

On February 11, 2021, I was honored to introduce H.R. 1012, The 'Six Triple Eight' Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2021, to recognize the service and sacrifice of Mrs. Robertson and her fellow heroes for their service. That long awaited recognition was passed in the 117th Congress and became Public Law No: 117-97 on March 14, 2022.

Today, as we reflect on Mrs. Robertson's centennial birthday, let us also honor the legacy of the 6888 Central Postal Directory Battalion—a legacy of bravery, resilience, and unwavering dedication to duty. Let us pledge to uplift and celebrate the untold stories of individuals like Mrs. Robertson, whose contributions have long been overshadowed by the passage of time.

Mr. Speaker, on this auspicious occasion, let us pin in celebrating Anna Mae Wilson Robertson's 100th birthday and expressing our profound gratitude for her exemplary service to our nation and her enduring impact on the community of Milwaukee. May her remarkable life continue to inspire generations to come.

RECOGNIZING JOHN D. MCCARTHY, JR., THE GREATER WILKES-BARRE FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK'S 2024 MAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize John D. McCarthy Jr., a resident of Shavertown, PA, whose entrepreneurial spirit, dedication to selfless service and passion for philanthropy personify the soul of our community. These qualities have earned him the distinguished honor of being recognized as the Greater Wilkes-Barre Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's 2024 Man of the Year.

As the member of the House representing Shavertown, in Luzerne County, I am grateful to have this opportunity to recognize John D. McCarthy, Jr.'s lifelong devotion to serving the NEPA region. A third-generation family business owner at McCarthy Tire Service, John continues his family's multigenerational commitment to ensuring the economic success of our local economy.

Founded in 1926 by John's grandfather Joseph, the first McCarthy Tire Service store was opened on Main Street in Wilkes-Barre in 1930. John's father, John "Jack" D. McCarthy, Sr., a former Man of the Year honoree, began working in the family business at age 12 as an oil bottle cleaner, and he rose through the ranks to become president in 1957. In 1962, Jack moved McCarthy Tire to its current site at 340 Kidder Street, added services for his customers and increased the workforce.

From a young age, John understood the value of teamwork and a fair deal as he, much like his father, worked in the family business in multiple roles from gas attendant to scrap tire removal. John believes that each role has made him a better leader. Since 1997, John has served as the President of McCarthy Tire Service and has overseen considerable growth of the company without altering his core values of hard work, honesty, and handshake deals.

Under John's leadership, McCarthy Tire Service has become the fifth-largest inde-

pendent commercial tire dealer in the U.S. with over 75 locations and 1,500 teammates in eight states. In under three decades, John has added over 1,200 employees to the ever-growing company and plans to add more in the future—helping to ensure the economic success of NEPA while providing good-paying jobs and benefits for our residents.

John also knows the value of being an integral part of our community. He currently serves on the Board of Highmark Inc., AllOne Health Resources, AllOne Charities and AllOne Foundation. He has also served on past boards, including the Ecumenical Enterprises, Earth Conservancy, Villanova Business School, and Landmark Bank, along with serving on numerous tire industry councils.

In addition to these important roles, John continues to promote philanthropy throughout the communities in which McCarthy Tire Service operates, as his company has generously given to over 100 charities. John has continually expressed his intent on keeping McCarthy Tire Service headquartered in Wilkes-Barre and remains dedicated to giving back to the community that helped his grandfather start McCarthy Tire Service.

I congratulate John D. McCarthy, Jr. on being honored as the Greater Wilkes-Barre Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's 2024 Man of the Year. John's entrepreneurial spirit, dedication to selfless service and passion for philanthropy distinguish him. His character represents the very best of Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District, and I am proud to be his Representative in Washington.

HONORING MARK HINDMAN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the professional achievements and service of Mr. Mark Hindman, City Manager for the City of North Richland Hills, Texas. Mr. Hindman is retiring following forty years of exemplary service to the public.

Upon graduation from Geneva College in Pennsylvania with a B.S. in Sociology, Hindman began his public service in 1983, working for U.S. Senate Finance Committee in Washington, D.C. Following two years on Capitol Hill, he completed management internships at the City of Olathe, Kansas and the City of University Park, Texas. Along the way, he earned his Masters of Public Administration from the University of Kansas. In 1987, he was hired by the City of Lubbock, TX as a Budget Analyst, and over the next eight years, he advanced through the ranks to be named Director of Finance/Support Services. The City of Mesquite, Texas hired him as Assistant City Manager in 1995, and for the next fourteen years, he provided oversight for multiple municipal departments. Mr. Hindman was named City Manager of North Richland Hills, Texas in 2009.

