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On behalf of Pennsylvania's First Congressional District, I extend my deepest gratitude to Romeo Angelini 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 example remind us of the boundless potential within each of us to make our communities, country, and world a better place.

RECOGNIZING LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS' 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lincoln Consolidated Schools of Augusta Township, Michigan on the occasion of their Centennial Celebration. Their steadfast commitment to the education of our area's youth over the last 100 years is worthy of commendation.

Dr. Marvin Pittman was a visionary educator in the early 1920's who believed in the strength and power of public education. The consolidation of thirteen one-room schools was voted for by the community on May 2, 1923, and in April 1924, the cornerstone of a new K–12 school was laid. This school was named Lincoln Consolidated School in connection between the equal education opportunity ideals of Abraham Lincoln and the goals of the district. Once welcoming 500 students in 1924, Lincoln now hosts a diverse student population of over 3,000.

Lincoln Consolidated Schools District is currently home to four elementary schools, one middle school, and one enlarged high school. Their commitment to developing students into high-achieving, inspired adults is exemplified through their partnership with Eastern Michigan University's Early College Alliance. At no cost, high school students are given the opportunity to experience higher education and earn college credits, opening their eyes to the possibilities after graduation. With a \$25 million bond passed in 2018, the district was able to improve facilities for athletics, fine arts, technology, and more. The Lincoln Athletic Building, with new fitness and multi-sport areas was opened in 2021 and showcases the district's dedication to community involvement by encouraging community members to also utilize the space.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the staff, students, and community that have made Lincoln Consolidated Schools a tremendous educational environment for the last century. Dr. Pittman would be proud of how they have continued to build upon his ideals for public education. I am excited to see the district foster and encourage this community's students for the next 100 years.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF TROY FLOYD

HON. GUY RESCHENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2024

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and legacy of Patrolman Troy Floyd, who was killed in the line of duty on August 8, 2024.

A lifelong resident of Lincoln County, Mississippi, Troy graduated from Brookhaven High School in 1993. He started his career as a law enforcement officer in 1996, dedicating his life to protecting and serving the southern Mississippi community.

Troy spent his years in law enforcement as a Lincoln County jailer and deputy. Additionally, he was a certified agent with the Mississippi Department of Corrections and former assistant police chief of Wesson, Mississippi. He spent his career working to improve the state's law enforcement agencies by training officers through many programs. He also taught children the dangers of drugs and alcohol through the DARE Program and mentored underprivileged youth at Camp Shelby.

Troy lived a faithful life and served his community and family every day. He was dearly loved by many because of his kindhearted nature, loyalty, selflessness, and dedication to helping others.

Troy is survived by his wife, Sage Floyd, three children, four siblings, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Mississippi Patrolman Troy Floyd's faith and service to his community is a shining example of what it means to be a public servant. I wish his family healing and strength during this difficult time.

HONORING THE LATE JERRY WOLOZ

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2024

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, a proud American and a proud New Yorker, Jerry Woloz had a profound impact on the lives of many in the fields of education and social services. He devoted his life to lifting up the most vulnerable among us and educating the next generation. For several decades, he served with distinction as a social studies teacher and dean in the NYC public school system, educating students about the critical importance of our democracy and inspiring them to be civically engaged and claim our democracy as their own. Education is the noblest profession. Jerry Woloz made it his life's work, and we are all better for it.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 54 years, Marilyn Woloz, and his two sons Michael and Jason, as well as his two beautiful grandchildren Gabriel and Olivia. The People's House is eternally grateful to Jerry Woloz for leaving behind a world better than the one he found.

RECOGNIZING PA-1'S HOMETOWN HERO RITA LENTZ

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 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, I recognize the late Rita Lentz, 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 her remarkable life, Rita embodied this spirit in ways that words can scarcely capture.

