

join a union and bargain for higher wages, better benefits, and safer working conditions. Too often when workers join with co-workers to form a union, employers work against them in every way possible—from retaliation and dismissal to bad faith bargaining. The PRO Act will level the playing field for America's working men and women. LIUNA urges Congress to pass this important legislation."

RECOGNIZING WAYNE EVANS

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Wayne Evans who will receive the Saint David's Society of Lackawanna County President's Award for outstanding contribution to Welsh heritage in Northeastern Pennsylvania. He will be honored at the organization's 130th annual gathering on March 4, 2023.

Wayne grew up in Scranton, Pennsylvania and graduated from Scranton Central High School. He continued his academic career at Penn State University. He spent much of his professional career working for Verizon Communications as an engineer. Following his retirement from Verizon, he started Wayne Evans Realty in Scranton.

In addition to his professional pursuits, Wayne has been a lifelong dedicated community volunteer. He has served as the president of the Greater Scranton Board of Realtors and the Architectural Heritage Association. Wayne is passionate about uplifting his beloved hometown and has dedicated significant time and effort to serving his community and fellow citizens. He was president of the South Scranton Residents Association and a member of both the Ethics Board and the Historic and Architectural Review Board for the City of Scranton. He served as the finance chair of Scranton City Council from 2014 to 2019, and he held the title of mayor in 2019. Additionally, he was appointed to the Judicial Conduct Review Board for the Commonwealth by former governor, Tom Wolf.

Wayne's dedication to his community and fellow citizens also earned him positions on the boards of a diverse group of organizations. He sits on the boards of Keystone College, Howard Gardner Multiple Intelligence Charter School, Scranton Tomorrow, NeighborWorks of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and the Scranton Lackawanna Industrial Building Company (SLIBCO). He is also vice president of the St. David's Society, and no one celebrates Welsh heritage, history, and culture with more enthusiasm than Wayne.

Wayne and his wife Nancy have 4 sons, Kyle, Morgan, Christian and Jeremy and 7 grandchildren.

I'm honored to join with the St. David's Society of Lackawanna County to celebrate Wayne's unparalleled contributions to his community and his promotion of Welsh heritage in our region. May he continue to find fulfillment and purpose by serving others.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF NADINE GERBER

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional member of the Olympia, Washington community. I would like to recognize Nadine Gerber's distinguished service and dedication to the success of our students.

Nadine Gerber is the President of the McLane Elementary School's Parent, Teacher and Student Organization, or the PTSO. Intended to be inclusive of all members of the McLane Elementary community, the PTSO has made it its mission to enhance learning experiences for students, aid teachers, and support families as this Olympia school re-emerges from the pandemic.

One of the group's greatest achievements has been the After School Enrichment program. Starting in full force after schools reopened in the fall of 2020, Nadine's After School Enrichment program seeks to shore up deficiencies in students' socio-emotional development caused by distance learning, as well as offer parents an affordable childcare option as more and more households transition back to in-person work.

Nadine first partnered with Discover Aquatics, a swimming center within walking distance of the Olympia school, to provide students with swimming lessons. She also founded two faculty and parent-led clubs, one focused on gardening and the other on running, that allow students to engage in these activities at no cost to families.

As the After School Enrichment program grew in popularity, Nadine was able to expand the extracurricular program to include theater classes, a comic books club, and 3D printing and game design introductory classes, made possible in part by partnerships with local businesses and the South Sound YMCA.

Over the past few years, Nadine has seen scared students who wouldn't dip their toes into the pool turn into strong swimmers, participants in the program's running club embrace challenges head-on to become confident cross-country athletes, and curious children tending to their above-ground garden plots blossom into full-blown gardeners. All the individual and collective growth seen in McLane Elementary's children can be attributed to the consistent efforts of Nadine as PTSO President and her tireless leadership of the After School Enrichment program.

That is why Nadine Gerber, a proud community leader, is my constituent spotlight.

RECOGNIZING MRS. JENNIFER POOLE, CONSTITUENT SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Jennifer Poole, on the occasion of her retirement after 20 years of

service to the United States House of Representatives.

Mrs. Poole began her career as a single mom on March 3, 2003, with the Office of Congressman John Linder (GA-07), and continued her service with the Office of Congressman Tom Price (GA-06) and then the Office of Congresswoman Karen Handel (GA-06). Mrs. Poole has been an invaluable member of my staff since 2017. She has worked cases related to every federal agency through the years, but excelled in working with Social Security, Internal Revenue Service, and Medicare cases. She has successfully completed thousands of cases, with immeasurable benefits being returned to our 11th Congressional District constituents. Guided by her faith, Jennifer has made a significant difference to Georgia constituents during some of their most challenging times.

Jennifer serves with uncommon zeal and tenacity; but more than that, her compassion and kindness are extraordinary. She exemplifies the very best of public service, and is an inspiration for us all. It is because of her dedication and impact to the community, that she will be greatly missed by our office and constituents. We wish her nothing but the best in retirement, allowing her to spend more time with her husband Scott, and children, Frankie and Mollie. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Poole for her 20 years of exemplary service.

I thank Jennifer. God speed.

HONORING DR. PAUL BERG

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the many contributions of Dr. Paul Berg to the science community. Dr. Berg passed away on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at age 96. This loss is deeply felt across our community.

Paul Berg was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1926 to a Russian Jewish immigrant couple, Harry and Sarah Brodsky Berg. While he grew up in modest circumstances, his mother encouraged his passion for science. He graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in 1943. Penn State University in 1948 with a B.S. in Biochemistry, and from Case Western Reserve University for his PhD in Biochemistry in 1952.

