

help fellow survivors face the challenges that follow in the wake of a COVID diagnosis. She works with the organization COVID Survivors for Change to support fellow survivors, remember those who have died, and advocate for strong public health measures to prevent future pandemics. In the face of her ongoing struggle and through the pain of losing a loved one, Dr. Roberts continues to advocate on behalf of others through her work with COVID Survivors for Change. Despite her grief and pain, Dr. Roberts says that she always has something to smile about. Her resolve and her passion are evident in her words and deeds, and I am so proud of the work that she is doing.

As we celebrate Black History Month, may we be reminded of Black men and women's enormous contributions to the United States each and every day. It is a true honor to represent Dr. Roberts in Congress and recognize her today for the work she has done to help others even at a time when her own life has been significantly impacted by COVID-19. I am proud to call Dr. Roberts a constituent, and grateful for the opportunity to uplift her during this year's celebration of Black History Month.

HONORING NASHUA FIRE CHIEF
BRIAN RHODES

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the outstanding career in public service of Nashua Fire Chief Brian Rhodes. It is with great pride that I join others in honoring Brian's commitment to the City of Nashua.

Brian's career with the Nashua Fire Department was marked with many milestones and achievements. He has attended the National Fire Academy and successfully graduated from both the Fire Service Financial Management and Executive Planning programs. Brian started his career with the Nashua Fire Department in 1987. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2000, Captain in 2004, Deputy Chief in 2011, Assistant Chief in June of 2015 and took over as Chief in April of 2018. In 2018, Chief Rhodes joined me in Washington, D.C. to share his work combating the opioid epidemic with Members of Congress. I appreciate Chief Rhodes unwavering commitment to serving his community and sharing his expertise with leaders from across the country.

I commend Chief Rhodes on his retirement after more than three decades with the Nashua Fire Department and on his unwavering dedication to the Granite State. Chief Rhodes also served as a State Representative from 2008 to 2014 representing Nashua Ward 3 in the New Hampshire General Court—a testament to his dedication to making the Granite State a better place.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Brian for his many years of service, and for being a part of what makes the Granite State so great. I am honored to recognize and congratulate Brian on his retirement and wish him the best of luck in the years ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF VFW POST—
8896

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize VFW Post-8896 located in East Berlin, Pennsylvania on their seventy-five years of operation. Post 8896 is named in honor of Richard J. Gross, a native of Pennsylvania and a member of the United States Army-Airforce who gave his life on September 8, 1943, while flying a combat mission over New Guinea while serving as a radio operator and gunner on a B-24 Liberator Bomber.

In 1947, a group of veterans carried on the legacy and memory of Richard J. Gross and opened Post-8896.

For more than seven decades, the Post's members have remained dedicated to helping veterans and their families, building community fellowship, and promoting awareness for the sacrifices that our veterans have made.

On behalf of the people of the 13th Congressional District, it is my great honor to congratulate the Richard J. Gross VFW on seventy-five years of service to veterans of Adams County. I thank them for their great work and dedication to our community.

HONORING EDWARD "ED" A.
TORIELLO

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor, Edward "Ed" A. Toriello, a World War II veteran, as he celebrates his 100th birthday today.

Sergeant First Class (SFC) Ed Toriello proudly served his country in Patton's 3rd Army during World War II. In 1944, he was a recent graduate from St. John's University's Divinity School looking to enter the priesthood when a week later, he answered the call to serve his country. Following six months of training he was sent to the European Theatre where he first served as a combat medic, then a scout in the 76th infantry regiment. Ed was supposed to remain in the country and go to Officer Candidate School, but at the height of the war, the Army needed more enlisted men, and he was immediately deployed overseas. During the frigid winter of 1944-45, he and his unit were sent to help stop the last German offensive of the war at the Battle of the Bulge. The 76th infantry regiment was then tasked with securing the Remagen Bridge in March of 1945, a crucial action that allowed the Allies to enter Germany. This single event's success is credited with shortening the war.

Throughout his service, Ed exemplified bravery and resilience as his unit suffered heavy losses. Edward is a decorated soldier, earning numerous commendations including 3 Service Stars, the Combat Medic Badge, and the Combat Infantry Rifle Badge. After Ger-

many's surrender, he was assigned to the U.S. sector in Southern Germany where he was offered to then attend Officer Candidate School as he had originally intended. Instead, he decided to return to civilian life and as he describes it, "the rest was history".