A lifelong Bristol Borough resident, Rita was a beacon of Bristol's small-town, neighborly compassion, known for her genuine acts of kindness that harkened back to a simpler time. A 1955 Bristol High School graduate, Rita went on to serve as the School Secretary at Warren-Snyder Elementary. Rita went to work committed to making a difference in the students' lives, instilling in them, and sharing the values of respect and love. As a lifelong parishioner at St. Ann Church, she was a woman of deep faith and a steadfast presence at mass, novenas, and all parish events. I looked forward to seeing Rita each year at the Annual St. Ann Carnival and Italian Festival, where she served as a volunteer since its inception over twenty-five years ago. No matter where or when, Rita always made the time to engage and make genuine connections with others. As a remarkable testament to her faith and compassion Rita made it a priority to attend and was a comforting presence at the funerals of generations of Bristolians. A lifetime of what may seem like simple acts of kindness has left an indelible and extraordinary mark on the Bristol Borough community.

In times of uncertainty, it is the work of individuals like Rita that reminds us of the power of the human spirit. Her service, given without expectation of recognition, is testament to the belief that one individual's dedication can ripple through the lives of many, sparking change, fostering resilience, and inspiring hope. Today, we honor Rita not just for her remarkable deeds but for who she was—a true hero in every sense of the word.

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

HONORING DOUG WIGHT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Doug Wight, who was named the 2024 Member of the Year by the Napa County Farm Bureau. Mr. Wight is being honored for his decades of outstanding contributions to our agricultural community in Napa County.

Mr. Wight is a fifth-generation farmer in the Napa Valley who graduated from St. Helena High School in 1968. He obtained a degree in Fruit Science from Cal Poly in 1973 before returning home to plant his first vineyard of Cabernet Sauvignon at his family's Lewelling Ranch in 1974. With Mr. Wight's extensive viticulture knowledge, he is upholding the 160-year tradition of continuous family farming on his family ranch. Today, Mr. Wight continues to farm and mentors the future farmers of his family.

In 1983, Mr. Wight started his business, Wight Vineyard Management, which has been in operation for over 40 years. The company manages 500 acres of vines across the Napa Valley. Over the course of his career, Mr. Wight has also been a longstanding member of the American Society of Oenologists and Viticulturists, one of the original members of Napa Valley Vineyard Technical Group (Vit Tech) and served on the board of directors of the Farm Supply and Grape Growers Association.

Mr. Wight also made great contributions beyond our agricultural community. As Chairman of the St. Helena High School Class of '68 Scholarship, Mr. Wight has helped ensure educational opportunities for our local students, supporting their growth and success. For 25 years, he has also served with pride on the St. Helena High School Football Chain Gang. Additionally, Mr. Wight was a founding member of the committee to reestablish the St. Helena High School FFA program, helping to revive and strengthen agricultural education programs in our region.

Mr. Speaker, Doug Wight has continued to uphold his family's legacy of humility, generosity, and community in Napa County agriculture. His award as Napa County Farm Bureau's Member of the Year recognizes the positive impact he has had in Napa County. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

CELEBRATING PASTOR JERMAINE JOHNSTON'S DEDICATION TO HIS COMMUNITY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate Pastor Jermaine Johnston of Ypsilanti, Michigan, on the 8th anniversary of his Founder's Day. Since 2016, his ministry "Berea City of Hope" has been a beacon of good will for the community and his work is worthy of commendation.

Pastor Johnston came to Ypsilanti as a young boy when his family relocated from

Brooklyn, New York. His path to the ministry is not all surprising, as he was often referred to as "the little preacher" by those who knew him. Raised by a single mother, Pastor Johnston grew up attending the St. James Church of God in Christ in Ypsilanti. He was a devoted church drummer for over 20 years, but despite everyone's expectations, he had no desire to preach.

