

great-nieces, and great-nephews; and, his many friends, some of whom David considered like family. I pray for all of his loved ones during this difficult time.

David was a good Republican and a good Christian. He loved his family and friends deeply and lived his last days to the fullest, despite his diagnosis.

I, and many others, will greatly miss him.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE 2023 AMHERST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD WINNERS

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today I am honored to recognize six businesses, organizations, and individuals that have been instrumental to the growth of Amherst, NY. As the pillar of the business community in Western New York's most populous suburb, the Amherst Chamber of Commerce has the responsibility of identifying many of our community leaders. At this "Excellence Event," there is no shortage of men and women who have put the interests of their neighbors ahead of their own.

This year's winner of the Stewardship Award is Goodwill of Western New York. Their mission of caring for others is not only commendable but has a tangible impact on countless individuals within our community. Goodwill's programs give those seeking employment a chance to showcase their skills and ambition in a productive environment. They take pride in helping to lift those from unemployment or underemployment while collecting millions of pounds in local donations. Annually, Goodwill of Western New York supports well over 1,000 individuals in their pursuit of workforce development programs. It is my hope that Goodwill can continue to expand their services and build on the success that earned them this year's Stewardship Award.

After more than six decades of serving Western New York families and businesses, Lawley Insurance is awarded this year's Family-Owned Business Award. A third-generation family business, Lawley has become a premiere agency in the eyes of the community they serve. Since the beginning, their leadership team placed an emphasis on ethics and maintaining the strength of the Western New York region. With offices across New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey, the current stewards of Lawley Insurance have never lost sight of their home in Buffalo. With great pride in this local group, I wish Lawley Insurance a bright future in our region.

Spectrum Reach, the advertising arm of Charter Communications, will receive this year's Chairman's Award. Just this year, Charter has mentored over 700 multicultural businesses.

This program, "Pay It Forward," is an effort to give businesses free advertising, creative services, and educational resources. In a fast-paced world so focused on the bottom line, it is reassuring to know that local partners at a

company as large as Charter have a focus on bettering our community.

Fittingly, Amherst Chamber of Commerce is bestowing Buffalo AKO Art Museum with the Commitment to Excellence Award. After nearly four years of construction, AKG has transformed their campus to become a nationwide leader in art and culture. This \$230 million project was over a decade in the making and will undoubtedly be the hub to both local pride and outside tourism. As a longtime fixture in our community, it is nothing short of proper that we recognize the Buffalo AKG for their commitment to providing a welcoming atmosphere to feature world-class exhibitions while serving as a hub for creative and educational programs. Their new campus is nothing short of excellent and their recognition at this event is well-earned.

This year's Woman of Distinction Award is given to Jody Briandi, the President and Managing Partner of Hurwitz Fine P.C. A woman of numerous awards and recognitions, Jody has experience in state, federal, and appellate courts across New York State. Her sterling reputation as a professional litigator is matched by her willingness to improve her community and assist others. She has invested her time and attention to helping women realize their full leadership potential and advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion. Jody is a success in all her endeavors and a model citizen in our community.

Lastly, Gilbane Building Company is spearheading the project to build the new Buffalo Bills stadium and being recognized as the Business of the Year. A 1.35 million square foot structure, this task is no small feat, but will prove to be the home to our fans and community. Thousands of workers and hours of labor will be dedicated to this state-of-the-art facility under the leadership of Gilbane. Notably, 40 percent of contracts for this project have been awarded to minority, women, or service-disabled veteran-owned companies. Gilbane is placing an emphasis on relationships with local businesses and residents to ensure that this project will benefit our local economy.

Congratulations to the 2023 Amherst Chamber of Commerce honorees; Goodwill of Western New York, Lawley Insurance, Spectrum Reach, Buffalo AKG Museum, Jody Briandi, and Gilbane Building Company. I would like to thank each person, group, and company that continues to contribute to the growth and prosperity of Western New York.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE 555TH CIVIL ENGINEERING SQUADRON, KNOWN AS "TRIPLE NICKEL," RED HORSE UNIT

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, it is my privilege to recognize and honor the United States Air Force 555th Civil Engineering Squadron, "Triple Nickel," as one of the original RED HORSE units for their distinguished service and commendable achievements during the Vietnam War.

