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Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the newest members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. I thank them for their service to their community and to all members of the Fire and Rescue Department, past and present. Stay safe.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF MAGGIE VERA GIBERT

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 Ms. Maggie V. Gibert on her 90th birthday. As she celebrates this milestone, her life story is a beautiful tapestry woven with love, resilience, and the rich traditions of her Southern upbringing.

Born on November 14, 1934 in Calhoun Falls, South Carolina, Ms. Gibert, born to Lucille and Hartley Hesteris, is a devoted mother of Michelle, grandmother of Aubrey and Azia, and great grandmother of Ayann. Ms. Gibert embodies the spirit of caring within her family and to everyone she meets.

After 37 years of service, Ms. Gibert retired from the Buffalo VA Hospital, where she dedicated her career as a medical transcriptionist and coder, earning her recognition for continuous improvement and excellence. Her contributions were not just a testament to her skill, but to her commitment to serving others—something she has done throughout her life.

Ms. Gibert is a devoted member of Mt. Zion Church of God Holiness, where her musical talents shine as she plays the piano for Sunday school and the Sunshine Band programs. Her faith and dedication to her community are evident in everything she does. In her leisure time, Maggie is a woman of many talents. She enjoys traveling, particularly on senior trips, and shares her passion for quilting by teaching at the William-Emslie YMCA. Her creativity extends to sewing, winemaking, and her culinary skills.

Today, we celebrate Ms. Maggie V. Gibert for being a truly remarkable woman who continues to live a fulfilling and rewarding life. Her warmth, generosity, willingness to always lend a hand, and her zest for life will surely live on for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING PA-1'S HOMETOWN HERO: GLEN D. GOLEMBESKI, II

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 25, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary individual from Pennsylvania's First Congressional District—someone who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to both our community and our country. It is with great respect and admiration that I recognize the late Glen D. Golembeski, II, one 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. Throughout his remarkable life, Glen embodied this spirit in ways that words can scarcely capture.

A third-generation firefighter, Glen was a proud Doylestown native and graduate of Central Bucks East High School. Despite facing significant physical health challenges from an early age, Glen chose to embrace life with relentless positivity, meeting every obstacle head-on and never backing down—"can't" was simply not part of his vocabulary.

Inspired by the legacy of service left by his father and grandfather, Glen's commitment to his community began early. At just sixteen, he joined the Midway Volunteer Fire Company. His passion for helping others only grew from there, leading him to serve as an EMT Fireman with the Bryn Athyn Fire Company and Ambulance Service, an EMT for the Warrenton Community Ambulance Corps, and a volunteer firefighter with the Midway Fire Company. Glen's service extended even further, as he became an invaluable member of the Newtown Ambulance Squad, Linghocken Fire Company, and most recently, spent the last five years saving lives as an EMT with the Bensalem Rescue Squad.

Glen's life was defined by extraordinary resilience, selflessness, and a tireless dedication to protecting others. His impact goes far beyond the countless lives he touched—his legacy of unwavering service and courage is woven into the very fabric of our community.

Mr. Speaker, it is because of heroes like Glen that our communities stand strong and our Nation endures. Today, we honor Glen not only for his deeds but for the man he was—a true hero in every sense of the word. His life reminds us that real strength is found in service, and his legacy will continue to inspire us all.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's First Congressional District, I extend my deepest gratitude to the family of Glen D. Golembeski, II, for his extraordinary service. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional individual, whose leadership and spirit of service will inspire generations to come. May his legacy remind us of the boundless potential within each of us to make our communities, country, and world a better place.

RECOGNIZING BRIAN "SCOTT" DEMUYNCK

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 25, 2024

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding member of the Chesterfield community, Brian "Scott" DeMuyndck, who is retiring after a remarkable career of dedicated public service. His commitment to our community and its residents exemplifies the spirit of community engagement.

Brian DeMuyndck is a proud lifelong resident of Chesterfield Township, with deep family ties to the area that span over 75 years. For 20 years, he has served on the Chesterfield Township Board as a Trustee, beginning on November 20, 2004. He has also participated on our Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission, tirelessly working to enhance the quality of life for all residents.

