

The Watsonville Community Band has performed at fairs, parks, hospitals, festivals, and several televised concerts. It has served as representatives for the California-Nevada Lions Clubs at the International Convention of Lions Clubs in Chicago and performed at the Calgary Stampede Parade, a widely attended annual event in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Notably, the Watsonville Community Band has performed for President Bill Clinton on three occasions: at California State University, Monterey Bay, at the National Oceans Conference in Monterey, and at the July 4th Concert at the White House in Washington, D.C.

Since their first rehearsal, the Watsonville Community Band has represented the vibrant spirit of the community of Watsonville by delivering enriching performances across the Central Coast and around the world.

Madam Speaker, I offer my utmost appreciation to all members of the Watsonville Community Band, both past and present, and their 75 years of service to the Central Coast.

HONORING THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF THE GERALD R. FORD FEDERAL BUILDING AND COURT-HOUSE

HON. PETER MEIJER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Mr. MEIJER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the anniversary of Grand Rapids' own Gerald R. Ford Federal Building and United States Courthouse, which for 50 years has been emblematic to the people of West Michigan as a stronghold of service, integrity, and trust.

Originally opened to the public in September of 1972, the Grand Rapids Federal Building carried no name. At that time, the possibility of a federal building being named after our then-5th District Representative Ford crossed the minds of few, let alone the future 38th President of the United States. It wasn't until 1975, under H.R. 11897, that a bipartisan effort spearheaded by the 93rd Congress to rename the building after him was presented to President Ford himself.

Displaying the humility that his legacy reflects time and time again, especially today, President Ford vetoed H.R. 11897, citing that it would be "improper" to approve legislation that places his name on a federal building. "This," he argued, "is a precedent I do not wish to establish." President Ford continued in his memorandum that "office buildings which house the functions of Government should not be used as monuments to Federal officials, but rather as workshops for the people's business."

Not long after Ford's brief—but impactful—time in office came to a close, President Jimmy Carter signed into law Senate Resolution 385, which officially named the office and courthouse in honor of his predecessor. President Ford built a towering legacy of devoting his will to the people who offered him and his wife, Betty, their trust after a difficult period in our history where uncertainty and deception nearly redefined our national identity.

Over the past 50 years, the office has been home to many tenants belonging to all branches of government. I am proud to share

this space with my colleague in the U.S. Senate, Senator GARY PETERS, with distinguished jurists, and with the many honest and endearing employees who have devoted their careers to ensuring that the office can successfully serve as a welcoming place of leadership and order. I am grateful to the law enforcement officers who have sacrificed their time to protect the federal business which is necessary to the success of our community.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor not only to have been a tenant of the space, but to take this time to recognize the history and all-around good work of those who are instrumental in leading our Nation from the local level on up.

HONORING MICHAEL RAY

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Ray. He has been honored with the 2022 Spirit of Discovery Award for his incredible gifts of time, diligence, and unwavering commitment to The Discovery Cube's purpose of being a place of purpose, and working to inspire, educate, and impact.

As an Orange County native who attended Occidental College as an undergraduate and earned his MBA from USC, Michael Ray has played an integral role in shaping Orange County's science, technology, education, and cultural landscape for over 25 years. He was instrumental in founding the Discovery Cube Orange County and the Orange County School of the Arts, two long-standing institutions he fought for and worked hard to secure critical funding and lines of credit to assist with their initial launches and then successfully thrive.

At the Discovery Cube Orange County, Michael has been involved with each major phase of the organization's development and growth, dating back to 1985, the beginning of the Cube. Back then, Michael was a part of the Art Spaces Irvine Board that hired legendary market consultant Buzz Price (who assisted with the initial creation of Disneyland) to determine if Orange County was a large enough market to create and support a science center. The result was positive, and the idea of the Discovery Science Center (now the Discovery Cube) was on its way. Along the journey, Michael met with various local elected officials, state legislators, and government officials to build public support for the project. Combined with the work of other early board members, the Science Center successfully opened its doors officially in Santa Ana in 1998. Michael has been a Cube Champion at each major campus expansion campaign and is still very active today as the Cube enters a new chapter of growth.

Michael was also the founding chairman of the Great Park Conservancy and, early on, was an advocate for bringing Discovery Cube's programming to the park. He also helped co-found the Sage Hill School in Newport Beach and, along with the late Richard O'Neil and David Stein, the Democratic Foundation of Orange County.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Michael Ray and all the work that he has done for everyone in the community.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF KEITH SWARTZENTRUBER

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Keith Swartzentruber, the executive director of Snyder Village, who is retiring after 34 wonderful years of service across Central Illinois.

