been pastoring this congregation for a remarkable 50 years, and this year marks 60 years of dedicated service in the Colorado district.

As Senior Pastor, Supt. Ephriam founded and served as Executive Director of the New Hope Home for Girls in Colorado Springs. This organization provides a safe Christian environment for as many as 600 girls who have been abused and are runaways. Many of these young ladies are now leading prosperous lives and remain in contact with Supt. Ephriam.

He organized the Colorado Springs Council for Church and Social Action and served as Vice President of the Colorado Coalition for Religious Freedom. As a result of this work, God also led him to establish the New Hope Outreach Ministry and Jail Ministry at Rebound.

Through Superintendent Ephriam's labors of love and gracious patience, many people in the Fifth Congressional District have had multiple chances and restoration. His unique ability to motivate, inspire, and empower others is truly a gift of God—and has been a blessing to the Pikes Peak Region.

Superintendent Ephriam's exemplary service and strong leadership performance personify the essence of a great leader. He has led his congregation to the Word of God and the meaning of loving brotherhood, following the rule of Christ "Love thy neighbor as thyself" James 2:8.

Please join me today in celebrating the Man of God William R. Ephriam and thanking him for admirably serving our Lord and our region.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."