

every year. She donates her free time to making banners for Furnace Brook's "One Book One School" program. Sandy has run countless fundraisers, talent shows, and other community-building activities. In 1999, she founded the "Denty Connection", a private business that has helped many teachers get re-certified and receive graduate credits.

Sandy Denty's selfless career as a teacher in Marshfield Public Schools has come to an end after thirty-seven years, but her impact has spanned multiple generations of students and will never be forgotten. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Sandy Denty on her retirement and recognizing her for her outstanding service to the Town of Marshfield and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN
MARK BERGSTROM

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary work of Captain Mark Bergstrom as he retires after a life of service in the United States Marine Corps and as a Police Officer at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. During his over 30 years of service to our nation and the University of North Texas Police Department, he has been a committed leader in his community.

Mark started his life of service in the Marine Corps in 1987. He served as Battalion Communications Chief Billet in the 2nd Battalion 14th Marine Regiment. He received numerous awards while serving including the Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, and Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal. He received an honorable discharge in 1993.

While completing college classes, Captain Bergstrom joined the UNT Police Department in 1994 as a part-time Community Service Officer. In 1996, he graduated from UNT with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Strategic Management and was hired full-time as a police officer. During his career, Captain Bergstrom has worked and served as a supervisor in every UNT Police Department division. He earned his Master Peace Officer License in 2006.

Throughout his career at the UNT Police Department, he has been recognized numerous times for outstanding service. His awards include Police Commendation, Supervisor of the Year, UNT Staff Contribution Award, and most notably, a Lifesaving Award.

On the morning of September 28, 2015, Captain Bergstrom saved a young lady in mental distress from being struck on I-35. He observed her wandering back and forth across the multi-lane highway narrowly missing being hit several times. Several vehicles had to take evasive action at high rates of speed to avoid striking her. Thanks to Mark's quick effective response, he was able to detain her safely and remove her from the roadway with no injuries or accidents.

Captain Bergstrom has devoted over 35 years to serving and protecting his country and community. For more than three decades,

he has put strangers' safety above his own, and we are indebted to him. I am deeply grateful for his service to our nation and community, and I wish Captain Bergstrom and his family the best in his retirement.

IN HONOR OF 2021 MICHIGAN
SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE
YEAR ELIZABETH KANAGAWA

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Elizabeth "Betsy" Kanagawa of Brownstown Charter Township, Michigan, on being named the 2021 Michigan School Counselor of the Year by the Michigan School Counselor Association. Her significant contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Mrs. Kanagawa is a two-time graduate of Spring Arbor University, where she studied counseling, English, psychology, and secondary education. She has been a school counselor for over nine years and works at Patrick Henry Middle School in the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District.

Known for her caring personality and innovative programs, Mrs. Kanagawa has changed her school for the better. When she noticed that students of color were getting lower PSAT scores and were at risk of being referred to the office at a high rate, she got to the root of the problem by taking the time to have important, sometimes difficult conversations with teachers and administrators and provided the interventions needed to support these students rather than discipline them. Mrs. Kanagawa has pioneered a program called "Minute Meetings" where she meets with every single student to talk about their mental health and determine how to better serve them.

With her extensive work in community intervention and mental health, Mrs. Kanagawa led the creation of the Mental Health Advisory Board which has brought together school officials and community health leaders to eliminate barriers that exist in connecting students to mental health services. She serves as a member of American School Counselor Association and the Michigan School Counselor Association, where she is on the governing board serving as the middle school level representative. She resides in Brownstown with her husband, Niko.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Elizabeth "Betsy" Kanagawa. I join with Mrs. Kanagawa's students and colleagues in thanking her for her stellar service to Patrick Henry Middle School and to our entire community. She has consistently gone above and beyond on behalf of her students and has tirelessly dedicated herself to making our schools a better place for all. We are very lucky to have her in our district and wish her the very best in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF LILLIAN
VACCARELLO

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Cape Cod resident, Lillian Vaccarello, as she celebrates her 100th birthday on July 13, 2021.

