

Today, the New Haven Lions Club can be very proud of the invaluable contributions their members have made both through their efforts to not only assist the blind, the founding mission of the Lions, but in the many ways they make a difference in our community. From Camp Cedarcrest, a forty-two-acre facility located in Orange, Connecticut that began its operations in 1928 and provides a recreational space to thousands of young people and adults each summer season to their participation in Pediatric and Adult Screening events, Special Olympics "Opening Eyes", Veterans Stand Down, and bell ringing on behalf of the Salvation Army, New Haven Lions are improving the quality of life for countless members of our community.

Over the course of their one-hundred-year history, New Haven Lions have raised and distributed over \$950,000 to assist the blind and have participated in service activities that have benefitted those with diabetes, the physically and mentally challenged, and the hearing impaired. Their members have focused their time and energies on working to address environmental issues, improve community welfare, and promote international understating. Organizations like the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, CT Radio Information System, the CT Food Bank, Columbus House, Clifford Beers, and the Ronald McDonald House are just a few of the local service organizations who have benefitted from their generosity and dedication.

The New Haven Lions have had an extraordinary impact on our community, and we cannot thank them enough for all of their good work. As they celebrate their 100th anniversary, I am proud to stand to congratulate them on this remarkable milestone and to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to members past and present for their outstanding efforts on behalf of our community. I have no doubt that they will continue to do so for many more years to come.

CONGRATULATING THE WINNEBAGO HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAM FOR THEIR WINS AT THE IHSA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize senior Owen Lightfoot, sophomore Supreme Muhammad, sophomore Eden Trotter-Krahn and senior Michael Cunningham of Winnebago High School, who won both the Illinois High School Athletic Association Class 1A State 4x100 meter relay and 4x200 meter relay.

Owen, Supreme, Eden and Michael together won the 4x100 relay with a time of 42.92 seconds and the 4x200 relay with a time of 1 minute and 28.48 seconds. As a former athlete, I commend them for their determination and attitude. They are an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud to see them represent Winnebago so well throughout the state and the country with their talent and passion.

It is because of student leaders such as Owen, Supreme, Eden and Michael that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Con-

gressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Owen Lightfoot, Supreme Muhammad, Eden Trotter-Krahn and Michael Cunningham for their state title in the 4x100 meter relay and 4x200 meter relay.

RECOGNIZING THE HAYWARD ROTARY CLUB

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Hayward Rotary Club, which will celebrate 100 years of serving the Hayward community on Thursday, June 23, 2022.

Hayward Rotary, of which I'm a proud member, was founded in the early 1920s when Hayward business owners regularly started to meet for lunch. Believing Hayward needed a service club, they petitioned their local Rotary District for sponsorship, and on June 23, 1922, Hayward Rotary was established.

Hayward Rotary's first official action as a club was to sponsor the local Boy Scouts troop. During the Great Depression, the club partnered with the Lions and 20 to 30 clubs to create an annual Halloween party at the Hayward Plunge to provide a safe place for children to have fun. They also initiated an annual Christmas party for underprivileged children. During World War II, the club sent clothing and goods to war-torn regions in Europe and helped finance and staff listening posts in the Hayward Hills.

In 1957, Hayward Rotary funded benches at Hayward bus stops, many of which are still in use today. At that same time, the club helped develop Interact Clubs at Hayward high schools to instill the importance of service into the next generation. They also created "Let's Go Fishing," an annual picnic for disabled children in the community. Recognizing the importance of community spaces, they supported the construction of the Tea House in Hayward. Honoring their commitment to supporting international causes, the club oversaw the shipment of 75 tons of textbooks to schools in Pakistan in 1974 and began their Polio Plus Program in the 1980s.

In 1990, the club officially incorporated the Hayward Rotary Foundation to help fund community programs. From 1994 to 1995, the club supported the construction of The Silva Pediatric Clinic, a full-service pediatric facility, and later expanded to add a full-service dental clinic.

In celebration of its 75th anniversary, Hayward Rotary partnered with the Hayward Unified School District to create the Hayward Community Technology Center at the Hayward Adult Education School in 1994. In 1999 they created the Newmann Park in the heart of downtown to replace an empty lot left by a building fire. The club also carried out its "Field of Dreams" project to improve lighting, provide scoreboards, and update facilities at Hayward high schools. In 2003, the club started its annual "Back-to-School Child Spree," where it helped 100 children get the supplies needed for the upcoming school year.