In the thick of the Vietnam War, on October 1, 1965, the U.S. Air Force activated the first RED HORSE squadrons, notably the 555th and 554th Civil Engineering Squadrons (CES), which would soon earn their nicknames, "Triple Nickel" and "Penny Short," respectively. Initially designated as "Prime BEEF Heavy Repair" units, these squadrons quickly distinguished themselves, prompting leaders to coin the term "RED HORSE," an acronym for Rapid Engineer Deployable, Heavy Operations Repair Squadron—Engineering. Their mission was crucial—to establish a long-term civil engineering presence and provide major repair capabilities in the combat zones of Southeast Asia.

The deployment of RED HORSE units was a strategic move at a critical juncture in the war when the demands on Army and Navy construction units far exceeded their capacity. With the Army and Navy construction forces fully engaged, RED HORSE units emerged to fill the need. Upon deployment to Cam Ranh Air Base, South Vietnam, the Triple Nickel unit immediately began operations by hitting the beach with supplies and heavy equipment.

Civil engineer units from across the United States were assigned to various Air Force installations throughout Vietnam, including Cam Ranh, with some of the most distinguished officers and airmen being selected for RED HORSE duty. The 1969 roster that served in the 555th CES was composed of four hundred civil engineer personnel, arriving in Vietnam at the height of the war and responding to urgent infrastructural needs following the Tet Offensive of 1968, which delivered damaging blows to American installations up and down the peninsula.

Cam Rahn Air Base required significant infrastructure to sustain the war effort—from paved landing strips to dormitory housing for the troops. Triple Nickel not only repaired and constructed new facilities on Cam Ranh Air Base but also saw action at various American and Vietnam installations throughout the peninsula—from the Delta to the DMZ. In Vietnam, over two thousand RED HORSE troops deployed annually where they built both horizontal and vertical facilities to support the Air Force's mission and engaged in numerous humanitarian projects for local communities.

As the Vietnam War began to wind down in the early 1970s there were calls to deactivate units that had been formed during the war. However, thanks to the foresight of certain military and Congressional leaders who recognized the inherent value RED HORSE provides to the Air Force in both peace and war, multiple units remain in National Guard and Reserve organizations.

In the aftermath of the Vietnam War, the bonds formed during the conflict were not only maintained but strengthened. Now, veterans of Triple Nickel who served together in Vietnam occasionally gather to celebrate the friendships, accomplishments, and bonds that were forged in the challenging environment of a war-torn country.

It is my distinct honor to recognize the 555th Civil Engineering Squadron, "Triple Nickel," for the critical role they held in the Vietnam War and the enduring bond they maintain today.

RECOGNIZING HILL TOP BAKERY

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Hill Top Bakery in Kaukauna.

For the past 100 years, the Hill Top Bakery in Kaukauna has provided exceptional customer service and delicious, daily made, old-fashioned baked goods for people throughout Wisconsin. Originally a horse stable, their building on 7th and Main in Kaukauna was repurposed into a bakery and opened in 1923, where it still remains to this day. To say baking runs in the family is an understatement. Mark and Lynn Engel have owned and operated the location for nearly 30 years after they took it over from Lynn's parents, Harry and Diane Wirth, who ran the Bakery for the previous 26 years. The family's commitment to outstanding service and quality products for more than 50 years has made Hill Top Bakery a staple in Northeast Wisconsin.

In addition to offering delicious baked goods for people throughout Northeast Wisconsin, Hill Top Bakery is known for its unwavering support of Kaukauna and the greater Fox Valley community. The Bakery has donated goods to organizations like Project Purpose, a collaborative mural experience that centers around students in Special Education at Appleton East High School. During Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, the Bakery donates a portion of its proceeds to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. I commend the dedication and unwavering support that the Hill Top Bakery team has shown to our community.

100 years in operation is no small feat and at Hill Top Bakery they have the perfect recipe for success, incredible people, a Northeast Wisconsin work ethic, and generations of family recipes that have been acquired over the last century. From their famous peanut squares to their cherry chip cookies, Hill Top Bakery provides top-notch baked goods to the people of Wisconsin. It is evident due to their continued success that the Hill Top Bakery is committed to providing homemade, authentic, and old-fashioned bakery items for people throughout Northeast Wisconsin, all the while making our community a better place.

I invite all members of this body to join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Hill Top Bakery. I extend my sincerest congratulations to Mark and Lynn Engel and the entire Hill Top Bakery team on this remarkable milestone and wish them continued success for years to come.

