

United States was Egypt's second largest trading partner and our largest export market in Africa, with a total bilateral trade volume standing at 9.1 billion dollars. Egyptian investment in innovation and commitment to economic prosperity has led to important development in oil and gas exploration and production, as well as renewable energy technologies and production. It is significant Egypt's newest satellite, Nilesat 301, successfully launched a Space X Launcher from the Space Force station in Cape Canaveral, Florida, initiating greater progress in space technologies.

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Embassy of Egypt's 100 Year Diplomatic Relations Reception at the Library of Congress hosted by Ambassador Motaz Zahran. Ambassador Zahran is highly respected in Washington with Deputy Chief of Mission Abdelrahman Raafat and Counselor Ahmed Abu Moussa. It was an honor to join them in celebrating the Centennial of Egypt and the United States diplomatic relations, and I look forward to continuing the advancement of our partnership.

I am thankful the United States and Egypt remain close allies for mutual benefit, and I would like to again recognize this years' Centennial of our partnership.

#### REMEMBERING JOHN VOSS

#### HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2022*

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I want to honor and pay tribute to the life and accomplishments of John Everett Voss, Jr., a community leader and businessman from my congressional district, who passed away on September 11, 2022.

John Voss was a pillar of the Dayton community. He founded Voss Chevrolet with his father, John, Sr. in Centerville, Ohio in 1972. Voss Auto Network grew into the biggest auto group in the Dayton/Miami Valley region and became one of the top 100 dealers nationwide in sales volume, providing jobs to many, with nine franchised dealerships in Southwest Ohio.

Throughout his life, John and his family have strived to better our community and help others. In 2016, he launched an annual car show called the Voss Hoss Cruise-in, with the proceeds benefiting the Fisher Houses at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and AIM for the Handicapped.

John received the Dayton Entrepreneur of the Year award, the Ohio Auto Dealers Association award, and was named a Time Magazine Quality Dealer for his outstanding business performance and involvement in the community.

When asked what the secret of his business success was, John answered: "Putting the customers first, knowing our market, hiring and training good employees, and treating them right—thus creating an environment at the dealerships that fosters wonderful employee morale and excellent customer service."

My heartfelt condolences are with John's wife Gail; his sons Craig and Brad, and all those who knew him and called him a friend. I include in the RECORD the following obituary, as it was published in the Dayton Daily News:

John Voss, the founder and co-owner of the Voss Auto Network, died Sunday. He was 79.

The network, a family-owned and operated business, is comprised of Voss Chevrolet, Voss Cadillac, Voss BMW, Voss Toyota, Voss Honda, Voss Hyundai and Joe Morgan Honda. Sons Craig and Brad Voss have been co-owners since 2010.

"Dad had the biggest heart of anyone I ever knew," Craig Voss told Dayton Daily News. "It was interesting though, because he was very quiet about it. What he would do for his employees, for his friends, for countless charitable organizations . . . I can't begin to tell you how much he did, but he did it very privately and very quietly."

His father didn't desire recognition, he said. "That wasn't why he was doing what he did," Craig Voss said.

John Voss had a way of looking at things in the business world in a way in which other people just couldn't, he said.

"He was very driven, but he also had a way of seeing opportunities where nobody else saw them," Craig Voss said. "He just had this set of morals and ethics that not only guided him but really, he found people that shared those values, and he placed them all throughout the organization and then he just let them operate within the business as if it were their own."

John Voss was born on Nov. 3, 1942, near Chicago. He launched his automotive career in Evanston, Illinois, and on 1972, he and his father purchased land in Centerville and opened Voss Chevrolet.

After the death of his father, Voss spent the next several decades building Voss Auto Network into the largest auto group in the Dayton/Miami Valley area, one that has approximately 500 employees across its seven locations, Craig Voss said.

That included Joe Morgan Honda built in 2010 in Monroe by Voss and the late Cincinnati Reds second baseman Joe Morgan, a good friend and a Baseball Hall of Fame inductee. He also established the Voss Collision Centre, which he grew into one of the largest dealer-owner collision repair facilities in the United States.

Voss was recognized as a leader and innovator in the automotive industry, company officials said.

Craig Voss said his father's death came unexpectedly after a brief hospitalization at Kettering Health Miamisburg.

"The nurses, the doctors and the staff . . . I can't say enough about them and the love and caring that they provided to us over the last couple of weeks," he said. John Voss is survived by his wife Gail, sons Brad (Lisa) Voss and Craig (Jessica) Voss and three grandchildren.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MICHAEL WALTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2022*

Mr. WALTZ. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 438.

#### UPHOLDING THE DAYTON PEACE AGREEMENT THROUGH SANCTIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 19, 2022*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 8453, the Upholding the Dayton Peace Accords through Sanctions Act. I want to begin by thanking the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Gregory Meeks, and my colleagues, Representatives Wagner and Wilde, for their leadership on this issue and for bringing this bill to the floor.

Twenty-seven years ago, thanks to the leadership of President Bill Clinton, the Dayton Accords were signed, officially marking the end of the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Today, however, we still have domestic and foreign actors threatening to undermine the accords' legitimacy. I am concerned that any challenge to the agreements laid out in the accords poses a severe risk to the relative stability of the Western Balkans. For the region's sake, we cannot afford to let these bad actors go unpunished.

