

Mr. Speaker, Master Gunnery Sergeant Scott Stalker has dedicated his life to the service of our Nation and to the United States Marine Corps. On behalf of a grateful Nation, it is my honor to recognize the selfless sacrifice of "Team Stalker," his wife Malerie, and their children, Olivia, Grace, and Scarlett. I wish them the very best in this next chapter.

MOUNT SALEM AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH CELEBRATES 151 YEARS

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mount Salem American Baptist Church on its remarkable 151st anniversary this year. This amazing milestone is a true testament to God's grace toward his people, as well as the unwavering faith, fellowship, and dedication of the congregation and its leaders throughout the years.

Founded in 1872, the church began in Indianola as the Mount Salem American Baptist Free Mission Church. Soon after its founding, the church was sadly hit by 2 major hurricanes in 1875 and 1886, destroying the church's building. Yet with faith in God's providence, the congregation endured and continued the ministry. Led by Reverend Robert Greer, 20 church members moved to Victoria, bringing with them the pulpit, bell, and some of the salvaged lumber from the original church building to start anew—where the congregation reestablished and pressed forward in the mission. With that perseverance came God's guidance and blessing. The church continued to grow over the years and was eventually renamed as Mount Salem American Baptist Church in 1939. In 1962, the church moved to another new building, where they still prominently display the original bell and pulpit used by the founding members.

To this day, Mount Salem American Baptist Church has touched countless lives in the Victoria community through its selfless acts of service. Through outreach programs, compassionate ministries, and social initiatives, the church has been a steadfast advocate for the greater community, serving their neighbors for over a century.

But more than any building, program, or person, Mount Salem's anniversary milestone is a testament to God's enduring faithfulness toward his people. Through both triumph and trial, it is clear that the Lord has provided the path and made clear His purpose.

Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Mount Salem American Baptist Church on this incredible day. May God continue to bless and keep them in the days and years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I inadvertently missed the second vote in the first vote series on July

18, 2023 due to a constituent meeting. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE on Roll Call No. 332.

RECOGNIZING MR. JOSEPH SHERIDAN

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my warmest congratulations on the occasion of Mr. Joseph "Joe" Sheridan's retirement from Wakefern Food Corporation based in Keasbey, New Jersey.

Joe's impressive 47-year career with Wakefern has been nothing short of remarkable, and his dedication to the company's success has been truly exemplary. Throughout his tenure as President, he has displayed exceptional leadership, vision, and a commitment to excellence.

Under his guidance, Wakefern Food Corporation has thrived, becoming a pillar in the food retail industry and a source of pride for the community.

His contributions to Wakefern and the broader business community have not gone unnoticed. He has left an indelible mark on the industry, inspiring countless individuals with his passion and determination. His commitment to fostering a positive work environment and promoting the well-being of Wakefern employees is truly commendable.

I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the positive impact Wakefern has had on New Jersey, and I can attribute much of that success to Joe's steadfast leadership. His dedication to the company's values and principles has set a high standard for the industry to follow.

As Joe transitions into retirement, I do not doubt that his legacy will endure, and his guidance will continue to be an inspiration to those who have had the honor of working alongside him. His exceptional leadership and integrity have earned him the respect and admiration of colleagues, business partners, and the community at large.

On behalf of the constituents of New Jersey's 7th Congressional District, please accept my sincerest congratulations once again. May his retirement be filled with joy, good health, and the opportunity to enjoy special times with your loved ones.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Marine Corps League. The Congressionally Chartered Veteran Service Organization over the past century has been critical in the care and welfare of our military, its Veterans, and their families.

The Marine Corps League was established in 1923 by World War I hero, then Com-

mandant of the Marine Corps Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune. On August 4, 1937, it was Congressionally Chartered by the 75th Congress of the United States and signed and approved by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The Marine Corps League provides millions of hours annually in service to the community, represents thousands of Veterans in cases with the Department of Veterans Affairs, performs tens of thousands of funeral honors annually for our passing Veterans, and provides millions of toys to the youth of America through the Toys for Tots Foundation and Marine Corps Reserves. This volunteer work directly and positively impacts force readiness for the Marine Corps Reserves allowing additional focus on training and preparation.

