

He also leaves 4 children and their spouses: William Kendall (Tammy) Wheeler, Jr., Stuart (Karen) Wheeler, Margaret (Kevin) Meredith, and Claire (Darrell) Lewis. They are all involved in the family business. He also leaves nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Buddy Wheeler will long be remembered as a kind and caring person, and he will be greatly missed. It was my honor to know him and call him my friend. I am grateful for the opportunity to lift up the life of Buddy Wheeler before the United States Congress.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DONALD MAGUDA

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of Mr. Donald "Don" J. Maguda of Rockville, Connecticut. Aged 90, Donald passed peacefully on December 9, 2023, surrounded by family. Donald was a leader in his community and embraced a love for helping others that he held dear throughout his life.

Born July 11, 1933, to Joseph Maguda and Stella Taylor in New Britain, Connecticut. Donald purposed his life toward protecting his community and leading with compassion. He graduated from Rockville High School, immediately after which he began a long and rewarding career as a fireman. Donald began his service with the Snipsic Hook and Ladder Company. Here, Donald was identified as a born leader and rose through the ranks of the Rockville Fire Department. In 1967, Donald's attention to detail and devotion to his work was rewarded when he became Chief of the department.

As Chief, Donald used his leadership to coordinate and oversee the consolidation of the Rockville Fire Department and Vernon Fire District into the Town of Vernon Fire Department. After the merger, Donald served as Fire Chief of the newly formed Vernon Fire Department in 1980, still leaving time for his other passion, running his business, Maguda's Woodworking Shop. After decades of leadership with the fire department, in 1986 Donald transitioned to the role of Town of Vernon Fire Marshal until his retirement in 2002, concluding a remarkable nearly 50-year career during which he never lost a firefighter in the line of duty.

Equipped with extensive knowledge in his field and a desire to share that knowledge with anyone who needed it, it is no surprise that Donald was a member of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association and the Connecticut Fire Marshals Association. Donald presented to numerous groups and individuals for better fire education and community involvement.

Donald's work ethic and dedication to his community rubbed off on his son David, who followed in his footsteps to serve as a firefighter for 42 years—most of which he spent serving under his father.

In addition to this incredible work as a firefighter, Donald spent innumerable hours giving back to his community in other ways as well. In the 1960s, he was integral in starting "Toys

for Tots" in Vernon, assisting children and families during the holidays and "Christmas in April." Mr. Speaker, as a citizen of the town of Vernon who held elective office over the years, I had the privilege to know Don and see up close his intelligence, kindness, and unstinting devotion to duty. Our town was so blessed to know Don and to have his positive, critical contribution that saved lives and protected property.

In his free time, Donald spent time with his family, those most important to him. They enjoyed taking vacations and cruises. Donald could also be found landscaping, wood-working, playing golf, and playing cards with friends and family.

Though we mourn this incredible loss, we can find solace in knowing that Donald's memory and legacy will live on through his family and the countless number of individuals who knew him. Donald is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Gabrielle, his son David and his wife Michelle, his daughter Donna and her husband Jeffrey, and countless nieces and nephews. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to know and represent constituents as purposeful in their work as Donald. As we memorialize Donald's faithful service, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to Donald Maguda.

HONORING THE CAREER AND IMPACT OF COACH LANNY BOOHER

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable legacy of Anaheim High School Football Coach Lanny Booher. For two decades, Coach Booher has been a beacon of inspiration and mentorship in our Anaheim community, leaving a significant mark on the hearts of his players and community.

Stepping down after 20 years of dedication to our shared alma mater, Anaheim High School, Coach Booher leaves a legacy of transformation and triumph. In 2004, he took charge of a struggling football team—but through his leadership and mentorship, Coach Booher was able to change the trajectory of the program and his players. Over the next two decades, Coach Booher led the Anaheim football team to success on the field, including accomplishing eleven playoff appearances and securing three Orange League championships.

Coach Lanny Booher's commitment and love for the game and his community has been evident in every milestone and achievement. More importantly, his passion for his players has made his two decades of impact a cornerstone of our community. His impact extends far beyond the football field, shaping the lives of young athletes off the field by teaching them the value of teamwork and perseverance.

Throughout his coaching career, Lanny Booher accumulated an impressive 100 wins at Anaheim High, making him the coach with the second-most wins in Orange County. One of his most notable achievements, a 22–10 victory in the Orange County All-Star Football Classic in 2007, is a moment that will surely live forever in local memory.