Ed Toriello returned to Brooklyn where he met his wife to be, Zina Toriello nee Caruba, and together they went on to have six children. They ultimately moved to Southern Ocean County in 1977 where he quickly became a beacon of positivity within the community. He remained active as a community volunteer and leader in numerous organizations such as Kiwanis International, Italian American Social and Civic Association, and the Knights of Columbus. Ed also served as a trustee for three decades with South Ocean's Medical Center and started a beloved local fundraising concert for the facility that has raised over \$100,000 to date. Today, Ed enjoys watching the Yankees and cooking for his friends and family.

Edward A. Toriello is a distinguished member of our community whose heroic actions during the Second World War set the trajectory for a life of servitude that has positively impacted those around him and will continue to benefit generations to come.

HONORING KAREN FERGUSON OF
THE PENSION RIGHTS CENTER

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my condolences to the family and friends of Karen Ferguson, the President of the Pension Rights Center, and recognize her as a true champion for the rights of pensioners. Karen was a leader on an issue that is of particular importance to me; namely, the retirement security of workers, retirees, and their families. For over 45 years, Karen was significantly involved in protecting pensioners rights through the development of pension legislation in Congress, and recently I witnessed her tireless advocacy first-hand as we worked to enact the Butch Lewis Act.

An alum of Harvard Law School and Bryn Mawr College, Karen founded the Pension Rights Center. The Pension Rights Center, with Karen as president and leader, has been instrumental in advocating for and drafting new regulations and laws, including the Retirement Equity Act of 1984, the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and the Butch Lewis Act of 2021.

Karen was widely known and respected on Capitol Hill and testified at many congressional and regulatory hearings. She will be remembered for her passion and depth of knowledge.

I join the millions of pensioners around the country in expressing gratitude for Karen's tenacity. She will be deeply missed. I send my deepest sympathies to all who loved her, the Ferguson family, her friends, and her colleagues.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER
HOBART ERICKSON

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Mr. Hobart "Hobie" Erickson of Donalds, South Carolina, who has served as a first responder firefighter for over sixty-five years.

Mr. Erickson began his career as a firefighter in 1965 in New Jersey where he served for thirty years, rising to the position of Chief. In 1995, Mr. Erickson and his wife retired to Donalds, South Carolina. After being encouraged by his wife, Lois, Mr. Erickson left retirement to serve the Donalds Fire Department where he has since spent 35½ years in continued service.

In January of 2022, Mr. Erickson turned 95 years old. According to the South Carolina Firefighters Association, Mr. Erickson is the oldest of 17,000 actively serving firefighters in the state. Although he is no longer able to fight fires, Mr. Erickson is a vital member of the department where he tends to the fire trucks and answers calls for medical assistance. He attributes his health and energy to the protection of Jesus Christ and his loving wife. The younger firefighters in Donalds look up to Mr. Erickson, and he even exercises with them several hours a week. Younger firefighters gather around Mr. Erickson to hear his stories and his advice on how to treat others and how to be a successful leader.

Mr. Erickson's selfless leadership has made not only the Third District of South Carolina proud, but the entire state of South Carolina. His tireless commitment to keep his community safe and healthy for over a half of a century is something we should all aspire to have. Throughout his career, he has exemplified what it means to be a true servant leader. I am confident in the future of first responders in my district because of the example Mr. Erickson has set.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to be able to serve the Third District of South Carolina and to honor those who have dedicated their life to service, like Mr. Erickson. I wish Mr. Erickson and his family many more years of health and happiness.

HONORING JOE HOSHAW, JR.
EDITOR OF THE TRENTON TRIB

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joe Hoshaw, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement from the Trenton Trib, where he has served as Editor and Co-Founder for over twelve years. His significant contributions and service to our community are worthy of commendation.

Mr. Hoshaw received his Bachelor of Arts in journalism from Wayne State University and specializes in publication writing and editing. He founded the Trenton Trib in 2009 in response to community concerns about the lack

of a hometown newspaper. Prior to his work at the Trenton Trib, he worked at The News-Herald Newspapers as assistant managing editor and founded HPR Media & Promotional Services LLC, where he still works today.