As a retired Lt. General and the former Commander of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and Marine Forces North, I deeply understand the importance of strong and battle-ready reserve units and will continue to support their mission here in Congress. The work of the Marine Corps League and the impact of their advocacy on behalf of our servicemembers, Veterans, and their families cannot be overstated.

It is an honor to recognize the Marine Corps League for 100 years of service to our country. I look forward to assisting in fulfilling their mission to support our Servicemen and women. Please join me in congratulating the Marine Corps League for this historic achievement.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER LAKE

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Youghiogheny River Lake on its 75th anniversary. Located in Pennsylvania's Fayette and Somerset Counties, the lake provides flood protection for the upper Ohio River and the Youghiogheny and lower Monongahela River Valleys.

The flood control reservoir was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1938. Since its completion in 1943, the dam is estimated to have saved more than \$569 million by preventing upstream flood damage.

The benefits of the Youghiogheny River Lake don't stop there. Alongside its support staff, the lake also alleviates pollution, improves water quality, and enhances the navigability of nearby rivers. A hydroelectric plant along the dam generates enough power for approximately 8,000 homes per year.

Visitors can camp, fish, swim, picnic, and boat on the Youghiogheny River Lake. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regularly stocks the lake with trout and operates a boat launch along the shoreline. The Youghiogheny Outflow Campground offers a nearby camping experience that allows even more visitors to enjoy the lake's beautiful scenery and recreational opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I congratulate the Youghiogheny River Lake on its 75th anniversary. I thank the staff, volunteers, and community members who support

the lake's success, and I look forward to seeing their continued dedication to the community over the next 75 years.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER JAMES HUTCHINS' CAREER OF SERVICE

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement and commend the service of Officer James Hutchins, who has honorably served with the Los Angeles Police Department for 35 years. For nearly his entire life, Officer Hutchins has consistently and bravely put his life on the line in service of our Nation and in defense of our communities, and is now taking his well-deserved retirement to spend time with his loving family.

Officer Hutchins first began his career of service by enlisting in the United States Army in 1984. Serving for 4 years, he received an honorable discharge as an Airborne Ranger. It was at this time, in 1988 that he graduated from the LAPD Training Academy and joined the force, accruing time and experience in the Van Nuys, Pacific, and Venice Beach divisions.

By 1995, Officer Hutchins became a Los Angeles motorcycle officer assigned to the Central Traffic Division, and quickly set himself apart for his dedication and professionalism. Upon returning to the Valley Traffic Division later that year, Officer Hutchins became a mentor to his fellow motorcycle officers, a legacy carried until his retirement as "Most Senior Motor Cop in the City". He additionally earned a Police Star in 2005 for bravely evacuating Los Angeles residents during a catastrophic fire. This commendation was just one of over 200 accolades accrued over the course of his 35 years of service, marking his end of watch in June 2023.

I cannot commend Officer Hutchins enough for his service to California's 27th Congressional District and the City of Los Angeles. We thank him for his tireless work to keep our community safe, and wish him the best in his retirement and the opportunity to spend more time with friends and loved ones, as is certainly deserved after such a long and successful career.

HONORING THE VASILOFF FAMILY FOR THEIR DEVOTION TO VETERANS

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I honor a Livingston County, Michigan, family that has quietly, and without fanfare, devoted themselves over the past decade to the service of their community, their Nation, and veterans in need.