By honoring the legacy of Coach Booher, we celebrate more than just victories on the

field—we celebrate the profound impact he's had on every student who has played for him. There is no doubt that his legacy while at Anaheim High School will continue to inspire generations of young athletes to give back to their community and put their all into the game.

I thank Coach Booher for his two decades of dedication. Go Colonists.

HONORING RAYMOND FLORES

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Mr. Raymond Flores, a World War II veteran and native of San Antonio, Texas who recently celebrated his 102nd birthday at San Antonio's Boss Ross Senior Center. Born February 28, 1922, to Mauro Flores and Dorothea Martinez, Mr. Flores has spent his life dedicated to public service.

Following his graduation from Luther Burbank High School in 1941, Mr. Flores spent the greater part of a year working for the Civilian Conservation Corps in Dallas Texas, helping the country recover from the Great Depression. In December of that year, Mr. Flores answered the Nation's call and enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps to help defend freedoms overseas. Mr. Flores completed a tour of duty in the Southern and Western Pacific where he served as Air Freight Master in Papua New Guinea and as First Cook in Australia. Mr. Flores then returned stateside, where he served as First Cook at Camp Kearns in Salt Lake City, Utah, before being transferred back home to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. It was there on September 30, 1945, that Mr. Flores received his honorable discharge along with other accommodations for his time in service.

After his return to civilian life, Mr. Flores attended San Antonio College. In early spring 1948, Mr. Flores met Margarita Gomez and they were married later that year on June 27, 1948, at San Fernando Cathedral. Over the following three decades, Mr. Flores continued his tradition of service, working for the United States Postal Service until he retired, with commendation from President Jimmy Carter, in December 1980.

Mr. Flores is currently living in a VA assisted living care facility where he brings life and joy to those around him. Before his beloved wife Margarita passed in 2019, she and Mr. Flores celebrated seventy-one years of marriage together. When asked what he is proudest of, Mr. Flores cites his fifty-two years of volunteer service to the St. Vincent De Paul Society, where he was an officer from 1952 to 2004 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower. When asked what lesson he wishes to pass onto the next generation, Mr. Flores asked that we all pray and keep the Lord in our lives.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the long life and honorable achievements of Mr. Raymond Flores. His story is a testament to his character and his status as the pride of San Antonio. May God bless him and his family for all their years to come.

RECOGNIZING ROB ZERJAV

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Mr. Rob Zerjav for being named the 2023 Baseball America (BA) Minor League Baseball Executive of the Year.

A native of Green Bay, Rob began his career in 1997 as an unpaid intern with the team. During this time, his work ethic and love for the team became clear, and in the years following, Rob joined the full-time staff as a group sales representative. After two years in this position, Rob was promoted to Director of Baseball Operations and then to Vice President of Operations. Following the 2002 season, Rob was named Team President and General Manager, and in 2020, Rob purchased the team and stadium with partners Craig Dickman and Brad Raaths. This purchase made Appleton baseball club history as it became the first-ever private ownership group.

Throughout his years with the Timber Rattlers, Rob has remained focused on the organization's success and lived the organization's mission of "creating the best entertainment experience in Wisconsin so that every guest walks away with a smile and the desire to return." I applaud Rob for his dedication and thank him for his years of service to the organization and community.

It is clear that Rob's leadership and skills have played a critical role in the success of the Timber Rattlers. Since Rob assumed the role of General Manager, the Timber Rattlers have been recognized for many different achievements. In 2012, the team received the Larry MacPhail Award, Minor League Baseball's highest award in promotional excellence. The team was also recognized for its success in 2005, 2018, and 2019 when it received the Midwest League President's Award. As Rob marks his 28th year in Minor League Baseball, I wish him many more successful seasons and thank him for his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Rob Zerjav for being named the 2023 Baseball America Minor League Baseball Executive of the Year. Rob's unwavering service and commitment to the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers and Northeast Wisconsin deserves the highest degree of recognition.

CELEBRATING WILLA HARTER'S
101ST BIRTHDAY**HON. ZACHARY NUNN**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish Ms. Willa Harter of Bloomfield, Iowa a very happy 101st birthday.

Ms. Harter was born in Colorado on February 27, 1923. A survivor of scarlet fever at just four years old and left with only half her hearing, she learned to read lips at an early age. Ms. Harter's family moved to Iowa in December of 1933, and she graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1940. Two years later, she married her husband Marion Harter

and together they raised four children: Nancy, Betty, Tom Harter, and Mary Jo.

