

cancer detection, environmental studies, and military explosives detection, among others.

David Flinchbaugh: CEO of Technology Applications International, and CTO of Advanced Medical Innovations, who is recognized for breakthrough technologies reducing fatalities from catheter-associated urinary tract infections affecting millions worldwide; developing the world's first Nuclear Service Robot to help maintain, decontaminate, and refuel nuclear reactors; and devising the first imaging laser radar system.

Ophir Frieder: Professor at Georgetown University Medical Center's Department of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics & Biomathematics and the Department of Computer Science; Lead Science and Technology Advisor for Aurora Forge; and Chief Scientific Officer of Invariant, Inc. He is recognized for sustained and extensive innovations in scalable information processing systems, especially for developing behavioral health monitoring used to prevent self-harm/suicide, and predictive medical and well-being treatment methods to optimize treatment effectiveness while reducing negative side effects.

William Hauswirth: University of Florida Professor and the Maida and Morris Rybacski Eminent Scholar Chair in Ophthalmic Sciences at the University of Florida's College of Medicine, who is recognized for groundbreaking advancements in gene therapy to prevent blindness, especially through pioneering the first gene therapy drug, Luxturna, to treat both adults and children with inherited retinal disease; as well as his work restoring vision to the functionally blind.

Daniel Joseph: Principal Illusion Integrator at Walt Disney Imagineering, who is recognized for landmark innovations in industrial design, special effects, and the integration of three-dimensional illusions, creating immersive and interactive experiences for museums and theme parks, especially at Disney theme parks around the world.

Jonathan Rothberg: Founder and Chair, 4 Catalyzer Corporation, who is recognized for pioneering next-generation human DNA sequencing that enables low-cost decoding of the human genome, which transformed life science research, healthcare, agriculture, and the development of biofuels; and for the revolutionary Swoop Portable Magnetic Resonance Imaging System making MRI accessible to every patient, regardless of income or resources.

Deepika Singh: CEO of R&D Investment Holdings and former CEO of Sinmat, Inc., who is recognized for seminal discoveries in chemical/mechanical polishing of a class of superhard semiconductors, significantly enabling the advancement of 5G communications infrastructure and defense electronics, as well as the manufacture of smartwatches, smartphones, and components for electric vehicles.

Krishna "Kris" Singh: Founder, President and CEO of Holtec International, who is recognized for extensive transformational innovations that provide the foundational structure for modern nuclear power energy, including systems and equipment, safe storage, transportation of spent fuel; as well as improved operations, safety and efficiency of nuclear power plants.

Gary K. Starkweather (Deceased): An American engineer who is recognized for inventing the world's first laser printer and lead-

ing the frontier of the field of color management technology, including Apple's ColorSync technology; as well as advancements in imaging for Microsoft and the film industry, especially as part of the digital effects team for the original Star Wars.

Innovation and invention are the building blocks of our Nation. I applaud these highly accomplished individuals and the organizations that support them in their quest to change the world in ways that truly benefit humanity. It is because of the perseverance of these inventors that future generations are encouraged to reach beyond their limits and push the boundaries of innovation.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JEAN EK

HON. SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Genevieve Ek, known as "Jean" by her beloved friends and family. Jean passed away last month after a life full of love, friendship, and kindness.

She was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin in December of 1941, growing up in Racine before moving to Two Harbors, Minnesota. She opted to stay in Two Harbors even after her family moved to Oregon because of the strong and lasting relationships she had built with her friends and the love of her life, Harold. Jean and Harold would go on to marry in 1963 and have 3 children—Adele, Lura, and John.

Jean was well known during her career in medical administration, helping mentor dozens during her tenure as she worked diligently to advance from receptionist to Executive Director of Crossroads Medical Center.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Harold, their 3 children, 8 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

While Jean will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her, her legacy of leadership, kindness, and compassion remains.

I am honored to commemorate the life of Jean Ek and wish her family and friends strength and peace in their grief.

CELEBRATING HOBSON ELLIS RODENBAUGH ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my warmest wishes to Hobson Ellis Rodenbaugh in celebration of his 100th birthday.

Hobson or Hobby as he is more affectionately known, was born in Hunterdon County on August 11, 1923. At 19, Hobby enlisted in the Army Signal Corps, serving in the Marshall Islands, Japan, and the Philippines during World War II. After being discharged, he came home to New Jersey where he married the Love of his life Virginia Mae Wands.

Hobby continued to express his passion for service by serving on the Clinton Town Council and as Police Commissioner. In his retire-

ment, Hobby joined the Union Township Senior Club of Hunterdon County and has served as both the Vice President and President of the organization. During his tenure Hobby has shared his passion for travel by arranging for the group to visit many locations around the country and the world.

Mr. Speaker, it is individuals like Hobby who should inspire us all. I wish to convey our appreciation for his years of service to our country and community. May he continue to touch the lives of many for years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL C. HAYES

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life of Michael C. Hayes.

Born on August 23, 1950, Michael was raised in Scituate, Massachusetts by his parents, Miriam and Robert Hayes. He attended Thayer Academy in Braintree and graduated from Boston College and Suffolk Law School. Infected with polio in 1955, Michael lived the remainder of his life in leg braces, serving as an inspiration to all and guiding his lifelong commitment to working for tolerance and acceptance of all people.