Kathy and Steve Vasiloff of Green Oak Township have long enjoyed throwing parties in their lakeside home, making their backyard a popular gathering place for friends, family,

and neighbors. But when their son David joined the United States Marine Corps in 2007, those parties took on a different tone: sending him off and welcoming him home from training, and then from multiple deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Hit twice by improvised explosive devices during his tours of duty, David came home in 2011 a changed man, and as a result, his family changed direction as well. Seeking to honor their son's service, and the stories he told of his brothers and sisters in arms, many of whom did not come home, the Vasiloff family decided to combine their love of throwing parties with a purpose. Ten years ago they opened up their home for a summer soiree, this time asking for donations for wounded veterans, and raised an impressive \$3,000 in one evening. The next summer, the party grew, and so did the funds raised. And so a tradition was born, one that has blossomed into an annual extravaganza featuring live music, raffles, gift baskets, hundreds of attendees, and tens of thousands of dollars in donations for the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, a Michigan non-profit supporting injured servicemen and the families of heroes in our state. In fact, over the decade the Vasiloff family has been holding these fundraisers, they've become the largest private donors to the organization, with total donations closing in on \$200,000.

Planning and holding a fundraiser of this magnitude is a huge team effort, and a major undertaking for the Vasiloffs. As such, the Vasiloff family has decided that 2023 will be their final event. But it certainly won't be the end of their service. David, the proud Marine who helped inspire the fundraisers, continues to inspire, serve, and protect his hometown community of Green Oak Township, where he is now a police officer. And Kathy and Steve will never stop supporting the brave men and women like their son who come home with visible and invisible scars of war, as well as the service families whose lives are forever shattered by loss.

Service to one's country takes many forms, and that includes contributing to our collective goal of moving toward a more perfect union. Mr. Speaker, the Vasiloff family has never sought praise or publicity for their efforts, instead directing all attention to the cause so close to their hearts. But as they prepare for their tenth and final summer event, I thank them for their faithful service.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MORSE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC.

HON. BRANDON WILLIAMS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Mr. WILLIAMS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Morse Manufacturing Company, Inc. as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary this year.

Morse Manufacturing was incorporated on August 15, 1923. It was first located at 402 S. Franklin Street in the City of Syracuse, New York, and then quickly relocated to Dickerson Street. Ralph Andrews joined Morse Manufacturing in 1943, developed a product to safely handle drums, and purchased the company

from the founder in 1948. In 1953 the company was moved to East Syracuse.

Robert Andrews, son of Ralph Andrews, joined Morse Manufacturing in 1969. Robert continued to grow and enhance a product offering to safely handle drums that was initiated by his father, and also expanded the building several times at the East Syracuse location.

Nathan Andrews, grandson of Ralph Andrews, joined Morse Manufacturing in 2002 and continued the family tradition of commitment and dedication through developing new international distribution and modernizing the operations at a new facility in the Town of Salina in 2019.

Today, Morse Manufacturing offers the most extensive line of high-quality drum handling equipment anywhere in the world and markets its products through an elite worldwide dealer network. The longstanding success of Morse Manufacturing is largely because of the quality of its employees. It has provided hundreds of employees and their families with careers and job security over its history. Morse Manufacturing and its employees have continued to give back to the Central New York Community through volunteer work and contributions.

Morse Manufacturing takes pride in sourcing as much as possible from local suppliers with long established relationships. This makes Morse Manufacturing a net revenue generator for the Central New York Economy, bringing revenues from products sold around the country and world to spend locally through wages, taxes, and local suppliers.

On behalf of New York's 22nd Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Morse Manufacturing on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. I wish them continued success for many years to come.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BILL ROCKWOOD, JR. TO FLORIDA'S NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE DARREN SOTO

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, today we recognize Bill Rockwood, Jr. for his contributions to Florida's Ninth Congressional District as the office's Deputy Legislative Director. During his time in the office, Bill also served as the Executive Director of the Future Forum.

As part of Team Soto, Bill originated and drafted a variety of bills, amendments, and appropriations requests with a particular focus on issues related to technology, finance, and the environment. Bill worked on seven bills that passed the House of Representatives, including three that were signed into law; he worked on 25 amendments that passed the House of Representatives, including 13 that were signed into law; and worked on over 200 report language requests and programmatic funding requests that were included in the final FY18-FY23 appropriation packages.

Bill is a graduate of Rollins College with an undergraduate degree in philosophy, the Crummer School of Business Administration with a Masters of Business Administration, and the Georgetown University Law Center