During her life she wore many different hats. She taught school, worked as a telephone operator at the Drakesville switchboard, and spent 27 years working at the Davis County Hospital. Willa's love and care was shown through her dedication at the hospital and at home with her children. Ms. Harter also has extensive experience crocheting afghans for every one of her children, her twelve grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren, and ten great-great grandchildren.

In addition to a full life at home in Iowa, Ms. Harter has seen her fair share of adventures, traveling to all 50 states, as well as Asia, Europe, South America, and Australia. Now, her daily adventure is enjoying retirement by doing puzzles and reading books in her Bloomfield home.

I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Willa Harter's life and achievements as we wish her a very happy 101st birthday. I extend my congratulations and best wishes to her and her family.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VETERANS OF
FOREIGN WARS POST 1136 IN WYANDOTTE, MICHIGAN**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1136 in Wyandotte, Michigan on the 100th anniversary of their founding. The support and care that they have shown to our veterans and our community over the last century is worthy of commendation.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States dates back to September 29, 1899, when it was founded in Columbus, Ohio following the return of Americans from the campaign in the Spanish-American war. Founded by a small group of veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars was founded to build upon them a spirit of comradeship only known to those who faced the dangers of war fighting side-by-side.

Post 1136 has a long and notable history of service. Throughout World War II, the Post sent gifts and home newspapers to the men and women serving all over the United States and the world. They continued serving the veterans as they returned home, creating a special Ritual Team to escort the returning bodies of their fallen comrades and to conduct military funerals. Although the Ritual Team was disbanded, in the late fifties, the Service Officer Burial Detail was formed and became known as the "Wyandotte Honor Guard." They still serve their fallen comrades even today. Post 1136 grew to over 1,000 members on March 25, 1970, at the height of the Vietnam War. Throughout war time, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1136 has been steadfast in its commitment to supporting our troops at home and abroad. With financial struggles and lower membership following the Vietnam War, Post 1136 gained strength once again as the United States liberated Kuwait from Iraqi occupation. Renewed efforts by the post allowed for continued campaigns of support for our

troops abroad, with Post 1136 donating food, toiletries, cigarettes, and other items in short supply to those on the battlefield.

Over the decades since its founding, Post 1136 in Wyandotte, Michigan has continued to give back to its community by hosting an annual 4th of July parade that it first started in 1939, memorial services for those lost in the September 11th attacks, charity fundraisers, and the construction of memorials for the brave heroes who lost their lives in the Vietnam War along the main boulevard that features inscriptions and poems written by community members. Committed to the cause of helping our service members, Post 1136 admirably helps veterans with health issues gain access to a variety of medical and social benefits and become comfortable at home following their return from combat.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1136 in Wyandotte, Michigan. For the last century, their members have continued serving their community well after being out of uniform. We thank them for their service, both at home and abroad, and are excited to see what they can accomplish over the next 100 years.

RECOGNIZING ALEX FERREIRA'S X
GAMES SUPERPIPE VICTORY**HON. LAUREN BOEBERT**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Ms. BOEBERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and honor Alex Ferreira, an exceptional athlete hailing from Aspen, Colorado, who has once again earned a gold medal in the men's Ski SuperPipe at the Winter X Games. This is the third time Alex has won the X Games for the United States. He is an inspiration to us all, and he has shown the world what it means to be an American and a Coloradan.

The X Games invite athletes from across the world to compete in extreme sports, including skateboarding, BMX, motocross, snowboarding, and skiing. The SuperPipe event stands out among the events as a monumental challenge, allowing athletes to utilize towering walls to showcase breathtaking aerial tricks. The Winter X Games take athletes to the heart of Aspen to show off their skills to the world. Alex did not have to go far to remind us all, once again, that he had what it takes to win the X Games for a third time.

Alex's journey reminds us of what we can accomplish when we embrace difficulties and continue to push on. Time and time again, Alex kept going after setbacks that would have caused many people to give up. Last year's competition left him with two hard falls, a disappointing finish, and critics calling for his retirement. But Alex never gave up. At this year's X Games, he won not only for himself but for every young athlete across America who looks up to him.

Mr. Speaker, Alex Ferreira is a true inspiration to athletes across our nation, and I am incredibly proud to honor him today. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Alex for his spectacular win at the X Games and for redefining what it means to be a Coloradan. Alex is the best that Colorado's Third Congressional District has to offer, and his story pushes us all to strive for greatness.