After his graduate work, Dr. Berg became a postdoctoral fellow with the American Cancer Society from 1952 through 1954. He worked at the Institute of Cytophysiology in Denmark and the Washington University School of Medicine. From 1955 through 1959, he was an assistant professor at the Washington University. Then, he was asked to help open a new biochemistry department at Stanford University. He was a professor at Stanford, where he was named Robert W. and Vivian K. Cahill Professor of Cancer Research Emeritus. He taught from 1959 through 2000. While he was a professor teaching biochemistry to graduate students, I was an undergraduate who was a friend to some of those grad students. Dr. Berg inspired them, tremendously. I remember well the optimism and excitement his teaching inspired his students, my friends.

While at Stanford, Dr. Berg helped raised \$50 million to build the Beckman Center for Molecular and Genetic Medicine, of which he was the director from 1985 through 2000. Furthermore, in 2004, he became a leading advocate for CA Prop 71 which replaced federal stem cell research dollars with state taxpayer money when it was passed.

Dr. Berg's dedication to research changed both the drug production industry and the overall biotechnology industry, as well as the advancement of cancer research. He played an instrumental role in the 1975 Asilomar Conference on Recombinant DNA on the potential biohazards of recombinant DNA molecules, as well as leading research on gene-splicing and stem cells. Especially as the first scientist to use the gene-splicing technique using two different species' DNA, Dr. Berg paved the way for modern-day genetic engineering. One of his highest achievements, however, was earning a Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1980 alongside Walter Gilbert and Frederick Sanger for their research on nucleic acids. His contributions to science will continue to impact research and continue to save lives.

When I served on the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County, we were asked to approve a land use designation for a research facility on the Stanford Campus over which the County had land use authority. There being some community concern over the proposal, Dr. Berg came to meet with members of the Board (and public) to provide information. We were treated to a multi-hour personal seminar on biotechnology which is one of my treasured moments from my service on the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize and commend Dr. Paul Berg for his awe-inspiring achievements. His legacy will endure for generations.

CONGRATULATING MR. RAJ
SUBRAMANIAM ON HIS INDUC-
TION INTO THE HORATIO ALGER
ASSOCIATION

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Raj Subramaniam for his induction into the Horatio Alger Association, an organization dedicated to ensuring the American Dream remains achievable by providing need-based scholarships to deserv-

ing young people. Every year, the association inducts 12 new members who both serve as role models to scholarship recipients and whose life story, achievements, and character, exemplify the possibilities of America. The Association wisely chose Mr. Subramaniam, who, having come to the United States as an immigrant, is now just the third Indian-American to be named CEO of a Fortune 50 company.

Mr. Subramaniam was born in Trivandrum in the southern Indian state of Kerala. Much like my family, he moved to the United States seeking economic opportunities and to further his education. In 1991, Mr. Subramaniam joined FedEx where his hard work, tenacity, teamwork, and excellent judgment helped him rise quickly in the company where he was eventually named President and CEO in March 2022.

In addition to his enthusiastic dedication and service to FedEx, Mr. Subramaniam remains very involved with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and other charitable endeavors. He has also leveraged his cross-cultural experience by building sustainable economic bridges between the United States and Asia. He has worked to expand trade relationships that strengthen the economies of all involved with the belief that greater economic opportunities will allow others to succeed. Mr. Subramaniam serves on the Board of Directors of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's China Center Advisory Board, U.S.-India CEO Forum, the U.S.-China Business Council, and the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum, all of which help to facilitate international trade between the United States and Asia. He is also a member of the International Trade Administration's Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness (ACSCC), which works to improve the efficiency of international trade. Ultimately, I am confident that these important experiences will inform Mr. Subramaniam's contributions to the Horatio Alger Association.

Mr. Speaker, the Horatio Alger Association's motto is "Honoring Perseverance, Integrity, and Excellence." Mr. Subramaniam embodies each of these qualities. Nobody is better positioned to help develop the next generation of young leaders who aspire to attain the American Dream, just like Mr. Subramaniam and his wife Uma, and just like my own family have attained. I again congratulate Mr. Subramaniam on this important achievement and wish him success in all his future endeavors.

HONORING THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ebenezer Baptist Church of Woodbridge, VA, a stalwart of the Seventh District, in honor of its 140th anniversary.

In 1881, only seven years after the Town of Occoquan's incorporation, the land that Ebenezer Baptist Church would eventually be built upon was purchased, setting the stage for it to become one of the first Black churches in all of Northern Virginia.

Founded by the formerly enslaved Reverend Lewis Henry Bailey, Ebenezer Baptist Church quickly developed an identity of dedicated ministry and servant leadership to its community. Though the first cornerstone of Ebenezer Baptist Church was laid decades ago in May of 1883, the church's communal foundation is unwavering and its spirit as alive today, as it was 140 years ago.

Born from these roots, Ebenezer Baptist Church has continued to strive toward its focus of "putting the family back together."

From hosting the Woodbridge Toastmasters Club to community food giveaways to Sunday services, Ebenezer Baptist Church remains a primary source of enrichment of the mind, body, and soul for many residents of Virginia's Seventh District.

As a fixture of the community, Ebenezer Baptist Church has faithfully answered the bell and opened its doors when needed most.

Notably, under the leadership of Senior Pastor Reverend Dr. Charles A. Lundy and First Lady Reverend Jacquelyn Lundy, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ebenezer Baptist Church provided critical community health services to the Occoquan District and Prince William County. This selfless service included providing food and shelter to those in need, while also hosting vital testing and vaccinations.

The combination of grace and effectiveness with which Ebenezer Baptist Church has served the Seventh District is extraordinary. As the U.S. Representative for Virginia's Seventh District, I am grateful for the tremendous community asset that is Ebenezer Baptist Church of Woodbridge, VA, and wish them another 140 years of exceptional communion, ministry, and service.