Professionally, Brian has had a distinguished career in law enforcement and public service. He started with the FBI in Washington, D.C., as a fingerprint examiner in March 1977. He then joined the Macomb County Sheriff's Office, where he served in various capacities, including deputy sheriff in the Marine Division, road patrol, and as an evidence technician in the crime scene unit from October 1977 until October 2002. He later became a criminal investigations assistant with the Sterling Heights Police Department in March 2002, where he continued to serve his community.

In addition to his law enforcement career, Brian was a successful entrepreneur, owning and presiding over Maurice DeMuyndck Landscaping from 1988 to 2008. He is an active member of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 187 and has enhanced his knowledge by attending various law enforcement classes at Macomb Community College.

During his time in office, Brian achieved significant accomplishments, including the implementation of Universal Waste Hauler contracts and the development of the Waterside Marketplace. He has always had strong support for parks and recreation initiatives that benefit both young families and seniors in his community.

Outside of his professional and public service commitments, Brian is an avid photographer, specializing in lighthouse photography, and enjoys boating—activities that reflect his love for the natural beauty of our region. His loyal dog, Bentley J, has been his right-hand companion throughout his journey. Brian is also a proud father to his son, Scott, and treasures his role as a grandfather to two wonderful grandchildren.

As Brian embarks on this new chapter of his life, we celebrate his invaluable contributions and the positive impact he has made on Chesterfield Township.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude to Brian "Scott" DeMuyndck for his years of service and dedication.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INSULAR
AREA MID-DECADE CENSUS ACT**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Friday, October 25, 2024*

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill that would require the United States Census Bureau to conduct a census every five years in the U.S. insular areas of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. This legislation is necessary because the priority, availability, timeliness, and types of data collected by federal agencies in the insular areas remains deficient compared to data collection in the states. Without accurate and timely information on changes in the economy, employment, income levels, and other key indicators, insular governments are hindered in the establishment of appropriate policy. And without these data, governments and the public are less able to assess the effectiveness of policies that have been established.

Every decade, the Census Bureau conducts a census throughout the country to determine the number of people living in the country. In the insular areas, detailed demographic, housing, and socioeconomic data is also collected in the decennial census using a "long-form" questionnaire consisting of about 75 questions. The decennial census conducted in the states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico only asks 10 questions because the vital information gathered in the decennial census is now acquired annually in the American Community Survey. Unfortunately, the American Community Survey does not collect critical data from the insular areas.

As an alternative to annual surveys, my bill would require the Census Bureau to conduct a mid-decade census in the insular areas. The bill starts the first mid-decade census in 2035 and in addition to the decennial census, a census will be conducted every five years. This will provide more current data in the insular areas, like that provided by five-year estimates produced by the American Community Survey. Having a mid-decade census will also enable insular governments and the Census Bureau to plan and conduct data collection efforts that are often logistically challenging in these diverse, remote regions.

I ask my colleagues for their support in achieving equitable statistical data collection for the territories.

HONORING THE FIRST AFRICAN
METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION
CHURCH**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Friday, October 25, 2024*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize The First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, San Jose, for 160 years of service, fellowship, and stewardship to the community of San Jose, California.

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, the Mother Church, was founded in October of 1796 in New York City, New York.

Aptly named the Freedom Church, it fought for the emancipation of Africans in the United States during the institution of slavery, striving towards the dignification of enslaved persons.

The First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, San Jose was founded in San Jose, California, in 1864, establishing itself as the first Black church in the area. Following in the tradition of the Mother Church, it represents the dignity, emancipation, and civil rights of all people regardless of ethnic background in the City of San Jose.

Arguably its most impressive effort, The First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, San Jose emphasizes social justice advocacy. Throughout its extensive legacy, the Church has actively participated in social justice movements, addressing issues such as racial equality and community empowerment.

In addition to advocacy and spiritual development, The First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, San Jose has accomplished various initiatives. The Church proudly hosts numerous community outreach programs, including health fairs, food drives, educational support for local youth, among other support services for those in need.