After attending a transformational service at Burning Bush International Ministries, Pastor Johnston decided to heed the calling and dedicate his life to the church. Under the guidance of then Pastor Don W. Shelby, Jr., Pastor Johnston served as an armorbearer, observing, learning and growing spiritually. In 2008, he was licensed as a minister, and in 2010, he was ordained as an elder by Bishop John H. Sheard. His dedication to the ministry led to his appointment as an Assistant Pastor in 2015.

In the summer of 2016, Pastor Johnston brought the idea of having his own ministry to life, opening up the Berea City of Hope in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Together with his wife, Lena, the last eight years has seen Berea City of Hope truly become a bastion of hope for their community. This year, they will be hosting then 6th annual Back to School Fair, where they will be giving out free backpacks and school supplies to the neediest in the community. They also run a food pantry on the 3rd Saturday of each month, a summer literacy program, and a coat drive in the winter.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the accomplishments of Pastor Jermaine Johnston and all of the good he has done for his community. It is leaders like Pastor Johnston that make our communities safer, stronger, and more prosperous. We thank him for his service, and are excited to see how his ministry continues to serve his community well into the future.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF DONALD DUCKERING

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished life and incomparable spirit of Donald "Don" Webster Duckering, an inspiration and beloved member of his community.

Born in New York, Donald was the son of Lynn and Mae Duckering. He, along with his brother Verle, was raised in Santa Cruz, California, where their father was a prominent architect. Donald excelled in athletics during his youth, particularly in tennis, snow skiing, golf, and polo. His passion for aviation led him to earn a pilot's license at the age of 16. During high school, Donald's mechanical skills, particularly his work on fast cars, captivated the attention of Hilda, who would later become his devoted wife. Together, they shared a lifelong love for British Triumph sports cars, even participating in the Pebble Beach Sports Car Rallies with their sons, Dale and Lee.

Donald pursued higher education at the University of Washington, where he was an active member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He graduated with a bachelor of arts in transportation engineering and was commissioned as

an ensign through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) program. A pivotal moment in Donald's life was his appointment to naval flight school in Pensacola, Florida, where he earned his wings as a naval aviator. After advanced training in Hutchinson, Kansas, Donald served as a patrol plane pilot commander, leading missions across various global locations.

A highlight of Donald's distinguished career was his selection to attend the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he earned a bachelor of science in meteorology. He subsequently served as chief meteorologist aboard the USS *Oriskany*, playing a key role in numerous missions in the Middle East.

In 1963, Donald retired from the Navy as a lieutenant commander and transitioned to a successful career with Atmospherics Incorporated in Fresno, California. Over nearly four decades, he held significant roles as a meteorologist, chief pilot, and vice president.

Donald's personal life was marked by a loving and enduring marriage to his wife, Hilda, lasting 72 years. They treasured their friendships at the Sunnyside Swim & Racquet Club and later at the Fort Washington Golf & Country Club. Donald's passion for the outdoors led to memorable family camping trips, high Sierra backpacking adventures, and a successful venture into international fly tying. He also shared a special bond with his daughter Judith, racing sailboats.

Donald is survived by his beloved wife Hilda; his children: Lee and his wife Debra, Dale and his wife Debbie, and daughter Judith and her husband Scott, seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and other close relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lynn and Mae Duckering, his brother Verle, and other cherished family members.

In Don's passing, we celebrate a life that has left an indelible mark on the world and all who were fortunate enough to know him. His legacy will be remembered with respect and admiration by all who knew him.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the memory of Donald Duckering, a true pioneer, and adventurer.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TY FAHNER

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 1, 2024

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Tyrone "Ty" Fahner of Northfield, Illinois, who passed away on September 16, 2024, at the age of 81.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, Ty Fahner received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, a law degree from Wayne State University, and a master's degree in criminal justice from the Northwestern School of Law. Ty's sharp legal mind and passion for public service led him to great accomplishments in both the public and private sectors.

Upon graduation, Ty began work in the private law practice for a short period of time before becoming an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. In 1976, Ty joined Illinois Governor Jim Thompson's administration as Director of Law Enforcement,