

One does not have to search long to find the positive results of Dr. Brewster's tireless work. His leadership was integral to the successful implementation of Bachelor of Science degree programs in K–8 Teacher Education, Forest Resource Management, and Organizational Management. In accomplishing this, Dr. Brewster made it possible for Grays Harbor College to provide opportunities for students to earn associate degrees, enter the workforce, and continue their education.

During his tenure at Grays Harbor College, Dr. Brewster utilized his expertise in correctional facility education and made significant contributions to the College's program at Stafford Creek Correctional Center. His diligent work left a lasting impact on 1 of the largest correctional facility education programs in the state of Washington.

In a testament to Dr. Brewster's commitment to Grays Harbor County, Dr. Brewster came out of retirement in 2020 to resume his role as President and guide the College through the challenges of a global pandemic. A 1-year contract quickly turned into nearly 3, and Dr. Brewster re-entered a much-deserved retirement on June 30, 2023.

Mr. Speaker, I have been encouraged by Dr. Brewster's community leadership and I applaud him for his celebrated tenure. Dr. Brewster's passionate and caring stewardship of the only post-secondary institution in rural Grays Harbor County has forever impacted the future of the community he served. I am pleased to recognize Dr. Ed Brewster in the United States Congress.

MIGUEL TRUJILLO—NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING RIGHTS ADVOCATE

HON. GABE VASQUEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. VASQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Miguel Trujillo and to celebrate his legacy of service as a tireless advocate for Native Americans in my district and across the country.

Miguel Trujillo is a member of the Pueblo of Isleta tribe of Native Americans. At 10 years old, the government removed Miguel from his home and sent him to a boarding school across the country where they intended to "assimilate" him. Instead, Miguel became an advocate for education in his own community. After graduating from the Haskell Institute in Kansas in 1925, Miguel went on to receive a B.A. from the University of New Mexico, despite Native Americans being ineligible for scholarships during that time.

Miguel used his degrees to bring educational opportunities back to his community. For decades, Miguel worked as an educator with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in New Mexico. He inspired countless students in my district and beyond to graduate and pursue their own educational journeys.

At the outset of World War II, Miguel Trujillo volunteered to serve in the United States Marines, and went on to join the over 25,000 Native Americans who defended our country. Following the war, Miguel received an honorable discharge, and returned to serving as an educator in the Isleta Pueblo. Miguel would go on to receive his M.A., all while remaining active

in the formerly titled All Indian Pueblo Council and veteran organizations.

In 1948, Miguel attempted to register to vote in Valencia County. Despite his record of service as a veteran and an educator, Miguel was denied the right to vote due to a provision in New Mexico law that barred many Native Americans from voting. Miguel sued, claiming that this provision was discriminatory. On August 3, 1948, Miguel won his case when a three-judge panel found that he had a constitutional right to vote. Miguel's case, known as *Trujillo v. Garley*, became a landmark civil rights case for all Native Americans.

Since his death, Miguel has been honored for his legacy of service by the New Mexico State House and has received a Meritorious Award from the Department of the Interior. He recently received the Margaret Chase Smith American Democracy Award for his advocacy for the right to vote. He is also remembered by the Isleta Pueblo, who celebrate an annual Miguel Trujillo Day.

On the 75th anniversary of his landmark legal victory, I would like to celebrate Miguel Trujillo as an educator, a veteran, and a champion for justice in his community. His service has made New Mexico and our Nation a stronger and more equitable place.

On behalf of the great people of New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District, I thank Miguel Trujillo for all he has done for our community.

REMEMBERING RICHARD "DICK"
RAVITCH

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize lifelong New Yorker, political power broker, former New York Lieutenant Governor, and dear friend and mentor of mine, Richard Ravitch, on the occasion of his passing on Sunday, June 25, 2023, at the age of 89. I am proud to be joined today to remember Richard by Representatives DANIEL GOLDMAN, ERIC SWALWELL, ADAM SCHIFF, PATRICK RYAN, NYDIA VELÁZQUEZ, GREGORY MEEKS, GRACE MENG, and JOSEPH MORELLE.

The son of a Russian Jewish immigrant, Richard was born in Manhattan in 1933. He attended Oberlin College and transferred to Columbia College, earning a bachelor's degree in history in 1955. Richard continued his education, graduating from the Yale University School of Law in 1958. After graduation, Richard served active duty in the United States Army during the Berlin Wall Crisis in 1962.