After graduating from law school in 1975, Michael, a third-generation lawyer, practiced law alongside his brother, Joe, and his cousin, John, and later went on to serve as an Assistant District Attorney for Plymouth County. After a short time in California, Michael returned to his hometown to practice law on Front Street in Scituate Harbor. Throughout his legal career, he always sought to help those in need. Not only did Michael establish himself as a pillar of the community through his work as an attorney, but he was also a devoted public servant.

First elected to the Scituate School Committee in 1988 in the wake of Proposition 2½ budget cuts, Michael proudly served Scituate's students until choosing not to run for re-election in 1994. He was recognized by the Scituate Town Meeting in 1995 for his "his untiring and diligent efforts to secure the funding necessary to support and maintain excellence in public education despite pressing economic constraints." Michael returned to the school committee in 1998 and oversaw the construction of the new Jenkins School and an extensive renovation of Scituate High School and championed the funding for programs dear to him, including the arts and the METCO program. In 2014, Michael chose not to seek re-election and took a step back to concentrate on his health. Ever committed to Scituate's schools, Michael returned once more, beginning his third tenure on the School Committee in 2016, which saw the opening of the new Gates School in 2017. Michael won his tenth and final term on the School Committee in 2019.

Sadly, Michael left us too soon on August 21, 2023, leaving behind his children Patrick, Lucy, and Fred, and his five granddaughters, Chelsea, Lena, June, Iris, and Willow. Michael was predeceased by his daughter Heidi Rose.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the life of Michael Hayes, and I ask that my colleagues

join me in recognizing his life's commitment to serving his town and community.

**PRESIDENT BIDEN'S \$6 BILLION
IRAN PAYOFF**

HON. MICHELLE STEEL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the passage of the MAHSA Act, which is an important step in holding the Iranian regime accountable for its continued oppression of its own people.

However, we cannot ignore the Biden Administration's latest misstep in handing over \$6 billion to Iran.

Longstanding U.S. policy dictates that we do not negotiate with terrorists.

Unfortunately, that is exactly what President Biden did with this payoff, enabling Iran to continue threatening the security of the free world.

I've introduced the bipartisan, bicameral Solidifying Iran Sanctions Act with Foreign Affairs Chairman MCCAUL.

Our legislation will hold Iran accountable and prevent them from acquiring nuclear weapons. Iran poses a serious threat to global stability and peace.

We need strength—not payoffs and appeasement—to deter future hostility from this rogue regime.

HONORING MR. LOUIS JOHNSON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and selfless leader, Mr. Louis Johnson. He has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to make a difference.

Mr. Louis Johnson, affectionally known as "Bay Bay", is the winner of the first annual Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Bill Hetrick Community Service Award. The Bill Hetrick Community Service Award is named after Bill Hetrick, who served as a long-time board member and Past President of the Mississippi Sports Foundation, Inc.

Mr. Johnson, the former Chief of Police in Edwards, Mississippi for 39 years, parlayed his love of sports into coaching youth baseball and softball. He was able to coach while also giving the children in his community a positive role model to follow. When the number of kids playing baseball started to dwindle, Mr. Johnson started coaching basketball, and, at one point he was coaching 6 different teams at the same time. He has been a great asset to his community, and his work never goes unnoticed.

The Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame will honor Louis Johnson for his lifetime commitment to his community with this award during its annual Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, set for Saturday, July 29, at the Jackson Convention Complex.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Louis Johnson for his dedication and hard work in caring for the constituents in the State of Mississippi.

**RECOGNIZING THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE CONFERENCE OF
WESTERN WAYNE**

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Conference of Western Wayne on the occasion of the 45th anniversary of their founding. The services that they have provided to 18 different communities in Western Wayne County are worthy of commendation.

The Conference of Western Wayne was created in 1978 to help integrate the local gov-

ernments of Western Wayne County. Encompassing 18 communities, 340 square miles and over 730,000 residents, the CWW coordinates 911 services and projects for the residents of Western Wayne. CWW also represents its 730,000 residents by meeting monthly to discuss issues such as transportation, public safety, community and economic development, the environmental health of the region, and legislation. The conference is constantly strategizing on potential legislation at the federal, state, and local level that impacts the communities of the conference. This constant discussion allows for the conference to identify areas where their communities can work together and support each other.

In 2016, the CWW was the first 911 Service District in Wayne County to implement Text to 911, a service that has done wonders for those who are deaf, mute, or those for whom English isn't their first language. On top of their 911 responsibilities, the CWW is also well involved in the communities they represent. The CWW oversees the Rescue Recovery project in partnership with Growth Works and Trinity Health to provide substance use services to those in need, with a primary focus on opioid abuse. Last year, the Western Wayne Rescue Recovery program met with over 1,100 clients, providing support through face-to-face and telehealth meetings, as well as coordinating services with healthcare providers and the court system. CWW also partners with local Youth Assistance Programs to help provide families and youth within the CWW region with the knowledge and skills to make healthy choices.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the achievements of the Conference of Western Wayne over the last 45 years. With the support of the CWW, the residents of Western Wayne County have had better response times to emergencies and have had access to a plethora of programs to enhance their daily life. We thank the CWW for all the support they provide to our Western Wayne communities and hope to see another 45 years of tremendous service to those in need.