

the city of Hayward by reducing graffiti vandalism. When graffiti taggers were caught, Chuck offered to mentor and help them change course to prevent property vandalism. Chuck also founded HayWallKru in 2010, empowering graffiti taggers to become artists through abatement, education, and additional development opportunities.

Chuck served in the community through his various roles in other community service organizations, such as director of the Hayward Coalition for Healthy Youth, the Ashland Cherryland Health Community Coalition, the Hayward Rotary Club, the Salvation Army Meal Project Coordinator, Vice President of the Hayward Education Foundation, and an Ambassador for the Hayward Chamber of Commerce.

Chuck has been a beloved member of the Hayward community for over 30 years, and known as the big guy with a booming voice, and a personality to match. Chuck has battled prostate cancer for ten years while remaining involved in various outreach roles and has recently started hospice care.

I join the Hayward community in recognizing the contributions of Pastor Chuck and send my sincerest well wishes to Linda, his wife of over 50 years, and their two children, Christal and Aaron.

HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JOHNNY APPLESEED ARTS AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL IN LEOMINSTER, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Johnny Appleseed Arts and Cultural Festival in Leominster, Massachusetts on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

While many have heard the tales of Johnny Appleseed—the American folk hero who wandered our early Nation planting apple seeds—not many know the man behind the story.

John Chapman was born in Leominster, Massachusetts in 1774. From a young age, his father taught him to cultivate trees. That's where his story starts.

Back then, frontier law allowed anyone to earn a claim to the land by developing a permanent homestead on it. Chapman established his homesteads by planting apple orchards, just like his father. He ventured more than 100,000 square miles from Massachusetts to Illinois, all the while planting apple seeds in his wake. At the time of his death in 1845, John Chapman owned over 1,200 acres of land, leaving behind hundreds of apple trees.

Every year since 1993, thousands of people have gathered in Leominster to celebrate the life and work of John Chapman. Through live music and apple crisp, the festival aims to honor Chapman's legacy of abundance, bravery, and cultivation.

Mr. Speaker, this year is special. Under the dedication and expertise of Festival Coordinator Rick Marchand, the event has blossomed year after year. This year, the festival will provide 1,000 complimentary meals to chil-

dren and their families, accommodate 230 local vendors, and welcome several dozens of organizations and artists to interface with their community. The Johnny Appleseed Arts and Cultural Festival is a chance to celebrate our rich land across generations.

Mr. Speaker, Johnny Appleseed is a treasured National figure that we in Central Massachusetts are proud to share. I commend the Johnny Appleseed Festival on its 30th anniversary and am proud of the staff, volunteers, and community members that work to make this such a beloved annual event. We look forward to welcoming tens of thousands of neighbors to this beloved festival.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I regrettably missed Roll Call No. 393 on September 18, 2023.

Had I been present, I would have voted AYE.

REMEMBERING FRANK BARRIOS

HON. RUBEN GALLEG

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Mr. GALLEG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and mourn the loss of Frank Barrios, a third generation Arizonan and proud Mexican American who dedicated over 50 years of service to the people of Arizona. I want to express my gratitude for Frank's remarkable service to the 3rd Congressional District, to our community, and to all of Arizona.

Frank spent his career in hydrology, utilizing his engineering degree to ensure the sustainability of Arizona's water supply. Without these efforts, Arizona's growth and success over the past decades would not have been possible. He began his career with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. From there, he transitioned to the Arizona Water Commission, later called the Arizona Department of Water Resources, serving as a director for both the Pinal and Phoenix Active Management Areas. After retiring from Colorado River Planning in 1998, Frank was appointed to the Central Arizona Water Conservation District Board of Directors, where he served for 3 years.

But Frank's impact and his legacy go far beyond his career. Frank served as President of 7 boards, won numerous awards and accolades, and published several books. He was passionate about preserving the history of Mexican Americans in the Valley, fighting to restore a historically Latino burial ground in downtown Phoenix and archiving photographs and stories. Thanks to his work, the contributions of Latinos to Arizona history will not be erased.