Richard took the helm of his family's construction company, HRH Construction Corporation, in the 1960s, developing landmark buildings such as Waterside Plaza and Citicorp Center. An early advocate for integrated, affordable housing, Richard partnered with Bayard Rustin and A. Phillip Randolph on the first de-segregated housing project in Washington, D.C.

A successful businessman, Richard was recruited to help halt the financial collapse of New York's Urban Development Corporation in 1975. Shortly after, Richard chaired the Metropolitan Transportation Authority from 1979 through 1983, advocating for a tax increase to generate greater revenue and cre-

ated a \$8.5 billion financing plan to revive the mass transit system. He also served as the President of the Player Relations Committee for Major League Baseball, working as the chief negotiator for the league.

Richard's innovative solutions in New York earned him an appointment as the state's Lieutenant Governor by David A. Paterson in 2009. In 2011, Richard formed the State Budget Crisis Task Force with former Federal Reserve Chair, Paul Volcker, to draw attention to the financial vulnerabilities that state governments may possess. This work resulted in his selection as an advisor to the Governor of Michigan during Detroit's economic rebound in 2019.

He believed in the power of information and helped create a boot camp for mid-career journalists at the City University of New York's School of Journalism. These are just a few examples of how, for over 40 years, Richard served the public and left a physical and financial imprint on the residents of New York.

Though Richard was never elected to an official position, he played an integral role in maintaining the stability of numerous landmark institutions. He did not believe politics to be a zero-sum game, and saw it as an opportunity to uplift entire communities. He is preceded in death by his son, Steven, and survived by his wife, Kathleen, and children Joe, Michael, Liz, Carrie, and Laura, and 13 grandchildren.

HONORING THE CAREER OF CUONG
"VINCE" PHUNG

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Senior Chief Aviation Electronics Technician Cuong "Vince" H. Phung.

Mr. Phung was born in Saigon, Vietnam, then immigrated to the United States, eventually graduating from Garden Grove High School in June of 2000. He entered the Navy in September of that same year.

In January 2001, he reported to his first command at the Naval Station in San Diego, California. For his first deployment, he was assigned to Air Department V–1 and V–3. From there, he was hand-picked to oversee three work centers, including ten Marines and three Sailors. He then was able to get his Master Training Specialist designation, as well as his associate degree, while working at CNATTU North Island, California.

In June 2009, he reported to a new position in Mugu, California. There, he completed two deployments and advanced to First Class Petty Officer while also holding multiple other positions in the organization. He also found time to volunteer, where he was able to lead nine servicemembers and 60 workers in achieving closure for missing service members in Vietnam. Because of his selfless acts, he became recognized as Junior Sailor of the Quarter, Chief Petty Officer, and a handful of other notable distinctions.

Later in his career, he reported to the Navy Recruiting District in San Diego, California, where he was able to return to his hometown of Garden Grove as an Enlisted Recruiter for

a year. In his new role, he was able to enlist 30 individuals and 12 Officers.

In November 2016, he reported to the "Black Knights" of Strike Fighter Squadron 154, serving multiple roles including assurance supervisor and maintenance controller. With this job, he directed 13 work centers, totaling 150 personnel.

A few years later in 2020, he began a new role as Force Individual Augmentation and Exercise Manager. In total, he served a total of 23 years of honorable and dedicated service. Today, he is a highly decorated officer, with distinctions including the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and 9 other awards.

Outside of his career, Mr. Phung is also joined by his three children and two goddaughters.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and commemorating the outstanding career and accomplishments of Cuong "Vince" Phung.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESORT BEAR CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Resort Bear Creek Fire Department for 75 years of continued service to the residents of Petoskey and for their upcoming celebratory event being held on August 17, 2023. Resort Bear Creek Fire Department has been a staple of the community for decades and has become the standard in fire prevention and mediation for Petoskey residents throughout their history. Their desire to educate others on safe practices pertaining to fire management and control has had a direct hand in the prevention of countless tragedies within their constituency. I am heartened by the department's impact on local residents and am confident that their exemplary leadership will continue for years to come.

Fire departments across Northern Michigan have the immense task of keeping a vast wooded area safe from the possibility of fire. The residents, their homes, and local businesses rely on professionally run and operated departments like Resort Bear Creek to ensure that their investments and livelihoods remain protected. Their work has been a blessing to all within their service area and I cannot thank them enough for their efforts over these past 75 years.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 75th Anniversary of the Resort Bear Creek Fire Department in Petoskey, Michigan and their celebratory event being held on August 17, 2023. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I wish everyone involved in the Resort Bear Creek Fire Department's history of success the best in their future endeavors and a successful celebratory ceremony.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF JANELLE SPOHN OF OZARK, MO.

