

While they have been there to help in times of emergency, they have also provided numerous programs and events for community outreach for people to enjoy. From their 69-year-old Easter egg hunt to various other Moorestown traditions, you can often find Lenola Volunteer Fire Company supporting other local activities.

Not only have volunteers gained recognition by residents in the Moorestown area, but they have also been recognized throughout the state of New Jersey for their skills in the field and years of service. Across all of New Jersey, Lenola Volunteer Fire Company is well-known for their outstanding accomplishments in fire truck musters and competing with various fire departments across the state. Awarded the Presidents Trophy four times, with 3 of those being in consecutive years, Lenola Volunteer Fire Company has showcased the success and expertise of their firefighters year after year.

Our volunteer firefighters are integral to building and maintaining the safer, more secure, and more connected communities we wish to live in. On the centennial anniversary of the Lenola Volunteer Fire Company, I thank each of their volunteers over the years for their service to our communities.

AUGUST CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH STATEMENT

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2022

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Beatriz Palmer as my August Constituent of the Month. As we begin another school year, we must continue to support and uplift the work of local educators and community leaders who are going above and beyond to help students succeed.

Palmer is the Program Manager for the Service Learning and Volunteer Center at MiraCosta College, where she focuses on helping students combine their studies with community service and civic engagement. Her passion for public service is evident in her work at the college and the community, where she is helping to foster the next generation of young people and adults who understand the power of civic engagement and giving back to their community.

In addition to her role at the college, Palmer serves as the new board president of Operation HOPE-North County, a shelter for families with children and single women experiencing homelessness. Operation HOPE-North County provides critical wrap-around and case management services for families with children and single women, and the families who graduate from their program. Prior to her board role, Palmer and her family volunteered preparing and purchasing meals for the shelter residents, supported the kids program, brought others to OHNC, and created fundraisers and drives for the shelter. She continues to advocate for housing needs throughout the community, connecting college students to the organization for service opportunities, and providing other support to advance Operation HOPE-North County's vital mission.

I am incredibly grateful for constituents like Palmer who are committed to helping our stu-

dents succeed and growing a generation of community members who appreciate the value of public service. Our District is brighter because of her dedication to her students and her community. I have no doubt that Palmer will continue to inspire future leaders, and I'm honored to recognize her as my August Constituent of the Month.

Representative LEVIN's Constituent of the Month program recognizes outstanding North County San Diego and South Orange County Residents who have gone above and beyond to help their neighbors, give back to their community, and represent the best of our country. Rep. LEVIN's July Constituent of the Month was local reproductive health doctor Dr. Pratima Gupta. Rep. LEVIN's June Constituent of the Month was Carlsbad native and LGBTQIA+ advocate Kevin Lee. To nominate a resident of the 49th District to be the Constituent of the Month, visit <https://mikelevin.house.gov/services/constituent-month>.

RECOGNIZING PAUL WEBSTER FOR 50 YEARS SERVING WITH HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize a leading figure in the practice of community and economic development, Mr. Paul Webster.

Mr. Webster serves as the Director of the Financial Management Division in the Office of Community Planning and Development for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Webster's commitment to public service is unparalleled, his five-decade-long career focused on creating resilient communities, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons and families.

Mr. Webster joined the Department in 1972 and has served as Director since 1983. In this role, Mr. Webster oversees the Section 108 loan guarantee program, a transformational program and resource for low-income communities, including funding for critical economic development projects and facilitation of affordable housing solutions that would otherwise not be possible.

He spearheaded the expansion of the Section 108 program. Over the course of his career, Mr. Webster has overseen an unprecedented 2,000 loan guarantee commitments with a total value close to \$10 billion. These numbers underscore his work to provide the much-needed resources that revitalize American communities and ensure everyone has a chance to succeed.

Mr. Webster also championed legislation that established the Economic Development Initiative (EDI), which provided grant funds to support and enhance the use of Section 108 loan guarantees and the subsequent Brownfields EDI to help address environmental cleanup efforts, returning contaminated property to sustainable use. His expertise also extended to long-term disaster recovery work and neighborhood stabilization activities targeted at addressing the effects of abandoned and foreclosed housing.