HONORING KATHLEEN AND
WILLIAM WISNEWSKI**HON. ANDREW R. GARBARINO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. GARBARINO. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise today to honor a true Long Island "power couple"—Kathleen and William Wisniewski—who are both retiring this year after distinguished multi-decade long careers

at National Grid—the leading energy provider in my district. Bill began his service at National Grid—then known as LILCO—in 1986 as a meter reader making \$7.50 an hour. A second-generation company employee, he put himself through night school and rose through the ranks as a gas and electric planner, field inspector, contractor supervisor, and finally field trainer, ensuring that future generations of National Grid employees will adhere to the same high standards and dedication he so diligently displayed over his long career. Bill was also long active in IBEW Local 1049 at times serving as a shop steward and on the executive board, effectively representing his fellow employees through several acquisitions and successful contract negotiations.

Kathy started at the company in 1989 after graduating with a degree in business administration from Hofstra University. Initially hired as an energy specialist in the conservation services department, Kathy climbed the corporate ladder at LILCO, Keyspan and now National Grid eventually ascending to Director of Customer and Community Relations for all of Long Island. In this position—and all throughout her career at National Grid—Kathy worked every day to strengthen communities across the island and help my constituents access the essential energy resources that power their lives. There was no better example of this than Kathy's work in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy—a historic storm that devastated my district in 2012. Kathy put in countless hours on behalf of National Grid customers, connecting them to critical disaster relief and working to restore their life sustaining energy service as safely and efficiently as possible. For these efforts she was recognized by several municipalities and community organizations including the city of Long Beach and its Martin Luther King Center.

I also want to acknowledge Kathy's service on the boards of Girls Inc. and Vision Long Island. Her leadership in these organizations dedicated to empowering young girls and building a more vibrant and livable community guarantees that her positive impact on Long Island will continue to be felt for decades to come.

For over thirty years, through overnights, weekends, holidays and countless storms—Kathy and Bill did their part to make sure the lights and heat came on when their neighbors needed it the most. We thank them and thousands of National Grid employees just like them who work day-in and day-out to literally power our communities.

While this is certainly a loss for National Grid and my constituents, their well-earned retirement will allow them to spend more time with their daughters Jennifer and Bridget and dogs Harley and Winnie. I am happy they are staying in Lindenhurst, the town they have called home since 1993 and wish them many years of smooth sailing as they captain their boat "Club Wiz" across the Great South Bay and along the South Shore communities in my district. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, please join me in congratulating William and Kathleen Wisniewski on this momentous occasion and thanking them for their years of dedicated service.

LIVING SPRING HARRISBURG
CHURCH**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I'm honored to recognize Living Spring Harrisburg Church, a parish of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, as it celebrates 20 years of Christian ministry on November 4, 2023.

The Living Spring congregation was founded on November 2, 2003, under the distinguished leadership of Senior Pastor Tunde Oyelowo and his wife, Pastor Yinka Oyelowo. The Church, over the past two decades, has inspired faith, community service, and spiritual enlightenment. Its incredible growth from 8 to 500 members now represents 33 nations and a unique array of lingual and ethnic communities throughout South Central Pennsylvania.

The Church's vision of transforming lives, empowering people, and impacting communities is carried out through its 60,000 square foot, state-of-the-art International Center, accompanied by 8 flourishing local churches that extend to Lancaster, Lebanon, York, and Carlisle. The Church's reach, impact, and inspiration of unity and communal growth is yet another sign of God's enduring faithfulness and blessings.

Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, on behalf of the 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I'm honored and humbled to recognize Living Spring Harrisburg Church and 2 decades of success. Living Spring's cultivation of moral values, charitable activity, and community faith is truly the epitome of God's work, and I wish its community continued great health, happiness, prosperity, and success for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO DR. IRIS SHANNON,
NURSE, EDUCATOR AND ADMINISTRATOR**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, today, I wish to pay my deepest respects to Dr. Iris Shannon—a nurse, educator and administrator. I met and got to know Iris Shannon in the late 1960s when I began to work in healthcare, first at the Dr. Martin Luther King Health Center, the Westside Health Planning Organization and Mile Square Health Center.

I knew Iris as a competent, involved nurse, as Director of Nursing at Mile Square, as Director of Nursing at Rush Medical Center and as a Nursing Professor at Rush Medical School. The late 1960s and early 1970s were very serious health interest years and health activity due to the civil rights activity, changes in health law and the leadership of Democrats in government. These changes in health took place at all levels of government and Iris was what I call an activist.

There were meetings about health all over the place and practically all of the time. Iris was often present at many of these meetings, sharing her knowledge, her expertise and her wisdom. Iris worked with nurse groups, administrative groups, community groups, women