Hayward Rotary has remained one of the premier service clubs in Hayward. During its tenure, the club has contributed over \$3 mil-

lion and hundreds of thousands of service hours to civic improvements and community programs in Hayward and across the globe. It continues to grow its Club Foundation Endowment and the Rotary International Foundation to allow for the completion of more successful community service projects in the future.

For 100 years, Hayward Rotary has been pivotal in developing the robust community of Hayward. Hayward Rotary's accomplishments have truly exemplified its "Service above Self" motto. I join the club in celebrating its legacy and wish it many more productive years to come.

HONORING COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, INC. ON THE CELEBRATION OF THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join all of those gathered in congratulating the Community Health Center, Inc. on their 50th anniversary. This is a remarkable milestone for this outstanding organization, and I am proud to recognize their invaluable contributions to our community.

Health care is a right, not a privilege. It is a simple motto and the fundamental basis of the establishment of Community Health Center, Inc. Fifty years ago, a group of students from Wesleyan University joined with community activists in Middletown—drawn together through a shared vision for affordable, accessible and responsive health care—to create a free clinic to meet the needs of the community. Fueled by idealism and a deep belief that patients should be the cornerstone of whatever was created, the Community Health Center, Inc. was born. Today, five decades later, CHC is one of the largest Federally Qualified Health Centers in the nation, serving 145,000 people in Connecticut at more than 240 locations.

Other communities were inspired by CHC's ideas, and it has grown steadily, establishing clinics for the underserved throughout Connecticut, which provide comprehensive, team-based medical, dental, and behavioral health services. CHC also created school-based clinics and is now the largest school-based care provider in Connecticut, offering medical, dental and behavioral health care to children and making care more accessible for thousands of hard-working families.

Home to the Weitzman Institute, an innovative center of research, education, and policy development, CHC has developed and implemented national training programs for Nurse Practitioners and Medical Assistants. CHC has also been a pioneer in telehealth, keeping its patients connected and healthy during the pandemic, and creating a company providing specialty e-consults for underserved patients.

In 2020, as our nation faced the greatest health crisis in a generation, CHC got to work, providing care and distributing resources throughout the communities they serve. CHC provided one of the most comprehensive and innovative campaigns against Covid-19 in the country, creating testing and vaccination sites

both at drive-through mass vaccine sites and at stores, malls, and places of worship. CHC's tireless efforts to equitably distribute the vaccine to all members of the community received national and international recognition, including from the White House.

CHC's restless drive to innovate, dating back to the spirit of its founders in 1972, and its unwavering belief that healthcare is a right and not a privilege, has driven the organization's remarkable contributions in the last half century. I could not be more proud to join the Middletown community in celebrating this very special anniversary with the Community Health Center, Inc. Their outstanding dedication and commitment to ensuring, that everyone—regardless of circumstance—has access to affordable, quality health care serves as an example to us all. I am honored to extend my heartfelt congratulations and very best wishes to President and CEO, Mark Masselli, Margaret Flinter, Senior Vice President and Clinical Director, and the entire CHC family on this very special occasion. As we say in Italian—C'ent Anni.

JOHN WALSH

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor United States Staff Sergeant (SSG), Mr. John Walsh of Cherry Hill, New Jersey who dedicated 50 years of his life to his community and our country.

SSG Walsh was born in Chicago, Illinois, enlisting in the Illinois National Guard in 1961. He completed his basic infantry training at Ft. Leonard Wood, where he was awarded a Sharpshooter Rifle Badge.

SSG Walsh was also trained in Air Defense as a Radar Fire Control Crewman at Fort Bliss, Texas. He served our country for 6 more years, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Continuing his dedication and service to his community and country, SSG Walsh is involved locally, serving his neighbors and fellow veterans as the Senior Vice Commander of the American Legion 372.

Staff Sergeant Walsh also serves as a Lieutenant of the Regional Rehab Unit for the Cherry Hill Fire Department which provides support and offers food to the Firefighters responding to multiple alarm fires. In addition, he volunteers with the local food pantry and with the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

SSG John Walsh is married to his wife Kay, and is the proud father of four children and grandfather to thirteen grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring SSG John Walsh, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, a resident dedicated to his community, country and to those who have bravely served and defended the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SCOTT FITZGERALD

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Mr. FITZGERALD. Madam Speaker, due to unforeseen travel delays, I was unable to be recorded for votes on Monday, June 13, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 256; YEA on Roll Call No. 257; and YEA on Roll Call No. 258.