Lillian was born on July 13, 1921 in Concord, Massachusetts. She was a talented athlete, playing on her high school's field hockey team, she was even voted by her classmates as "most athletic." Not long after, Lillian married her husband, Vincent Vaccarello, in 1939. They moved to Waltham, first to a triple decker surrounded by Vinny's family, until eventually purchasing a home of their own in the Warrendale neighborhood of Waltham. There, the couple would raise their four children, Janet, Diane, Skip, and Rick. Lillian worked various jobs to help support her family including working evenings at the Waltham Watch Company and as a station wagon driver for the Green Acres Nursery School. She would later become a teacher at the school while attending night classes. Lillian later joined the school's administration before retiring after 21 years.

Throughout her life, Lillian was a well-known community volunteer. Lillian was a Girl Scout Leader and a member of her community's Women's Club. She helped found the Warrendale Little League and was head of the Women's Auxiliary. Lillian has also dedicated her time to volunteering with nursing homes, Meals on Wheels, the garden club, and a local church organization that delivers meals to those in need. Lillian also loved to organize neighborhood activities to bring families and children together.

Lillian has lived a full and adventurous life. She performed on the Jay Leno Show with her tambourine group, the Concord Shakers. She took a hot balloon ride for her 80th birthday and a bi-plane tour over Cape Cod for her 93rd. In her now 100 years of life, Lillian's joy and dedication to helping others continues to be a constant presence in her new community of Cape Cod Senior Residency.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing Lillian Vaccarello a very happy 100th birthday. I wish her continued health and happiness in this next year of her life.

IN RECOGNITION OF REBECCA
CULP

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rebecca Culp as the recipient of the Blair County Chamber's prestigious Young Professional of the Year Award.

Rebecca has been awarded with this honor due to her investment into the Blair County community, and demonstrated a history of excellence, creativity, and initiative to emit a positive impact on her neighbors. As the administrative lead for Berry Solutions Group,

she has used her management experience to co-chair the Young Professionals of Blair County.

On behalf of the people of the 13th Congressional District, I am grateful to the Blair County Chamber for their environment that fosters community growth and success, and for constituents like Miss Culp for their tireless efforts.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL
R. SALA

HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN
RADEWAGEN

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of the late Michael Ryner Sala. Michael was a native son of the Territory of American Samoa, born on September 29, 1944, in the small village of Avaio in the far eastern district of the main island of Tutuila, American Samoa. His mother, Malia Elisapeta Silivelio Pa'utalo Sala Fata Eneliko Siligawas a woman of proud Samoan heritage, and his father, Raymond Ryner Howard, a Marine Platoon Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, whose barracks were situated in the next village during WW2.

He attended Faga'itua Elementary School and then Poyer High School, now known as Samoana High School. He graduated in June 1964 and received a scholarship to pursue medical training in Fiji. His life took a turn when, during the process of preparing to leave the island, he visited the police department in Fagatogo. He ran into a family member, Lt. Vilima'a Leiato, who offered him a position as a police officer—right there on the spot.

After consulting with his mother, he decided to accept the position and thus began his long and distinguished career in law enforcement. He went on to attend the Honolulu Police Academy and later the California Highway Patrol Academy. At 22, he was the youngest officer ever promoted to Sergeant; at 24 the youngest ever promoted to Lieutenant.

At the age of 28, the High Chief Title "Tualamasala" was bestowed upon Mike. Matai titles are only given to select family members with the approval of the senior matai or high chief and members of the extended family.

In 1973, at the age of 29, he began working as a Special Investigator for the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office in Portland, Oregon, and in 1975 became a Multnomah County Sheriff. He graduated from Portland State University in March 1977 with a bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice. In 1978, he graduated from the University of Portland with a master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration. He was a candidate for a second master's degree in Public Administration and a candidate for a doctoral degree in Criminology.

He returned home to American Samoa in 1978 where he served as Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety for 20 years. He served for 15 years as the Director of Intelligence for the South Pacific Islands Criminal Intelligence Network (SPICIN), the intelligence arm of the South Pacific Chiefs of Police Conference (SPCPC) organization which is com-

prised of 21 countries in the Pacific, including Australia and New Zealand, until 2003 when SPICIN was reorganized as part of the regions' information sharing and intelligence infrastructure solely administered by the American Samoa Government.

In September 1996, the Office of Territorial and International and Criminal Intelligence and Drug Enforcement (OTICIDE) separated from the Department of Public Safety and created as an independent law enforcement agency (Task Force). As director of OTICIDE, Mike was also a director of the INTERPOL Pacific Sub-Bureau comprised of Guam, Saipan, and American Samoa as Communications Control Center (CCC), under the United States Department of Justice, National Central Bureau in Washington, D.C.