HON. ERIC BURLISON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of Janelle Spohn, a student at Ozark High School located in Ozark, Missouri, in my district.

Ms. Spohn has been selected as a 2023–2024 recipient of the CBYX Scholarship. She is one of 250 high school students nationwide to be so honored. The CBYX Scholarship is a U.S. Department of State-sponsored program and stands for Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange. It was inaugurated in 1983, and since its inception, the CBYX program has allowed 27,000 American and German participants to expand their intercultural understanding.

Ms. Spohn and the other scholarship recipients will spend the next school year in Germany living with a host family, attending a German high school, and participating in language and cultural immersion training to gain a better understanding of German culture, language, and everyday life.

CBYX scholars also have the chance to visit Germany's parliament—the Bundestag—meet with government officials, participate in intercultural seminars, and explore Germany. Scholars return home to the United States with a new perspective on global affairs and German social, economic, and political life.

Ms. Spohn is the daughter of proud parents Michael and Montessa Spohn, and according to her school principal, Jeremy Brownfield, "Janelle is an outstanding student maintaining a weighted GPA above a 4.5. She is able to do so while a majority of her course load are honors courses, balancing academics with a busy schedule of extracurricular activities including wrestling and choir. She is beloved by her teachers and known for being kind and an incredibly hard worker. She is also quick to help students in need. We are excited for her to have this wonderful opportunity to study abroad but her presence will be missed by classmates and staff alike during the upcoming school year."

Mr. Speaker, I think you can understand why we are so proud to have Janelle Spohn as a constituent. We look forward to hearing about her year in Germany and how her experiences as a citizen diplomat will shape her future. We congratulate her on her achievements.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONONGAHELA CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate the congregation of the Monongahela Church of the Nazarene in Monongahela, Pennsylvania for 100 years of service to God and the surrounding community.

The Monongahela Church of the Nazarene was originally organized with 24 members on

July 25, 1923, the small group of members sought God's will for their lives. The congregation held tent meetings until the physical church was built and established nearly a decade later. Rev. Frank Strickler from the California Church of the Nazarene, aided by David Mitchell, became the Church's first Pastor. Throughout the years, the church was blessed with the spiritual leadership of nine Pastors.

In 2000, Reverend Raymond DiCamillo became the current Pastor of the church. Under his leadership, the Monongahela Church of the Nazarene remains committed to reaching the lost, helping those in need, and loving those they meet. With the Holy Spirit guiding them, they look forward to building on this storied history for the next 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, the Monongahela Church of the Nazarene's story is deeply rooted in our great Nation's origins. On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 14th Congressional District, I congratulate them on their 100th anniversary and thank them for their service to southwestern Pennsylvania's faith community.

TRIBUTE TO DEACON BENJAMIN SWINTON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a faithful servant, trusted counselor, and cherished community leader, Deacon Benjamin "Ben" Swinton. Deacon Swinton, a lifelong friend and supporter, transitioned from this life on July 26, 2023, in Sumter, South Carolina. His compassion and kindness will be sorely missed.

Mr. Benjamin Swinton was born on September 10, 1929, in Sumter, South Carolina. He attended Sumter City Schools and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1954, where he was a gifted athlete. Upon graduating high school, Mr. Swinton pursued higher education at North Carolina A&T University and completed his coursework at Morris College in Sumter, graduating Magnum Cum Laude. Mr. Swinton also dutifully served our nation in the United States Army.

After graduating from Morris College, Mr. Swinton pursued a career in public service. He served as a counselor and planner at the Wateree Community Actions Agency before joining the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Center, where he served for 21 years before his retirement. In these capacities, Mr. Swinton was uplifting to many members of the Sumter community.

Deacon Swinton was a man of faith. He was a lifelong member of the Salem Missionary Baptist Church and served the Church as a Sunday School teacher, a combined choir member, the Director of Christian Education, and Sunday School Superintendent. Additionally, he served on the Deacon Board with distinction.

Mr. Swinton was also a dedicated family man. He is survived by his loving wife, Dollie Woods Swinton to whom he was married for 68 years. Together they had 1 son, Benjamin Anthony Swinton, who preceded him in death. He is also survived by a daughter, Juanita Balls Williams, brothers Harry W. Swinton and Roosevelt (Naomi) Swinton, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.