He is one of the leading experts on financial management and is happy to provide guidance and advice to individuals, organizations, and federal, state, and local partners for the Department. Equally important, Mr. Webster has been and continues to be a mentor to the next generation of community development and financial management professionals, reflected in the esteem of his colleagues, staff, and external partners.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this remarkable public servant, whose expertise, tenacity, and creativity in economic and community development has helped to transform hundreds of communities for the better. Paul Webster has tirelessly dedicated himself to making life better for countless Americans. I hope his continuing legacy inspires us all to renew our commitments to serving our communities.

RECOGNIZING BARBARA L. CHAVEZ

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2022

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and work of my constituent, the late Barbara L. Chavez. Barbara served our community in a variety of ways, including as a Board Member of the Fontana Unified School District and member of the Planning Commission for the City of Rialto.

Barbara was devoted to helping others. She worked as a teacher's aide for many years, and from 2003 to 2006 served as the first Latina President of United Steelworkers Local 8599, where she represented childcare providers, substitutes, and college tutors. In 2008, Barbara was elected to the Fontana Unified School Board where she served for 8 years, continuing her service to the children and educators of her community.

In 2018, Barbara L. Chavez was selected to be a member of the Planning Commission for the City of Rialto, where she would go on to serve as Vice Chair. Her work on the Planning Commission contributed to many projects that benefit the city and residents of Rialto and continue to play a pivotal role in the economic development of our region.

Barbara shined as the embodiment of generosity and compassion. As an active parishioner at St. John Catholic Church, she worked tirelessly to help those in need throughout Rialto and beyond.

Sadly, our community is now in mourning. On Sunday, August 21st, Barbara tragically passed away in a traffic collision. I offer my deepest condolences to her friends and family on their loss.

For her outstanding accomplishments and her contributions to her community, it is my honor to recognize Barbara L. Chavez. Her years of civic service and commitment to the people of Rialto and Fontana are worthy of the highest commendation. May she rest in peace and her family find comfort during this time. She will be missed.

RECOGNIZING DR. SHETAL SHAH,
MD, FAAP

HON. KATHLEEN M. RICE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2022

Miss RICE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Shetal Shah, MD, FAAP, for his advocacy on the behalf of New York's children and for his many years serving as a resource to my office.

A noted pediatrician, neonatologist, and researcher, Dr. Shah has tirelessly fought to protect the well-being of children. He has promoted increased funding for childhood vaccinations and children's hospitals and improving the Medicaid and CHIP programs to ensure children always have access to the care they need. He is a voice for his fellow doctors, and his efforts will help guarantee that medical school graduates continue to pursue careers in pediatrics and pediatric subspecialties in underserved communities.

Dr. Shah has also played a critical role in promoting public health throughout the COVID-19 pandemic by hand-delivering protective equipment to doctors across Long Island. His determination provided children in our communities with the critical care they needed.

In New York, and across the country, we are incredibly fortunate to have people like Dr. Shah, whose work ensures that our children grow into healthy adults. I would like to commend Dr. Shah for his commitment to public health and to the children of New York's Fourth Congressional District.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF GERARD “ROD” GAYNOR, JR.

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss Gerard “Rod” Gaynor Jr., of New London, Connecticut who passed away on August 29, 2022, at age 80. Rod was a well-respected, virtuous man, whose positive, lifelong contributions to the City of New London were honored by an overwhelming turnout from the community at his wake and funeral on September 2nd and 3rd.

Born in 1942 to Gerard and Gemma Gaynor, Rod was raised within, grew through, and empowered by the City of New London. His family upbringing and his deep religious faith, drove his passion to serve those around him. He gained impactful learning experiences from New London's schools, attending both public schools and Saint Joseph's parochial school before earning a college degree from Mitchell College, located right in the center of the city.

Upon graduating college, Rod embarked on a full-time career within the New London Police Department, eventually gaining a promotion in his service from officer to detective for the force. He had a penchant for purposing his sharp sense of loyalty toward creating a more effective and safer town, particularly through community policing. For example, he helped found several programs within the De-

partment, including both the first crime prevention program and scuba diving unit for a town that borders the Thames River and Long Island Sound. A level-headed, diligent professional, Officer Gaynor became the first member of the New London Police Department to earn the VFW Police Officer of the Year award early on in his tenure, one of the innumerable commendations he received throughout his 37-year-long career for committing both his heart and mind to the Department.