On November 10, 2024, The First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, San Jose celebrates 160 years of accomplishments within the community of San Jose, California, and will continue to admirably exceed the needs brought forth by the community.

In closing, the 160th anniversary of The First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, San Jose reflects the perseverance, dedication, and contributions of its members, leaders, and the surrounding community. It continues to make an indelible impact in the City of San Jose, leaving a legacy that will benefit future generations. I am proud and honored to celebrate The First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, San Jose on the occasion of this impressive milestone.

RECOGNIZING THE AWARD RECIPIENTS OF THE 2024 CENTREVILLE
IMMIGRATION FORUM'S ANNUAL
CELEBRATE DIVERSITY BANQUET**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Friday, October 25, 2024*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Centreville Immigration Forum on its 7th Annual Celebrate Diversity Dinner. The theme of this year's gala is "Celebrating a Community United for Justice" and will recognize the rich diversity of cultures in Northern Virginia. The Centreville Immigration Forum has done tremendous work in Northern Virginia to support our immigrant community by implementing sustainable programs that provide immigrants in need with the means to improve their lives and become more integrated into the community.

Northern Virginia is blessed by its diversity. In Fairfax County, nearly one in four residents are foreign born. More than 200 languages are spoken in our schools, and we are home to more minority-owned technology firms than anywhere else in the nation. Our variety of cultures and heritages do not divide us, they make us stronger.

Three exceptional individuals will be honored during this gala who have gone above and beyond in ensuring that everyone, regardless of their country of origin, has full access to the benefits and opportunities this community and our Nation provide. I am pleased to include in the RECORD the names of the following 2024 Annual Dinner honorees:

ELENA DE LEÓN

Elena De León is a Mayan Ixil woman from Nebaj, Guatemala. She is an entrepreneur, creator, and designer who makes clothing using traditional weaving. Elena combines her traditions with modern trends to design unique looks. Her clothing celebrates her culture, history, and preserves traditional loom weaving techniques. She brings life to her designs and her work brings visibility to her culture and traditions. She has traveled around the country to show her fashion, and she even had an opportunity to show in Dubai. She lives in Centreville, VA, and has been a member of Centreville Immigration Forum since 2018.

JUAN ANDRES MASCUÑANA

Juan Andres, a citizen of Spain and a Pharmacist from the University of Alcalá de Henares, worked as a Pharmaceutical Executive for over 35 years in several countries such as Spain, the United Kingdom, the United States (three time periods), Puerto Rico, and Switzerland.

His career in developing and manufacturing medicine included work with Eli Lilly (18 years), Novartis (12 years) and Moderna (6 years). After leading the global Novartis Manufacturing unit in Switzerland, Juan and his family moved to the Boston area to work for Moderna where he led the technical development and the manufacturing of the Covid vaccine for the world. As Moderna's VP and then President for Strategic Partnerships and Enterprise Expansion, Juan led his team in establishing the highest-quality production of more than 800 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine in one year, 2021.

Juan continues to be passionate about medicine, vaccines, and treatments for cancer since his retirement in 2023.

KAROL ESCALANTE HERRERA

Karol is the Fairfax County Director of Immigrant Community Affairs. She is part of the One Fairfax team and has more than 15 years of experience working with key topics related to immigration, community engagement, public policy, diversity, inclusion, and strategic planning.

Karol is currently developing and implementing a comprehensive countywide plan for ensuring that Fairfax County is a welcoming community for immigrants with opportunities for integration, community well-being and economic success.

She served as a diplomat in the Foreign Service of Honduras for approximately 8 years, and her last post was in Chicago, IL, as Consul General of Honduras. During that time, she worked on daily bases supporting the Honduran community and developed new strategies to be able to create programs that will have a positive impact on Hondurans in areas like immigration, human and labor rights, education, and financial literacy.

Mr. Speaker, the efforts of these individuals are noteworthy not only because they are rooted in an appreciation for our region's cultural and ethnic diversity, but also because they help to strengthen the bonds of friendship