Keith Swartzentruber joined the staff as an administrator of Snyder Village when it opened its doors in 1988 and has held the position of executive director at Snyder Village for the last 17 years. Under his leadership, Snyder Village has grown from a modest organization offering a health center and six independent living cottages to the full-life plan community that it is today. Currently, over 400 residents call Snyder Village home, and roughly 240 staff members make up the Snyder Village team. Spanning over 48 acres, Snyder Village now encompasses a skilled nursing health center, assisted living, home care services, inpatient and outpatient therapy, and a retirement community with 40 apartments and 170 cottages.

As a true servant leader, Keith encourages and supports staff to embody the Snyder Village mission statement: to provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of others in a loving, dignified, and Christian atmosphere. Keith exemplifies the high level of care and service which has made Snyder Village the remarkable place it is. He can often be found visiting with residents and staff members, ensuring they feel valued and cared for. His leadership and service have been recognized by his peers and the community through several awards, including the Life Services Network Leadership Recognition Award.

Our community has been fortunate to benefit from the service and leadership of Keith Swartzentruber. I extend my sincere congratulations to Keith on his 34 years of service at Snyder Village. I wish him much success as he continues to lead a life of service to the Metamora community and central Illinois.

ADDITIONAL NAMES FOR CONSIDERATION OF SANCTIONS IN THE CORRUPT ACT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I was pleased to have co-sponsored the CORRUPT Act, H.R. 6846 (Corruption, Overthrowing Rule of Law, and Ruining Ukraine: Putin's Trifecta Act) in the House and to see its passage on the floor this week. This Act requires the President to report to Congress, within 30 days of this bill's enactment, a determination as to whether specified Russian persons identified in the bill meet the criteria to be subject to sanctions under laws that authorize sanctions relating to corruption or human rights violations. This legislation identifies nearly 200 names for immediate review by the Administration and, in my belief, can play a very important role in stopping Putin's cronies from operating under the radar and from advancing the Kremlin's evil agenda.

While this bill represents a critically important step forward, there are additional Russian entities (and names representing the leadership ranks within those entities) that, while not included in this legislation, warrant close attention by the Administration as well. I believe a particular focus on the Russian financial sector is warranted, and that government agencies in the sector play an integral role in financing Russia's war in Ukraine.

One specific government agency worthy of sanctions is the Russian DIA, or the Russian Depositary Insurance Agency, which I, along with Congressman JOHN CURTIS, brought to the Administration's attention earlier this year.

The DIA, established in 2004, is a Russian state-owned corporation, controlled by a board dominated by officials from the (now sanctioned) Central Bank of Russia. In its official capacity, the DIA operates the national deposit insurance system for Russian banks and acts as the sole authorized bankruptcy administrator of financial institutions deemed insolvent in Russia.

Hiding behind this innocuous role, however, the DIA leads Kremlin-directed efforts to nationalize the assets of Russian financial institutions, funneling the assets of privately owned businesses to now-sanctioned Russian state banks such as Sberbank, VTB and Gazprombank. I have been made aware that many of the businesses that the DIA targets on behalf of the Central Bank of Russia are owned by individuals who have been blacklisted as political targets of the Russian state and lack sufficient political protection from these kinds of schemes.

The CEO of the DIA, Andrey Melnikov, was sanctioned by the United States in 2017 for his role as Minister of Economic Development of the Russian-occupied territory of Crimea, following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Mr. Melnikov was re-sanctioned by the Treasury Department just last week, for his role at the DIA, as well. Other members of the DIA's legal team (such as Andrey Pavlov) have been sanctioned under the Magnitsky Act for their key roles in attacking Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny and his supporters in Russia and abroad, often using abusive lawsuits and court proceedings around the world to pressure them into abandoning their support for democratic change and rule-of-law in Russia.

By taking actions to target the DIA directly, the U.S. government can play a key role in cutting off Russia's long arm of oppression abroad and limit Putin's ability to fund his war chest. Sanctioning the DIA will not only hamper its ability to expropriate assets from privately held Russian financial businesses, but also help defend brave Russian dissidents and opponents of Putin abroad from predatory attacks by law firms in the employ of the DIA.

Individuals in leadership positions in the DIA, who I believe that, along with Director Melnikov, should be reviewed for the future imposition of sanctions include:

Filatova, Maria Vladislavovna, First Deputy General Director of the DIA

Dolgoleva, Olga Viktorovna, Deputy General Director of the DIA

Dolenko, Veronika Viktorovna, Acting Financial Director

Morozov, Oleg Borisovich, Deputy General Director of the DIA

Popelyukh, Alexander Anatolievich, Deputy General Director of the DIA

Savchenko, Sergey Mikhaylovich, Deputy General Director of the DIA

Fedorova, Natalia Vladimirovna, Deputy General Director of the DIA

I am hopeful that the Senate, in future action on companion legislation now pending in the body, can review these names with an eye toward adding them to the Senate bill. I also hope the Senate will consider adding the DIA itself to the pending legislation. Doing both can take direct aim at the ability of the DIA and its leadership to advance Putin's schemes, his war in Ukraine and his attacks on all those who dare stand up and oppose him.

