

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

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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

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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

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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 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

groups, black power group and the list goes on.

If it was about health and health care needs, Iris was there. Iris was an organizer, a joiner, a promoter, a practitioner, a scholar, a teacher, a mentor and a role model, not loud, but a leader who became President of the American Public Health Association.

Iris made her mark during what I call "movement time", a period when Black Americans were greatly moving out of the shadows of society. As I mentioned earlier, Dr. Shannon was not loud, but she was proud and as black as the ace of spades, if you know what I mean.

Iris possessed Black pride, expressed Black principles, stood up for Black people and excluded Black excellence. Iris was a caring and wonderful nurse, a great scholar, teacher and administrator, a visionary leader and an amazing friend.

I am so glad to have known and worked with her. Dr. Iris Shannon was a role model to so many and will be missed by the multitudes, but her legacy of service shall endure.

CELEBRATING EDEN HOUSING'S
55TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise to recognize Eden Housing, which will celebrate 55 years since it first opened its doors, on Friday, October 27, 2023. Eden Housing provides dignified, affordable housing to residents across the state of California.

Eden Housing was founded in 1968 by community activists in Hayward, California. Led by California State University, Hayward Professor Bill Vandenburg, Eden Housing's mission is to provide safe, non-discriminatory, affordable housing in Alameda County. Following this mission, Eden Housing's first project was to rehabilitate six older homes in Oakland so that each family could keep making memories without sacrificing safety.

Eden Housing also develops high-quality housing communities for low-income families, seniors, veterans, and persons with disabilities throughout my district, the wider Bay Area, and California. Eden Housing properties ensure that residents receive supplemental resident and enrichment programs to support their

well-being. These services include wellness checks, physical education, and financial workshops.

Over the course of its history, Eden Housing has developed nearly 12,000 affordable housing units across 155 properties in California, with more than 100,000 residents calling Eden Housing properties home. Since its inception, Eden Housing has also awarded over 620 scholarships to residents totaling more than \$1 million in support of their academic and professional goals.

It has been my privilege to support Eden Housing's work by passing a direct appropriation of \$1 million for the development of a veterans' park in Livermore. Their hard work was also recently recognized by the Department of the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund award of \$10 million.

In sum, Eden Housing is pivotal to improving California neighborhoods through nurturing relationships with residents and diverse community partners. I am grateful for the 55 years of hard work that Eden Housing has undertaken to become a leader in the establishment of affordable housing in our state. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating Eden Housing's legacy and wish it many more productive years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF DR.
DAVID OLIVE

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, I rise to honor the career of Bluefield University President Dr. David Olive, who is set to retire at the conclusion of the 2023–2024 school year. Dr. Olive has over 25 years of experience in higher education, serving as university president since 2007.

During his time as president, Dr. Olive oversaw the introduction of both master's degree programs, online degree programs, and a RN–BSN program. He has also overseen the expansion of residential housing and the Science Center on campus.

Prior to serving as university president, Dr. Olive served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Adult Programs at Pfeiffer University. He has also held various positions at Carson-Newman University, Tennessee Tech University, and The University of Tennessee.

During his career, he has chaired the Council of Independent Colleges of Virginia, the Appalachian College Association, the International Association of Baptist Colleges & Universities. He served on the NAIA Council of Presidents, on the board of directors for the Appalachian Athletic Conference and the Virginia College Fund. He is also an ordained minister in the Southern Baptist faith.

While he transitions to full retirement, Dr. Olive has made a commitment that he will find ways to continue to serve others.

Congratulations on an incredible career to Dr. Olive. He has left a lasting mark on Bluefield University and the many students he has met, taught, and mentored throughout the years.

Besides serving others, I hope that he gets to spend sufficient time in retirement with his wife Kathryn and children, Kayla and Will.

HONORING THE LITE OF JERICO
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker Pro Tempore, St. Louis and I rise to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Lite of Jericho Missionary Baptist Church in Missouri's First District.

The Lite of Jericho Missionary Baptist Church has been a spiritual beacon in the St. Louis community. Under the leadership of Reverend Reginald D. Rogers, Sr., the church has provided meals for those in need and organized health fairs for residents in the surrounding neighborhoods.

The church has also been an avid supporter of Annie Malone Children and Family Services. I am thankful for their work and commitment to community service, including partnering with Beyond Me Outreach, which sits under the North City Community Development Corporation.

I wish the Lite of Jericho Missionary Baptist Church success in their future endeavors, including their goal of constructing an educational facility to promote literacy among youth in the First District.

St. Louis honors the Lite of Jericho Missionary Baptist Church on a blessed 90 years of service and worship.