HONORING LUISA CANESTRI HOWARD ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today during National Nurses Week to join the VA Connecticut Healthcare System in extending my heartfelt congratulations to Luisa Canestri Howard. Luisa is not only a special part of the VA Connecticut family, she is also one of my closest cousins and I am so proud to have the opportunity to recognize her for her outstanding career in nursing.

Luisa began her career at the West Haven VA in January of 1982. Luisa had a special place in her heart for our nation's veterans and she wanted to use her talents to help improve their lives and support their healthcare needs. Her first station was as a staff nurse on G 5 East which was a medical floor. She then moved to a staff nurse on the Medical ICU, then worked in Cardiology research. After that she became the Nurse Manager of the Specialty Clinics. As a staff nurse Luisa held certifications in Medical Surgical nursing and in Research Nursing. In 2007 she was awarded the Nightingale award for excellence in nursing and in 2009 she was awarded the VSN1 Distinguished Federal Manager Award.

In 2013 Luisa started her current role as Nurse Manager of Case Management where she became responsible for the day-to-day operations of the unit. Luisa has provided remarkable leadership, encouragement, and instruction to those who have served in her department. Her colleagues say "Luisa is a true veteran advocate who always does the right thing in every situation. She is a true mentor to our nurses and provides unwavering support to all members of our team and especially to our veterans."

For the last forty years, Luisa has dedicated her professional career and personal compassion to nursing and providing the best possible care for our veterans. I can clearly remember my aunt talking about how she always dreamed of being a nurse but for many reasons was unable to achieve that dream. Luisa became the nurse her mother always wanted to be, fulfilling that dream, and exceeding all her mother's brightest wishes. It is so fitting that her retirement comes during National Nurses Week so that we may pay tribute to Luisa Canestri Howard and the remarkable career she has led. I wish her all the best for many more years of health and happiness as she begins this new life chapter.

HONORING DR. ALEX JOHNSON

HON. SHONTEL M. BROWN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Ms. BROWN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Alex Johnson, who will soon be retiring after nearly a decade of service as Cuyahoga Community College's President.

Dr. Johnson retires a pillar of the Cleveland community. His deep commitment to Tri-C's students and forward-thinking leadership helped shape graduates who were prepared for a lifetime of success in Northeast Ohio.

After becoming President of Tri-C in 2014, Dr. Johnson shared his vision for pushing Tri-C into the future by making degree programs, workforce training opportunities and personal enrichment classes more accessible to Northeast Ohioans. As a result, Tri-C continues to expand opportunity through high-quality education and skills training right here in the Greater Cleveland area.

Under Dr. Johnson's leadership, Tri-C's Nursing, Creative Arts, Public Safety, Hospitality Management, Information Technology and Manufacturing programs were reorganized to provide training and pathways for students entering some of the most in-demand career fields. He also spearheaded new investments in workforce training, like the College's Transportation Innovation Center in Euclid, as well as new programs aimed at uplifting those in low-income and distressed areas across the region.

During Dr. Johnson's tenure, Tri-C produced a record number of graduates and increased its graduation rates. It is hard to overstate the impact of this legacy. More students are graduating from Tri-C with the skills and information they need for a lifetime of success. Meanwhile, our workforce grows stronger thanks to the fact that around 85 percent of Tri-C graduates stay and work in the region.

Even in the most trying moments, Dr. Johnson's leadership proved to be crucial. Throughout the tumult of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Johnson served as a steady hand at the helm, ensuring students' continued success. Tri-C successfully transitioned to an on line learning and working environment and scaled its technology capabilities to maintain the school's promise to its students.

Dr. Johnson oversaw an era of growth, adaptation, and modernization at Tri-C, all while remaining committed to the school's core mission of delivering affordable higher education, providing equitable job opportunities, and ensuring successful degree completion. He helped to forge Tri-C into a vanguard of our local community and a model for community colleges nationwide.

Dr. Johnson's legacy is one of true distinction. His tenure as Tri-C president represents the culmination of a 40-year career in higher education. Beyond his contributions in the classroom, Dr. Johnson has also been an active and leading member of the Cleveland community. He has served on various boards, including the United Way of Greater Cleveland, Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Ideastream, Playhouse Square, MAGNET, Team NEO, and the Greater Cleveland Partnership.