Under Mr. Hindman's capable direction, the quality of life for North Richland Hills has been enhanced through implementation of numerous community improvements, including expansion of the city's park and trail system, construction of the NRH Centre, Grand Hall, Senior Center, Animal Shelter, and a new City

Hall. He's made a priority of excellent public service and fiscal responsibility, and under his sound financial leadership, the City has seen a reduction in its tax rate to the lowest since 2016.

In the fourteen years that Hindman has helmed the City of North Richland Hills, he has spearheaded efforts to revitalize older, owner-occupied residential properties and the reuse of vacant commercial properties. He guided new development and redevelopment in North Richland Hills to ensure a vibrant economy and an attractive place for its citizens to call home.

Mark Hindman has been an outstanding public servant to the residents and businesses of North Richland Hills. His professional leadership will be missed throughout his community and all of North Texas. On behalf of the 26th District, I wish him all the best in his next stage of life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Tuesday, March 5. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA Roll Call No. 60 and YEA on Roll Call No. 61.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LIZZIE FLETCHER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Mrs. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes because of an unavoidable conflict in Houston. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 61 and YEA on Roll Call No. 60.

RECOGNIZING HURON VALLEY PACE'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I use today to recognize Huron Valley PACE on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of their founding. Their contributions over the past ten years to improving the lives of the elderly in Washtenaw County are worthy of commendation.

Huron Valley PACE was founded in 2014 in Ypsilanti, Michigan to provide medical and supportive services for the elderly in the greater Washtenaw County area. Their all-inclusive care, which is covered by Medicare and Medicaid, provides coverage for primary and specialty care, prescription drugs, medical transportation, hospital visits, dental care, medical equipment, home care, and physical, occupational, and speech therapy. Their extensive range of services have notably helped support hundreds of low-income adults with housing,

living, and medical expenses, and their dedication to serving their community is admirable.

Over the past decade, Huron Valley PACE has been a proactive member of the local community, setting up events such as Super Bowl watch parties, heart disease awareness drives, and Martin Luther King Jr. Day community service projects in partnership with other local organizations. In addition to caring for the elderly in Washtenaw County, Huron Valley PACE also works to instill a commitment to public service in local high school and university students by offering hands-on volunteer opportunities for students. Volunteers distribute hot meals to underserved communities, lead food drives, and raise awareness about senior care.

Part of Huron Valley PACE's proactive approach to providing exceptional care for the elderly includes advocating for expanding comprehensive senior care services like the PACE Expanded Act. At the state level, Huron Valley PACE works with the Michigan State Legislature to reduce the cost of medical care and to find innovative ways to help elderly people remain living in their homes. This advocacy is yet another example of how Huron Valley PACE continues to demonstrate their commitment to providing and advocating for quality and affordable elderly care.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the founding of Huron Valley PACE on their 10th anniversary. They have had a tremendous impact on the Washtenaw County area and continue to find exciting ways to continue improving their services to their community, and I cannot wait to see what they accomplish over the next decade.

HONORING DENNIS JOHN BENIGNO

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the inspiring life of Dennis John Benigno. A resident of the City of Clifton, Dennis John was debilitated by a traumatic brain injury when he was fifteen years old. The injury that befell Dennis John would have crushed weaker spirits. But instead of shrinking, Dennis John and his family used it to change the world.

Back in 1984 when Dennis John suffered his injury, few people anywhere knew about Traumatic Brain Injury. Information was sparse, even among doctors. The knowledge gap was enormous. Dennis John helped change all of that. The Benigno family drive was tireless, the founding of the Coalition for Brain Injury Research a watershed.

I first met Dennis John when I was running for Congress in 1996. His story inspired me to learn more about the issue and advocate for people with brain injuries. It is thanks to Dennis John's inspiration that I founded, alongside my friend Former Representative Jim Greenwood (R-PA), the bipartisan Congressional Brain Injury Task Force in 2001. At first, you could fit our caucus members into a phone book. Now, there are dozens of members on our task force.

For 23 years, the task force has brought together thousands of families, advocates, and

doctors. We have enacted laws, created policies, won hundreds of millions of dollars in funding, made important connections and told countless stories. These are people who would have never met and laws that would have never passed had it not been for Dennis John Benigno. Other accident victims, military servicemen and women in Iraq and Afghanistan, those participating in youth sports, and millions of people across the spectrum helped because the Congress was aware and ready to support our TBI victims.