HONORING COUNCILWOMAN
RYSHEEMA DIXON—FORMER WIL-
MINGTON CITY COUNCILWOMAN
AND ENTREPRENEUR

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor and commemorate the life of former Wilmington City Councilwoman Rysheema Dixon. We lost Councilwoman Dixon unexpectedly and far too soon on September 16, 2022. During her 35 years of life, she demonstrated exceptional leadership, entrepreneurship, and dedication to public service. The people of Delaware, myself included, will profoundly miss Councilwoman Dixon and her inimitable spirit.

Councilwoman Dixon was born in Philadelphia and moved to Wilmington, Delaware, at the age of 15. After graduating from the University of Delaware in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in Sociology, she began her career by serving two terms with Public Allies Delaware. Public Allies, an AmeriCorps program at the University of Delaware's Center for Community Research and Service, recruits and trains emerging leaders with a passion for social justice and impact. In 2013, Councilwoman Dixon furthered her education, earning her master's degree from the University of Delaware. She would later return to her alma mater as an educator, to share the knowledge she had gained with the next generation of students, serving as a professor of social entrepreneurship.

Councilwoman Dixon was a true public servant. As the first Black woman and youngest candidate to win an at-large Wilmington City Council seat, she was an exceptional and tireless advocate for her community. During her time in office, she established a legacy of inclusion, creative policymaking, and fearlessness. Notably, Councilwoman Dixon served as Chair of the Community Development & Urban Planning Committee, Chair of the Health, Aging, & Disabilities Committee, and Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Among her significant legislative accomplishments was the launch of Wilmington's first disparity study which would help ensure Wilmington City government used its purchasing power fairly and equitably. She also sponsored legislation promoting sex education, consent, and reproductive health.

In addition to her years of direct public service, I must also mention Councilwoman Dixon's entrepreneurial prowess and talents in

business. In 2011, she founded RD Innovative Planning, now called RD Innovative Solutions. The organization aims to educate and support individuals advocating for more equitable access to affordable services and resources. With issues spanning from health care to nutrition, education, youth development, and beyond, RD Innovative Solutions offers support and advice. Councilwoman Dixon remained the Chief Executive Officer until her untimely passing.

Councilwoman Dixon also served as Executive Director of Delaware Pathways to Apprenticeship which helps individuals from low-income communities attain apprenticeships and sets them up for future success. The program serves particularly vulnerable groups including formerly incarcerated people, those on public assistance, and Delawareans living in public housing. This year, Councilwoman Dixon launched a Global Social Entrepreneurship program in Liberia to reach young people across the world.

I know I am in the company of so many Delawareans in my grief at Councilwoman Dixon's passing. She was a singular force in the First State and in our world, and we will never forget her kindness, tenacity, compassion, and service. I extend my deepest condolences to Councilwoman Dixon's parents and loved ones. Councilwoman Rysheema Dixon made a true difference in Delaware and beyond, and I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to know her. She will be missed and remembered forever.

MAYOR FANUCCI

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of my friend, Mayor Anthony Fanucci. Mayor Fanucci is currently serving his second term as the mayor of the city of Vineland, South Jersey. Prior to becoming mayor, he served a single term as City Council President and was a two-term member on the Vineland Board of Education. Mayor Fanucci is also the owner of two successful businesses, A.R. Fanucci Insurance and A.R. Fanucci Real Estate. In addition, he serves on the New Jersey Conference of Mayors Board of Directors, as well as the Executive Board of the New Jersey League of Municipalities. Mayor Fanucci has left a very positive impact on South Jersey and has received several well-deserved awards for doing so. These awards include the Spirit of Achievement Award from the Italian Cultural Foundation of South Jersey, the Teach Anti-Bullying Community Award, the Greater Vineland NAACP Unit 2115 Community Award, and the Cultural Award from the St. Augustine Prep Hall of Fame. In his free time, Mayor Fanucci is a very active alumnus of St. Augustine Prep. He volunteers as a mentor and career counselor to local students, as well as aids student athletes by coaching sports teams and providing sponsorships. Mayor Fanucci has truly made such a positive impact on the South Jersey community, and I am so proud to call him a friend of mine. God Bless Mayor Fanucci and God Bless our United States of America.