

From saving lives to Emmy winning inspiration, this year's recipients have made a lasting impact on those around them and in our community. It is leaders like these women who will allow us to achieve a more prosperous and inclusive future, and I congratulate them all on being recognized as "Women Who Soar."

CELEBRATING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NO. 413 WITH THE NOT FOR PROFIT OF THE YEAR AWARD BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE TONAWANDAS

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 25, 2024

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the Knights of Columbus Council No. 413 as the Not For Profit of the Year recognized by the Chamber of Commerce of the Tonawandas.

As we celebrate its 125th anniversary, we pay tribute to a legacy of service and commitment that has spanned over a century. Founded on April 23, 1899, the Knights of Columbus Council No. 413 stands as one of the oldest councils in the country, a testament to the enduring spirit of brotherhood and charitable service that defines this organization.

With over 200 dedicated members, the Knights of Columbus Council No. 413 has become a vital institution in the Tonawandas, contributing to countless charitable efforts and events that enhance the lives of the community.

In 2021, the Knights of Columbus Council No. 413 generously donated over \$100,000 to a wide range of organizations. Their contributions to the St. Francis Food Pantry, Boys and Girls Club, Meals on Wheels, and the North Tonawanda Police Coats for Kids program are just a few examples of their commitment to addressing the needs of those less fortunate in our community.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the Knights of Columbus Council No. 413 and their exceptionally rich history today, let us acknowledge their unwavering dedication to serving others, and profound impact on our community, reminding us all of the power of collective action and the importance of giving back.

REMEMBERING SENATOR TIM JOHNSON

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 25, 2024

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Senator Tim Johnson, a dedicated public servant and honorable man who passed away on October 8, 2024. Senator Johnson served the people of South Dakota with integrity and passion. While Senator Johnson faced health challenges during his time in the Senate, his courage in overcoming those adversities deepened the admiration his colleagues had for him.

While we honor his many professional accomplishments, it is important to remember

that Senator Johnson was also a devoted family man. He was a loving husband to Barbara and a proud father to their children. His family was always his greatest source of strength, and he often spoke of how their love and support sustained him throughout his career.

My thoughts and prayers are with Barbara and the entire Johnson family during this difficult time. As we remember Tim, we reflect on his dedication, spirit, and kindness.

HONORING THE CAREER OF ADELA JONES

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 25, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Adela Jones, a beloved educator and leader of Sanger Unified School District over the last 36 years.

Adela Jones received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Fresno State and subsequently earned her Master's Degree in Bilingual Education from Fresno Pacific University. Thereafter, Ms. Jones kickstarted her teaching career and joined Sanger Unified shortly after as a classroom teacher in 1987. Since then, Ms. Jones has held many positions within Sanger Unified, including Reading Development Teacher, Elementary Principal, Area Administrator, and Associate Superintendent of Educational Services. Exhibiting excellent leadership capabilities along the way as both an educator and administrator, Ms. Jones was appointed to Superintendent of Sanger Unified in 2018.

Throughout her career in education, Adela has always demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the education and well-being of Sanger Unified students. One of her proudest achievements lies in the creation of a strong and dedicated team of teachers and staff who have worked tirelessly to meet the needs of their students. From the teachers in the classroom to the support staff behind the scenes, Adela has fostered a sense of unity and purpose within the district which has prompted every student to achieve academic excellence.

This aptitude for success has served Adela and the district well, especially when faced by challenges such as the unprecedented closure of schools due to the pandemic. The decision to keep students and teachers apart was undoubtedly one of the hardest moments of her superintendency, but it also brought about a sense of unity among her team. When tested with adversity, Adela's character and diligence prevailed as she guided the district through uncharted territory, ensuring the continuation of learning and supporting her community during these trying times.

Despite their trials, Sanger Unified has continued to achieve remarkable milestones under Adela's guidance. On July 1, 2022, the district officially opened the doors to their second comprehensive high school, Sanger West. This was in addition to the establishment of six community schools made possible through an \$8 million-plus implementation grant received under Ms. Jones' leadership. For their efforts and profound progress, the district has also been honored with numerous distinctions such as the nationwide recognition of all middle schools, Schools to Watch. These suc-

cesses are testaments of Adela's diligence but if you ask her, these accomplishments are attributed to her team, not herself.