That's why I believe that the House of Representatives—and our government as a whole—must continue to support the European integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This is a necessary step and one that I hope will eventually lead to them joining the European Union and NATO.

As a Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Bosnia and Herzegovina, I have seen the incredible progress that this young country has made over the past quarter century. Yes, the situation is far from perfect; corruption issues linger, and young, educated people continue to leave in search of a better life. But, Mr. Speaker, progress is often slow and incremental. With our enduring support, I am optimistic for their future.

Fortunately, H.R. 8453 provides for that support—and more. The bill recognizes it as the policy of the United States to support a unified, sovereign, and multiethnic Bosnia and Herzegovina. It also strengthens the sanction tools available to Administrations to ensure lasting peace and security in the country.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill and hope for a swift passage in the Senate.

#### BRADENTON KIWANIS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2022*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Bradenton Kiwanis Club for 100 years of service to children and the community as a whole.

Originally chartered as the Manatee River Kiwanis Club on August 22, 1922, by Kiwanis International, the club later changed its name to the Bradenton Kiwanis Club. For the past century, the club's members have been community leaders working together to make a

positive difference by identifying and meeting the needs of local youth and Manatee County.

In the early years, the club established a Christmas Charity Fund for underprivileged children and began supporting Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other programs for children.

The Club also brought the Manatee County and DeSoto County Commissions together to build a paved, 50-mile road between Bradenton and Arcadia.

During the Great Depression, the Club established, funded, and operated a Health Camp for underprivileged children.

During the height of the depression, to promote tourism and improve the local economy, the Club worked with the City of Bradenton to establish, fund, and operate the Bradenton Trailer Park, which was one of the largest trailer parks in the world until it was sold in 1997.

In 1947, the Club established and funded the Boys Club of Manatee County and continues to support it.

In 1990, the Bradenton Kiwanis Foundation was established, and when it received the net proceeds from the sale of the trailer park, it continued to use the interest income to donate to local nonprofit organizations who provide for children and the disadvantaged. The foundation has contributed nearly \$7 million to improve the lives of Bradenton's young people, including the Boys and Girls Clubs of Manatee, K-Kids, Builders Clubs, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the YMCA, Kids Against Hunger, Salvation Army, Headstart, Meals on Wheels, the Salvation Army and others.

The Club has further demonstrated its commitment to children and the community by building parks, partnering with Habitat for Humanity to build houses, supporting the Bishop Museum, partnering with the Manatee County Chamber of Commerce to establish a leadership program, launching the College & Career Resource Center at Manatee Memorial High School, participating in Big Brothers Big Sisters' student mentoring program and funding numerous scholarship programs.

The club has also contributed to capital campaigns to support the construction of a new Bradenton Civic Center, a Girl Scout House, the Anna Maria Island Community center, Manatee Performing Arts Center and to purchase land for the Boys Club, United Way, and YMCA.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District, I congratulate the Bradenton Kiwanis Club on their 100th anniversary and applaud

its members for the positive impact they have had on the community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2022*

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 440.

#### HONORING THE NORTH BAY REGIONAL CENTER

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2022*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor North Bay Regional Center for 50 years of service to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. This organization has demonstrated their commitment to helping those in need by providing the resources necessary for these individuals and their families to thrive.

The North Bay Regional Center is part of a system of centers that were created in 1965 and spread throughout the State of California. This center was founded in 1972, and specifically provides services to individuals in Napa, Solano, and Sonoma County. The priority of the center is to provide support for these individuals and their families through the Early Start program and the Lanterman Act program.

Early Start is focused on helping children under 3 years old who have or are more at risk of experiencing a developmental disability. These children are given the tools they need to thrive in their home environments and other areas they may frequent. The Lanterman Act program is concentrated on supporting individuals who are 3 years old or older. Combined, these programs provide continual support and continue to advocate for these individuals from birth to late adulthood.

Over 10,000 individuals are receiving help from the North Bay Regional Center alone. As

a result, individuals with various disabilities are able to gain access to the resources they need to become more independent and included in their community.

The North Bay Regional Center has played an important role in the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities by encouraging the involvement of these individuals in their own communities, which in turn will only continue to encourage growth and inclusivity.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that North Bay Regional Center has been instrumental in providing support to the people that it serves. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor it here today.

GREG SCHNEIDER

#### HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2022*

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Greg Schneider, a UPS employee and CEO and Founder of Operation Ramp It Up, on earning the Jim Casey Community Service Award, the UPS' highest community service honor.

Operation Ramp It Up has helped veterans with physical disabilities and their families stay in their homes by providing access and equipment they need to move about as independently and freely as possible. A few years ago, Operation Ramp It Up began installing ramps for civilians as well.

The dedication of Greg and other volunteers like him has made a profound difference for communities across 42 U.S. states. In 2020, I have been fortunate to join Greg Schneider and his team for multiple ramp builds over the years in Southwest Ohio. I was impressed by their commitment.

Their work has led to the installation of over 150 wheelchair ramps. They will stop at nothing until they have built ramps in all 50 states and helped as many people and families as possible.

Again, congratulations to Greg on his well-deserved award for his work on Operation Ramp It Up.