My thoughts are with Frank's family and friends during this difficult time. Although he will be greatly missed, his legacy will be carried on through the countless lives he touched in his decades of service to the people of Arizona.

HONORING THE HEROIC SERVICE OF OPERATIONS SPECIALIST 5TH CLASS DONALD WOLF

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Operations Specialist 5th Class Donald Wolf of Morristown for his courageous military service in the United States Army. Specialist Wolf joined the Army in 1968, and trained for the Quartermaster Corps after attending basic training at Ft. Campbell in Kentucky.

In 1969, SPC Wolf deployed to Vietnam, where he served as a clerk in Headquarters Company 266 Supply and Service Battalion. During his tour of duty, he earned the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service in a Combat Zone. Ultimately, he was honorably discharged from the Army following 2 valiant years of service.

Please join me in thanking Operations Specialist 5th Class Donald Wolf for his bravery and heroic military service to our great Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge that 20 years ago, on September 4, 2003, President George W. Bush signed the Prison Rape Elimination Act, or PREA, into law. This law recognized the difficult truth of rampant and completely unacceptable sexual abuse of people in our jails, prisons, and juvenile detention facilities, and endeavored to address it. PREA sought to end these abuses by creating research mandates, promulgating National standards, and providing grant funding to meet those standards.

Ending prisoner rape remains one of the increasingly rare topics on which people on both sides of the aisle can continue to agree. I joined forces with my Virginia colleague, Congressman Frank Wolf, to sponsor the bill in this chamber, and Senators Ted Kennedy and Jeff Sessions sponsored PREA in the Senate. PREA passed with unanimous support in both the House and Senate. Fighting against institutional abuse and protecting those who cannot advocate for themselves should never be a partisan issue, and I have been gratified by the coalition of support PREA has inspired over the years.

Since PREA's passage, we've seen dramatic improvements in how adults and children in detention are treated. Thousands of corrections professionals have been hired and trained to ensure the safety of people in their custody through the implementation of PREA's National standards. The U.S. Department of Justice is now required to gather data on sexual abuse in custody that provides corrections facilities, advocates and policymakers with invaluable information on the dynamics of sexual abuse in detention, and how it can be stopped.

Hundreds of thousands of incarcerated people are educated every year about their right

to be safe and respected, and how to speak out if they are not. Incarcerated people, their families, and advocates now have more effective methods of reporting sexual abuse, as evidenced by the dramatic increase in the number of reports we have seen since PREA's enactment. This is a clear sign that incarcerated survivors understand that people care about their experiences, that they have mechanisms to advocate for themselves, and that their voices should no longer go unheard. Through these efforts and sustained support for survivors, the stigma of reporting abuse has been steadily eroding since PREA's passage.

I also want to acknowledge the broad-based coalition of advocates and civil rights groups that fought to pass PREA, encourage corrections facilities to implement PREA's National standards, and continue to ensure that the law lives up to its intended purpose and promise. Specifically, people who have endured this abuse have been on the front lines of the effort to make our prisons and jails places where people are free of sexual abuse. Just Detention International's Survivor Council deserves special mention. These courageous survivors have fought tirelessly to ensure that no one ever has to face abuse and to instill in all of us the principle that no matter what crime a person has committed, rape is not part of the penalty.

The work we set out to do with PREA is by no means over. Rape in prisons is still far too common. And young people, LGBTQ+ individuals, immigrants, and people who come from communities of color are more affected by this crisis than others. The recent cases of staff sexual abuse in California at the Federal Correctional Institution Dublin (FCI—Dublin) at the highest levels expose and illustrate the impunity with which many staff perpetrators still operate. Making things worse, the dozens of women at FCI—Dublin who were abused could not initially get support services. This highlights a larger problem of a lack of resources for community service providers.