As well as an exceptional educator, Adela Jones is also an inspiration. Whether it was singing in class or endowing them with knowledge, Ms. Jones always left a lasting impression on her students. Many of whom still cherish the influence she had on their lives and even followed in her footsteps to become employees of Sanger Unified. Adela's commitment to her students extends beyond the classroom as well, as her continual mentorship and support fosters their growth and achievements long after they have graduated.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Adela Jones for her dedication and commitment to improving the lives of many students through education. May we never forget her contributions and continue to be inspired by her legacy.

RECOGNIZING PA-1'S HOMETOWN HERO: GENE AND MICHELE RICE

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 25, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize extraordinary individuals from Pennsylvania's First Congressional District—who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to both our community and our country. It is with respect and admiration that I recognize Gene and Michele Rice, two of our district's distinguished Hometown Heroes.

Hometown Heroes are not defined by titles or accolades but by the quiet power of their actions. They are distinguished by their unwavering integrity, the strength of their character, and their steadfast commitment to the people and places they serve. They are the foundation upon which our communities stand—the ones who lift others up, inspire hope, and, in doing so, call us all to higher standards of service and compassion. Gene and Michele Rice have embodied this spirit in ways that words can scarcely capture.

In their role as founders of the Plant a Seed Inspire a Dream Foundation, Gene and Michele have not only served our community but transformed the lives of those around them. They have dedicated their time and talents to inspiring, empowering, and encouraging less fortunate children to find their passion and pursue their dreams by providing scholarships for enriching opportunities. The couple works to pair children with mentors and positive role models—whether athletic, artistic, or academic—that will help them achieve their goals and create a foundation for a successful future. Since PAS was founded in 2008, over 700 scholarships have been awarded, and 700 children have had life-changing experiences and opportunities they may never have had. It is constituents like Gene and Michele that strengthen the fabric of our district and proving that when driven by purpose, compassion, and a resolute sense of duty, two individuals can leave a lasting and profound impact on an entire community.

In times of uncertainty, it is the work of individuals like Gene and Michele that reminds us of the strength of the human spirit. Their service, given without expectation of recognition,

stands as a testament to the belief that one organization's dedication can ripple through the lives of many, sparking change, fostering resilience, and inspiring hope. Today, we honor Gene and Michele not just for their remarkable deeds but for who they are—true heroes in every sense of the word.

Mr. Speaker, it is through the work of people like Gene and Michele Rice that our communities thrive and our Nation grows stronger. Their actions remind us that progress is not forged in grand gestures, but in the cumulative power of selfless acts. They embody the timeless American values of resilience, generosity, and compassion, showing us that the future is built by those who care deeply, act decisively, and give without hesitation.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's First Congressional District, I extend my deepest gratitude to Gene and Michele Rice for their extraordinary service. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional couple, whose leadership and spirit of service will inspire generations to come. May their example remind us of the boundless potential within each of us to make our communities, country, and world a better place.

HONORING DARIO RAVEANE ON
HIS 95TH BIRTHDAY

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 25, 2024

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dario Raveane, a remarkable American, veteran, and proud father who is celebrating his 95th birthday.

Dario was born on October 4, 1929, to Italian immigrants. Around two years old, his parents moved to California in search of work but quickly returned to Michigan to work for Ford Motor Company, who at the time was paying \$5.00 per day at the River Rouge Plant. At four years old, his parents shipped him to Italy for a brief period of time and, at just eight years old, Dario independently returned to the United States on the SS *Rex*—a highly frequented ocean liner.

In 1948—at 19—he graduated from the Henry Ford Trade School with a badge number of #1908. There, he specialized in learned machines and printing technology. From there, he received a recruitment letter from Ford Motor Company which he turned down because he had two months to graduate.

Dario's printing expertise became especially important as he considered enlisting in the military. His brothers Derno and Dino enlisted and Dario quickly followed by joining the Air Force. He received his basic training in San Antonio, Texas, and was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina.

Dario's primary role was to run the print shop and quickly became the Air Force's expert printmaker. There, he received "Airman of the Month" and a letter of recommendation from his Captain. While he was considered for Lieutenant, he chose to end his military career and return home to take care of his parents.

