

Not only did Bishop Morrison have an influence in the classroom but also on his faith and community. For thirty-six years, he served as the Pastor and Founder of Emmanuel Temple Church of God in Christ, as well as its superintendent, and the first Administrative Assistant.

Bishop Morrison lived a life that we all strive for. He loved his faith, his family, and his community. His impact and devotion to his faith has surely inspired many and will always be missed. My family and I send our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Clementine, to their children, Juan, Daryl, and Cheryl, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. May Bishop Morrison rest in peace.

MIKE LITZAU

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike Litzau for receiving the 2021 Pioneer Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. The Pioneer Award is given to an exceptional leader in the community who has served Arvada for many years and contributed in unprecedented ways. This award is only given as needed and is regarded with the highest level of accolades for the recipient's accomplishments.

This year's winner, Mike Litzau, is very well-deserving of this recognition for his many community efforts and volunteer service throughout the years. Mike served on the Arvada Chamber Board of Directors and currently sits on the Advocacy KAPS Council and Legacy Board. He was also recognized by the Chamber in 2018 with a "Behind the Scenes" Award and in 2014 as "Man of Year". Mike served on the Arvada Economic Development Association Board of Directors for 21 years, including four years as President was awarded for his distinguished service in 2014.

In addition, Mike served on the Arvada Community Food Bank (Community Table) Board of Directors for 12 years, including as President for six years. There he coordinated a capital campaign to renovate a former library building for the food bank in 2009. Mike has been a member of the Arvada Sunrise Rotary Club for 12 years, serving in leadership positions as the Treasurer for nine years and currently serves as President. Mike also serves on the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Board, the Arvada Vitality Alliance Board, and the SCU Community Foundation Board. He has also coordinated an Arvada Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site for over ten years.

Mike has been quite the force for good in the Arvada community and has made a difference in the community as a whole with his positive attitude and smile for everyone he meets. Congratulations again to Mike Litzau for this recognition from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. I extend my deepest appreciation for his contributions to our community.

**HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
CHIEF RUSS SANDERS**

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Russ Sanders, former Fire Chief of my hometown of Louisville, Kentucky, and one of the American fire service's most respected and dedicated leaders.

Russ has long been an advocate for firefighter safety and health, serving as a leader in the fire service locally, nationally, and internationally for more than 50 years.

He retired in January from the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), where he served as a regional and international director for many years. Chief Sanders has also served as the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association and as the leader of the NFPA's Urban Fire Forum. Before that, he served for nearly 30 years in the Louisville, KY Fire Department, his last nine years as Chief of the Department.

Sanders obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree, a Master of Education Degree, and a Master of Science Degree—all from the University of Louisville. Russ is also a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program and Harvard University's Senior Executive in State and Local Government Program.

Russ has dedicated his life to the advocacy of the fire service in the United States, tackling issues from firefighter health and safety to the development of fire and life safety standards, codes, and policies designed to protect the public. He also served as a subject matter expert on several major fire research studies conducted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Chief Sanders is admired and respected by his peers in the United States and Internationally. In 2019, the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) acknowledged his contributions to the U.S. fire service by recognizing him as the recipient of the CFSI's Annual Mason Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award for his exemplary leadership.

Russ' dedication to making the fire service stronger, more effective, and safer has directly touched the lives of every firefighter in this country—and the American people are safer today because of his efforts. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege and honor to recognize Chief Russ Sanders for his leadership and years of service to my city, to our nation, and to his fellow firefighters.

**RECOGNIZING RICHARD AND
DIANE WOJTCOWICZ**

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the service of Richard and Diane Wojtowicz to their community of Williamsville, NY. Members of the Williamsville community for almost 50 years, the Wojtowicz have both spent their careers working to improve and strengthen the quality of life in their town.

A graduate of Canisius College and the current Director of Corporate Relations for Mainstream Funding Systems, Mr. Wojtowicz is a former Town Councilman and has lifelong experience in service to the Williamsville area. Mrs. Wojtowicz is a graduate of Bryant & Stratton College and is Executive Secretary to the Chief Executive Officer of Mainstream Funding Systems. Through her involvement in many community organizations and her volunteer work, Mrs. Wojtowicz has shown she is equally devoted to our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz currently serve on the Buffalo-Niagara Heritage Village Board of Trustees. As members of the Board of Trustees, they strive to preserve the history and cultural heritage of the Buffalo Niagara Region.