Mr. Hoshaw has continued to provide positive, interesting and uplifting articles on behalf of his community, demonstrating the importance of neighborhood news. Under his leadership, the Trenton Trib has become a multifaceted news organization and has delivered impactful information to the citizens of Trenton. From the latest in high school sports to breaking development news to highlighting local businesses, the Trib could always be counted on to write about the things that our neighbors cared about. Along with co-publisher Kathy Kane, they brought news to the people of Downriver. The Trenton Trib ceased publication at the end of 2021, but their impact on the community will last for years to come.

Mr. Hoshaw is a past president and 11-year member of the Rotary Club of Trenton, Michigan. He is also a member of the board of directors for the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber and the Trenton Business Association. Mr. Hoshaw is known for his attention to detail and tireless enthusiasm for his community. He continues to reside in southeastern Michigan with his wife Mary, a retired teacher who taught at Lincoln Park Public Schools for nearly thirty years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Joe Hoshaw, Jr. We are grateful for his years spent at the Trenton Trib, for his over four decades of dedication to the journalism in southeastern Michigan. I join with Joe's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
AND DEDICATION OF MS. LYNNE
TELFORD

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the achievements and dedication of Ms. Lynne Telford, the CEO of Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado. Ms. Telford is retiring after 11 years of faithful service to those in need in the Pikes Peak Region.

Since taking the reins at Care and Share Food Bank, Lynne has demonstrated steadfast leadership, not only within the Care and Share organization but across the non-profit industry in Colorado Springs.

Shortly after her start with Care and Share, Lynne identified the need for resiliency in operations. She helped to build a disaster response system during the Waldo Canyon Fire (2012), the Black Forest Fire (2013), and more recently, the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thinking outside the box, Lynne helped develop a successful Direct Services branch, including Sunny Side Markets and Mobile Markets. Her goal was to reach those unable to be served by traditional food bank methods.

Additionally, Lynne established an endowment fund under the Care and Share Foundation to spin-off operating funds each year.

Care and Share Food Bank is currently opening up a third distribution center in the

San Luis Valley of Southern Colorado. This unprecedented addition will increase trucking and shipping efficiencies, getting food to those in need faster.

During her time as CEO, Care and Share more than doubled the amount of food distributed, totaling 25 million lbs. in 2021. Incredibly, revenue generation under Lynne's leadership has grown exponentially. In 2021, more than 17,000 people made a gift in support of Care and Share.

But her leadership and service to her community doesn't end there. Lynne has served on the Board of Directors for Leadership Pikes Peak (2003-2006), the Pikes Peak Library District (2004-2016), the Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC Board (2014-2019). In addition, she currently serves on the Colorado Food Advisory Council, the Colorado Springs City for Champions Committee, and was appointed to the Colorado State Board of Human Services in 2019 by Governor Polis.

Lynne's value to our community is undeniable. So much so that in 2020, Lynne was the recipient of the coveted United Way S. Jerrard "Jerry" Smith Community Service Award, an award presented annually to an individual whose involvement in public policy and civic issues led to the growth and betterment of the Pikes Peak region.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in honoring Lynne Telford and her legacy of kindness, creative thinking, and hard work that will transcend generations to come. Lynne's service to her community has provided many homes in Colorado's 5th Congressional District with a warm, dignified meal. I congratulate and thank Lynne for her many accomplishments and wish her the very best in her next adventure.

HONORING WALLACE JAY NELSON,
JR.

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 18, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of my longtime dear friend Wallace Jay "Wally" Nelson, Jr. of Blacksburg, Virginia, who passed away on January 28, 2022.

Wally was a native Virginian and a graduate of Emory & Henry College, where he and I were roommates. While there he studied economics and went on to receive his master's degree in business from the University of Virginia.

Wally started his professional career at Burlington Industries. He worked hard and gave his all, earning the spot as the youngest-ever plant supervisor. His time there helped pave the way for the rest of his career in the commercial insurance industry, where he worked for more than three decades. He most recently served as the Vice President of SIA Group.

His life was evidence of his commitment to the improvement of the communities in southwest Virginia. He cared deeply for all people and was greatly involved in public service. Over the years, he was an active Republican that aided in fundraising efforts for numerous political candidates. He also served with the Blacksburg Partnership, Junior Achievement,