After his service, the position at the Ford Motor Company was filled. Using his skillset, he hit the beat to local print shops. For 11 years, he worked for the Rotary Manifold Forms Corporation—one of the first compa-

nies to print employee checks. From there, he worked for UForma—a printing company which he partly owned. For a time, he owned his own company, Midwest Business System, which sold a multitude of printing forms, computer products and accessories well before contemporary business giants and supply stores.

After his retirement, he returned to work at JCPenney in the men's suit department. Dario is known for his dress attire, and he jumped at the opportunity to share it with others.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dario Raveane, a true embodiment of the American Dream, on his 95th birthday. His life story is a shining example of the American spirit, and we are grateful for his contributions to his community and to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE 2024 ARTSFAIRFAX ARTS
AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 25, 2024

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize ArtsFairfax and the recipients of the 2024 Arts Awards. These awards recognize the extraordinary contributions of artists, arts organizations, individuals, and businesses in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church that support the arts in our community.

Founded in 1964, the formally named Arts Council of Fairfax County, Inc. is a non-profit organization designated as Fairfax County's local arts agency. Today, ArtsFairfax operates programs and initiatives that include grant opportunities, arts advocacy, education, and professional development opportunities for arts and culture organizations.

ArtsFairfax envisions a thriving arts and culture community accessible to all of Fairfax County. To support this vision, ArtsFairfax awarded over \$591,000 in County, public, and private funds through competitive grants and awards to 58 organizations for FY2025. Among those awardees, 81 percent are women-led, 28 percent have BIPOC leadership, and 24 percent are led by veterans. These figures reflect ArtsFairfax's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility when it comes to the arts. The Arts Awards honors supporters of the arts in four categories: the Jinx Hazel Arts Award, the Philanthropy Award, the Achievement Award, and the Innovation Award.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2024 Arts Awards Recipients:

The 2024 Jinx Hazel Arts Award, ArtsFairfax's premier award recognizing an individual or organization whose vision and commitment has helped shape the cultural life of Fairfax County, will be presented to the Peterson Family Foundation.

The 2024 Philanthropy Award will be presented to Anne Kline.

The 2024 Achievement Award will be presented to Shu-Chen Cuff.

The 2024 Innovation Award will be presented to We Rock Cancer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of the 2024

Arts Awards and recognizing the visionaries, leaders, and supporters who help to make our Northern Virginia communities rich with cultural opportunities.

CELEBRATING JOSEPH DALLOS
WITH THE BUSINESS OF THE
YEAR AWARD FOR JOEY'S
PLACE RESTAURANT BY THE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE
TONAWANDAS

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 25, 2024

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. Joseph Dallos, the owner of Joey's Place, as the Business of the Year recognized by the Chamber of Commerce of the Tonawandas.

Mr. Dallos' journey began in 1999 as owner and operator of Fortunata's Restaurant in the City of Buffalo. More recently, his culinary passion has transformed into Joey's Place, a restaurant that embodies his heart and soul. Joey's Place has truly evolved into an anchor for the City of Tonawanda business community—a beloved dining bar and meeting place where friends gather, families celebrate, and memories are made.

Together, with his children, Josh and Madison, Mr. Dallos continues to contribute to the community, making it a special and successful place to live, work, and play. His efforts remind us that a thriving business is not just about profit, but also about impact, connection, and commitment to the greater good.

Mr. Speaker, as we recognize Joseph Dallos and his exceptional work at Joey's Place today, let us celebrate a venue where connections are forged and partnerships are built. Let us recognize his entrepreneurial spirit and his heart for the community.

RECOGNIZING METRA COMMUTER
RAILROAD'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 25, 2024

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the 40th anniversary of the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Rail Corporation, better known as Metra.

In 1984—during the first Board meeting of the newly formed Commuter Rail Division—Metra was adopted as a unifying name for all the disparate parts that make up the regional commuter rail system. Forty years later, Metra is the fourth-busiest commuter rail system in the country and the largest outside of the New York City area. By unifying the historic rail lines that make up today's system, Metra has established itself as a lifeline to residents of Chicagoland who depend on it to get to work, school, health and other critical appointments, gather with friends and family, and access the wide range of activities our great city has to offer.

Earlier this year, I was pleased to assist Metra in securing federal funding for its Edgebrook Station Renovation project. Renovations include updating digital signage and