As members of the Amherst Symphony Orchestra Board, Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz are avid supporters of the arts. Mr. Wojtowicz is a musician himself, playing drums professionally with many western New York bands, and Mrs. Wojtowicz's appreciation for the arts is apparent through her volunteer work with the Amherst Symphony Orchestra. Arts in the western New York area are fueled by the support of community members like the Wojtowiczs.

Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz have further dedicated themselves to the Williamsville community through their service to the youth community. Mrs. Wojtowicz serves currently as the vice president of the Amherst Youth Foundation Board, and Mr. Wojtowicz is the Foundation's current secretary. While serving as Town Councilman, Mr. Wojtowicz was the board's liaison to the Recreation Department, the Youth Board, the Library, and the Government Studies Committee. He also served as a consultant to Junior Achievement, helping young people develop the skills to succeed in today's economy. Through their service, Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz have shown a commitment to helping future generations of Williamsville residents.

As is exemplified by previous recognition they have earned, the Wojtowiczs are valued members of their community. In appreciation for her work with Rotary International, Mrs. Wojtowicz was awarded the "Unsung Hero" award. For his generosity and care, Mr. Wojtowicz has been honored by Rotary International with the "Rotarian of the Year" award, "Service Above Self Award," and many "Paul Harris" recognition awards. Mr. Wojtowicz also received the "Businessman of the Year" award from the General Pulaski Association of Western New York.

Dedicated to bettering the Amherst-Williamsville area, the Wojtowicz's contributions to the arts, youth engagement, and local business have left a lasting impact. Our community is indebted to Richard and Diane Wojtowicz for their exemplary and selfless actions. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. and Mrs. Wojtowicz for everything they have done over the years to better the lives of their fellow Williamsville residents.

**HONORING ARMY SERGEANT
DARBY MORIN**

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Army Sergeant

Darby Morin, an honorable serviceman, husband, and father.

Sergeant Morin began his military career as an Army Transportation specialist, maintaining Army vehicles. With the support of his family, Darby became a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Specialist. This new role gave him the skills and knowledge to defend our nation against the threat of weapons of mass destruction.

We are forever indebted to our servicemembers for their sacrifice and recognize the irreplaceable support military spouses and families provide for our nation's heroes. Military families serve alongside their loved ones, and today, we remember their tremendous sacrifice and mourn their loss.

I am pleased to know that my staff was able to join Sergeant Morin's family and U.S. Bank in recognizing his impressive and enduring legacy during the Gold Star Family event, Driven to Serve. While we all mourn this loss, Sergeant Darby Morin's commitment to serving our nation will never be forgotten.

HONORING BATOYUN "OYUNA"
URANCHIMEG, PARALYMPIC ATHLETE

HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Batoyun "Oyuna" Uranchimeg on her performance at the 2022 Paralympic Games in Beijing, which earned the U.S. Wheelchair Curling Team 5th place.

Oyuna began curling in 2016 and has since become an instrumental member of the USA Wheelchair Curling Development Team. She has shown us that strength is about the determination to persevere. Her performance has been inspirational, and I look forward to watching what she accomplishes next.

On behalf of Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District, I applaud Oyuna and congratulate her on her impressive Paralympic performance.

HONORING CURT RHODES

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Curt Rhodes.

Curt was a friend to everyone he met. Whether he was watching races at the Macon Speedway, attending events with the UMP Modified Racing Series, or watching his favorite team, the St. Louis Blues, Curt was loved by those around him.

If there is one thing Curt loved more than the Blues or a day at the speedway, it was his family. Curt loved nothing more than to be with his family. His brother Joe, his sister Debbie, his nephews Brandon, Justin, Tyler, and Ryan, and his nieces Hannah and Kristy meant the world to him. Curt and his wife Katrina raised a beautiful family of their own, including his son Zachary and his daughter Cassandra. Curt was loved and will be remembered by many.

Curt was born in Edmonton Alberta, Canada but eventually moved to my hometown of Taylorville, Illinois. He lived a fulfilling, honest life and was dedicated to his family, his community and being a friend to all.

On January 31, 2022, Curt passed away in Springfield, Illinois. Shannon and I send our thoughts and prayers to his family. Curt will be missed by many. May he rest in peace.