Regrettably, Dennis John passed away on January 24, 2024. It is true that we have yet to find the TBI cure we have prayed for, and I have deep regret for that. But when people cynically say no one person can make any difference in our world, they are wrong. They did not know Dennis John Benigno. So, while we mourn a life lost, we celebrate something even bigger a life that lifted up so many others by sheer power and love.

Today, we are hosting Brain Injury Day on Capitol Hill. Hundreds of brain injury victims, advocates, and caregivers from across the nation have come to Washington to educate Congress on the steps we can take to fund and support care for brain injury victims as we fight for a cure. This year's Brain Injury Day is in honor of Dennis John Benigno's life. I do not know if I would be here fighting for this worthy cause if not for Dennis John's inspiration.

The House sends its condolences to Dennis John's parents, Dennis and Rosalind Benigno, his sister Kim Lyons, her husband William, as well as his aunts, uncles, nephews, and cousins. May God bless Dennis John Benigno. God bless his entire family. And God bless America.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RAYMOND "RAY" L. CORDOVA

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues, Representatives LEVIN, SÁNCHEZ, and NAPOLITANO, and rise today to honor the life of Raymond "Ray" L. Cordova, a renowned labor leader who leaves behind a legacy of service.

Ray cut his teeth as an organizer in the early 1960s as part of the Freedom Summer Movement in Mississippi for almost two years. A proud veteran of the U.S. Army Airborne, his service to his country continued after the Vietnam War when he returned home to build up his community. He was always a dapper dresser and treated everyone with respect. In a short time, Ray began making his name known as one of the most effective and impactful labor leaders in Orange County.

No matter what or who you believed in—if you were a Republican, Democrat, or something in between—Ray was a champion of all people. When working men and women across America had no seat at the table, Ray fought tirelessly to make room through his leadership in the Communications Workers of America Union and as a labor organizer in Orange County.

Ray's influence and impact extends beyond his labor work. He educated and prepared the next generation of the labor movement, and

helped redefine politics in Southern California. It is because of his mentorship that so many of the leaders of today are prepared to make the changes they envision, in California and beyond.

Not only was he a deeply loved member of our community, but my colleagues and I are lucky that Ray was also a dear friend. I have personally had the pleasure of knowing and learning from him over the last 25 years.

I ask my colleagues to join me and Representatives LEVIN, SÁNCHEZ, and NAPOLITANO in celebrating the extraordinary life and legacy of Raymond "Ray" L. Cordova. I thank Ray for setting an example of leadership and service that we all may aspire to and learn from.

RECOGNIZING MS. ADEL SCHNEIDER

HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a young Wisconsinite I have had the pleasure of meeting with throughout my time in Congress, Ms. Adel Schneider.

At nine months old, Adel was diagnosed with a severe dairy allergy. This diagnosis transformed the Schneider family's daily life. Oftentimes, Adel had to be careful with cake at birthday celebrations or at holiday events, where a main focus is food. While this could have been isolating, Adel was inspired by her allergy; she began raising awareness in her hometown of Appleton.

Adel and her mother, Kara, are seen on local television, sporting events and at schools in Northeast Wisconsin, fundraising and informing others about food allergies. Adel has been successful in her fundraising efforts, raising over \$50,000 for FARE, a non-profit that promotes food allergy awareness and research. In 2018, Adel was the recipient of the FARE Teen Achievement Award following her involvement in the annual Milwaukee Food Allergy Heroes Walk. In 2020, the Schneider family donated allergy-friendly food to Paul's Pantry in Green Bay after receiving a grant from FARE. She has partnered with Appleton's Minor League Baseball team, the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, to share information with the community on food allergies. She is a Red Sneakers for Oakley Ambassador, where she creates social media content centered on food allergy awareness. Most recently, Adel ran her annual Teal Halloween Skate, which is a community Halloween event that provides allergy-safe treats.

As Adel became more vocal in the community, her advocacy spread to Congress. I first met Adel in 2020 to discuss the FASTER Act, which requires food companies to include sesame as an allergen on their labels. After successfully passing this legislation, I have continued to meet with Adel to discuss future legislation on food allergies. Most recently, Adel and I discussed the ADINA Act, a bill I introduced in 2023. This legislation would require pharmaceutical companies to be more transparent about their allergy risks on drug labels. I always look forward to meeting with Adel and hearing about her community events in Northeast Wisconsin. I value her perspective and commend the work she is doing on food-allergy awareness.