In February 2007, he was appointed the first Director of the American Samoa Department of Homeland Security, ASDHS. He retired on January 3, 2013, after 50 years of law enforcement and public safety experience in American Samoa and the US mainland.

He was a lifetime member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and served as Chairman of the SPCPC from 1994–1995. He was Chairman of the American Samoa Government (ASG) Interagency Special Task Force on Narcotics and White-Collar Crime Enforcement for nine years. He directed a Bureau of Special Investigations within the Department of Public Safety. He was Chairman of the Preparedness Task Force on Terrorism in American Samoa, later renamed the Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC). He served as Vice Chairman of the eleven-member Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, as well as Chairman of the ASG Personnel Advisory Board. He presented at numerous law enforcement conferences regionally and internationally, including the IACP, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS), South Pacific Chiefs of Police, SPICIN and INTERPOL.

In addition to his long record of government service, Mike served his community. He was an active lifetime member and Charter President of the Lions Club in American Samoa. He joined the Boy Scouts of American Samoa in 1964 and was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America, American Samoa District Committee under the Aloha Counsel of Honolulu where he served as chairman for 17 years.

Mike was a tireless promoter of the highest ideals; he believed in friendship above all and was a true friend to countless people. His generosity of spirit and heart was legendary; he often helped people quietly when they needed it most and did not count the cost or want recognition for his many good deeds. He was fiercely loyal to his Lions Club brothers and sisters, where he encouraged and promoted many of them, especially his Lion sisters, to lead the organization after him. He was also tireless in promoting women in the workplace and mentored many worthy candidates in his years at Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Although he was extremely proud of his government service and accomplishments, he was most proud of his work with the Lions Club. Mike led the club as Charter President and then as club president four more times. He guided them in numerous community projects, including collaboration with the LBJ Medical Center, Department of Health, Feleti Barstow Library, and other government agen-

cies to conduct vision screening clinics for residents, including outreach visits to the islands of Manu'a. Teams of doctors, nurses and technicians have been hosted by the Lions to work with the local club, where they offered vision screening, eye surgery and medicine to the Samoan community, free of charge.

Mike truly believed that in order to be a good citizen, one must give to their community.

He lived his life serving his island community, his village, and his people.

He took his final breath on the morning of January 17, 2022. He is survived by his children, Jennifer Rebecca Sala Jones and Matthew Michael Sala, and his grandchildren: Olivia, Malia, and Betty Merlea.

HONORING WORLD WAR II VET-
ERAN AND LEGENDARY RE-
PORTER MORTON A. MINTZ

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Morton Abner Mintz, a World War II veteran and legendary investigative reporter who turned 100 years old this week. And what a century it has been for this great and modest man of exceptional gifts.

Born January 26, 1922, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Mr. Mintz enlisted in the Navy after graduating from the University of Michigan. He served as Communications Officer and then Commanding Officer in World War II on USS *LST 505*, which supported troops in the D-Day Invasion of Normandy from June 6 to June 25, 1944; the Invasion of Southern France from August 15 to September 25, 1944; and in the Pacific Theater during the assault and occupation of Okinawa from May 29 to June 10, 1945, and subsequently in China.

Married for 68 years to the lovely Anita Inez Franz until she passed away in 2015, he has two daughters, Margaret and Roberta, and a son Daniel, 10 grandchildren and a great-grandson. Following his service in the Navy, Mr. Mintz became a newspaper reporter and editor in St. Louis, then moved to Washington, D.C. to work at the Washington Post in 1958. He was to become one of America's most independent, highly respected, and public-interested reporters. For decades he was a first-class investigative journalist and peerless muckraker.

Widely recognized by his peers for his relentless focus on protecting the public against both corporate and governmental abuses of power, the prodigious Mr. Mintz covered a wide range of topics, including anticompetitive business practices, automobile safety, air pollution, the tobacco, pharmaceutical and medical device industries, waste and fraud in military contracting, the corrupting power of the campaign finance regime and the corrosive influence of lobbying and large corporate donations on elected officials. He knew much could be learned from covering seemingly obscure congressional hearings and reading the fine print in legislation and administrative rule-making processes.

Mr. Mintz' dogged investigative work repeatedly exposed corporate actions undertaken to