JEFF CANNON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeff Cannon for receiving the 2021 Man of the Year Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. The Man of the Year Award is given annually to a man who has gone above and beyond to selflessly serve his community.

Jeff has been a tireless volunteer in Arvada for more than 40 years. Most notably, he has served with the Arvada Jaycee's since 1981 and has held many positions in the organization, including Chapter President, Colorado Secretary, Colorado State President and Colorado Senate President. He has managed the Arvada Harvest Festival as well as many other community events through the years. In addition, he's served on the Arvada Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Arvada Planning Commission, and served as President of Arvada Sister Cities. His commitment to serving the Arvada community is unparalleled.

Congratulations again to Jeff Cannon on this recognition from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce. I extend my deepest appreciation for his contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING KENNETH ROTH'S
RETIREMENT FROM HUMAN
RIGHTS WATCH

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kenneth Roth, Executive Director of Human Rights Watch, who has announced his retirement after serving the organization for nearly 30 years at its helm. During this time, he developed the organization to become a leading defender of human rights with a budget of nearly \$100 million and over 500 staff operating in 100 countries.

Mr. Roth, a former federal prosecutor in New York and during investigations of the Iran-Contra Affair, began his career in human rights work as a volunteer for 6 years before joining HRW as Deputy Director in 1987. At the time, HRW consisted of regional human rights monitoring groups, including Helsinki Watch—a product of the 1975 Helsinki Accords to monitor compliance of human rights in Soviet bloc countries that called for the "naming and shaming" of violators of human rights—Americas Watch, Asia Watch, Middle East Watch and Africa Watch. Jointly, the groups were known as "The Watch Commit-

tees." The year following his appointment as Deputy Director, the collective was consolidated under the name Human Rights Watch. In 1993, Kenneth Roth was named Executive Director of HRW following its first Director, Aryeh Neier.

As Executive Director, Mr. Roth demonstrated an even-handed approach to his position and has not shied away from bringing attention to human rights violations committed by governments and individuals around the world. HRW has brought to our awareness abuses occurring in Ethiopia, Yemen, Egypt, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Syria and in China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region documenting repression of the Uyghur minority population, to name a few countries. HRW reports have also criticized U.S. administrations over the use of "black sites" and laws on surveillance following the September 11 attacks, anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim policies, and isolationist policies. Additionally, through its staff reporting and advocacy, HRW reports have been instrumental in investigations and convictions of warlords, wartime leaders and individuals accused of committing human rights abuses, including Liberia's Charles Taylor, Peru's Alberto Fujimori and Bosnian Serb leaders Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic.

Mr. Roth has also demonstrated that he is no stranger to "good trouble." Roth has received criticism from the Rwandan government over HRW's reporting of genocide and other crimes committed by its President, Paul Kagame. Additionally, he was denied entry into Egypt in 2014 over the report All According to Plan: The Rab'a Massacre and Mass Killings of Protestors in Egypt, which placed responsibility for mass killings of protestors following the ousting of President Mohamed Morsi on senior officials, including then Defense Minister and current President, Abdul Fattah al-Sisi. He faced Chinese sanctions and was similarly denied entry into Hong Kong, where he planned to release the World Report 2020 showing Chinese policies to "restrict freedom of religion" in Tibetan areas, forced and deceptive marriages through "bride trafficking," violations of the Refugee Convention by returning North Korean refugees, and forced detainment of Turkic Muslims in "political education" camps—a tactic currently being used by Russia against Ukrainian children.

Over the span of his 30-year career, Kenneth put feet on the ground meeting with communities impacted by human rights violations, speaking with over 2 dozen world leaders to address and end abuses, and leading fact-finding investigative trips to over 50 countries, including Haiti, Cuba, Kuwait, Iraq, and Syria. He focused HRW teams on issues pertaining to women, children, and senior populations; refugees; persons with disabilities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people; poverty and inequality; climate change; and on human rights abuses here in the United States of America. HRW began documenting abuses in realtime with the aim of ending atrocities sooner rather than later and incorporating videos and graphics in its reports as well as using social media for advocacy. The organization supported bringing perpetrators to justice through war crimes tribunals at the United Nations Security Council and the creation of the International Criminal Court as a body to prosecute war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. Kenneth pushed the ICC to