Prisons, jails, and youth detention facilities nationwide must commit to implementing the National Prison Rape Elimination Act standards. This doesn't mean merely changing policies as they're written on paper. It means meaningfully adopting those policies and shifting the culture on the ground in detention facilities. This encompasses everything from safer reporting procedures for survivors to stronger investigations after an assault occurs. We must empower staff to identify signs that incarcerated people are being abused, and to identify red flags in staff behavior that could result in abuse. We must also have more confidential emotional support services in prisons, especially from community providers, so that survivors can get the help they deserve. And finally, we must end the culture of impunity and the code of silence among staff which allows abuse to flourish. As I have before, I call on the Department of Justice to work vigor-

ously to ensure that every state implements PREA to protect all inmates from sexual violence.

Mr. Speaker, on the 20th anniversary of its enactment, let us take this moment to recognize the ways that PREA marked an important shift in how we, as a country, deal with this violence. Sexual abuse in detention may not be a secret epidemic anymore, but it is incumbent upon us to actualize the goal set out in this historic law and end this crisis, once and for all. Let me say again: rape is not part of the penalty.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF CAPRON, ILLINOIS

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Village of Capron, Illinois, for celebrating their 150th anniversary.

On December 3, 1873, the Village of Capron was established in Boone County, Illinois. The Village of Capron was named after Colonel Capron who purchased the land from Nancy Scott and Nathan H. Wooster served as the village's first president. Today, the village serves as the third largest municipality in Boone County with a population of 1,400 residents.

The village celebrated significant achievements throughout its history, such as the drilling of its first municipal well in 1881, the building of its original water tower in 1900, and electricity coming to the village in 1911. We are grateful for Capron's commitment and investment in agriculture and business development in northern Illinois.

The Village of Capron is known throughout northern Illinois for the services that it has provided for the community over the last 150 years. Today, we celebrate the village and their residents for their dedication to their community. I extend my sincere congratulations to the Village of Capron, Illinois for a successful 150 years, and I wish them even more success going forward.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MU LAMBDA CHAPTER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor the 100th anniversary of the

chartering of the Mu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the eleventh alumni chapter of the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African Americans.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was founded on December 4, 1906, by 7 young African American men, known as the Seven Jewels, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. The founders of the fraternity—Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle and Vertner Woodson Tandy—recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African Americans.

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is the largest predominantly African American intercollegiate fraternity and 1 of the 10 largest intercollegiate fraternities in the Nation, with more than 850 chapters around the world. The fraternity is led by General President Dr. Willis L. Lonzer, III, Interim Executive Director Sean L. McCaskill, Comptroller Donald E. Jackson and General Treasurer Densel Fleming. Its Eastern Region and Mid-Atlantic Association of Alpha Chapters are led by Regional Vice President East Christopher G. Ellis, Jr., Regional Assistant Vice President East Tamir D. Harper, District VI Director Ray Hawkins, Jr., Assistant District VI Director Noah Absalon, and Area Director Michael Taylor.

The Mu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was established as the first alumni chapter in the District of Columbia on October 1, 1923, in response to the desire of graduate members, many of whom were initiated into the Beta Chapter at Howard University, to give aid to the undergraduate members and continue the work of the fraternity after graduation.

The Mu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity established the Mu Lambda Foundation in 1994 expressly to provide community service to residents of the District of Columbia and to inspire and assist today's youth in their quest to make their mark on society. For 100 years, the Mu Lambda Chapter has played a role in the positive development of the character and education of men. Six members of the Mu Lambda Chapter have served as the General President of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and two have served as the Eastern Region Vice President. Members of the Mu Lambda Chapter are leaders in the areas of government, business, entertainment, philanthropy, law, non-profit, science, sports, literature, armed services, religion and academia.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in commanding the members of the Mu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, past and present, for their bond of friendship, common ideals and beliefs, and service to their community and in expressing our best wishes for the Mu Lambda Chapter's continued growth and success.