Upon his retirement from the force, Rod became all the more active within the City and its local institutions. It was no small footnote within his life of service that he ran for and was elected to the position of city councilor before becoming mayor of the City of New London. He was an active member of New London politics, and as a candidate who has been on the ballot in New London a number of times, I personally benefitted from his stalwart support and advice.

If you were to ask him, however, one of the accomplishments he prided himself in most was performing the role of the first full-time, permanent Deacon of St. Joseph's Church. A devoted husband, father and grandfather, Rod eventually made the difficult decision to move from New London to live closer to his family in the neighboring town of Waterford. He of course remained active within the local communities, maintaining strong ties to the city while also becoming elected to Waterford's Representative Town Meeting.

Madam Speaker, it is nothing short of inspiring when constituents, like Rod, remain as loyal and dedicated to giving back to the very communities that were so formational in their own upbringing. It is a kind of mission that speaks a thousand words about one's character. Rod dedicated his life in service to the People of New London and was known to be gentle in every relationship. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him, and we remain forever grateful that there are so many community members to carry on his name and memory. This includes his wife, Carole, of more than 58 years, his four children, Maureen, Teresa, Christine, and “Rod” III, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as the greater family. To that end, Madam Speaker, it is fitting that my colleagues in the House join me in uplifting the memory of Gerard “Rod” Gaynor, Jr.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE
MARSH FOUNDATION'S 100TH AN-
NIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Marsh Foundation. The Marsh Foundation has a remarkable history within Van Wert and the surrounding community. Over the last 100 years, the Foundation has been committed to its mission of inspiring hope, teaching others, and caring for children and families.

The Marsh Foundation was made possible by the family of George and Hilinda Marsh. George, Hilinda, and their daughter Katie donated their substantial estate for the purpose

of helping children and families in need. The concept for the Foundation originated when George and Hilinda were traveling through Van Wert on their way home from Fort Wayne, Indiana when they noticed two small boys huddled together in a dark doorway. Their mother was working that evening, so the boys had to wait during the winter night for her to finish. The sight of the cold, young boys drove the compassionate Marshs to use their resources to help those in need.

Through his will, George Marsh created a foundation to benefit youth in the area. His will provided \$5,000,000 for the establishment of the Foundation. During the last 100 years, the Marsh Foundation has provided many services including: on-campus group homes for boys ages ten to seventeen, a specialized residential program for male juvenile sex offenders, a strong network of foster homes, clinical services, an on-campus school for youth in care, and a full-time activities program for youth.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the Marsh Foundation and its staff, past and present, on this remarkable occasion. By celebrating the one hundredth anniversary, community members and Ohio residents recognize the contribution of the Foundation to our region and community. Congratulations to the Marsh Foundation on this significant milestone.

COMMENDING JOAN W. SACAROB
AND DONALD A. SACAROB

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 9, 2022

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the lifetime of service that Joan and Donald Sacarob have dedicated to Hadassah, a non-profit organization that seeks to expand women's rights and their leadership capacity. Hadassah embodies Jewish values to advance health equity, fight antisemitism, and equip women with the tools they need to make a difference in their communities.

Hadassah's mission is to provide education, advocacy, and youth development opportunities to enhance the lives of those in their community. Their work extends to the Hadassah Medical Organization to research cutting-edge medical procedures and provide first-rate care for those who need it. To these ends, they connect and empower Jewish women to lead by example.

The organization traces its origins back to the extraordinary public service of Henrietta Szold, who dedicated her life to ameliorating disease and starvation that were disproportionately affecting Jewish people. She founded youth villages to house Jewish children who fled their homelands as Nazi troops invaded Eastern Europe. Her legacy of care has rippled outward for over a century. Hadassah was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize nomination for their work to offer world-class medical care to all, regardless of race, ethnicity, or national origin, following their commitment to building a bridge to peace through medicine.

For 50 consecutive years, Joan Sacarob has served Hadassah with national portfolios focused on advocacy and philanthropy. Her husband Donald has served as the National Associate Vice President of Hadassah, the