

and they share three children: 12-year-old Vincent, 10-year-old Joseph and 6-year-old Gus.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Mr. Degulio for his persistence, service and commitment to our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING MASSILLON MAYOR
KATHY CATAZARO-PERRY

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Kathy Catazaro-Perry on her service as the Mayor of Massillon, and my sincere gratitude for all that she has done for the people of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, the "Birthplace of Champions." I have appreciated her partnership as we worked together to expand opportunity and deliver results for our shared constituents.

Ms. Catazaro-Perry's drive to lead is commendable, and I have no doubt that she has bettered countless lives as a result of her steadfast service. Throughout her time in office, she proved to be a true public servant and leader. She leads by example through her perseverance, compassion, and dedication to her role in the community.

As Ms. Catazaro-Perry goes on to continue serving our community in new ways, I wish her all the best in her future endeavors. On behalf of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, I thank Ms. Catazaro-Perry for her commitment to the people of Massillon and to Northeast Ohio.

RECOGNIZING WOLF +
WILDFLOWER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wolf + Wildflower for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Reinvestment Award.

The Reinvestment Award recognizes businesses that have demonstrated their commitment and investment in making Wheat Ridge a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Congratulations to Wolf + Wildflower for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

HONORING DEBORAH LAMAIISON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Deborah Lamaison, a Public Safety Officer with the Rohnert Park

Department of Public Safety in Rohnert Park, California. I have named Mrs. Lamaison as a Public Safety Hero of the Year for Sonoma County in California's 4th District as a result of her extraordinary selflessness, dedication and service to others.

Mrs. Lamaison was born in Santa Rosa, California, and grew up in the nearby city of Rohnert Park. She began her career in the automobile towing industry, helping her father run a small family business where she was the sole female tow truck operator in Sonoma County for many years. Mrs. Lamaison, with the support of her husband, then pursued her dream of becoming a police officer. She has since been a dedicated Public Safety Officer for the city of Rohnert Park for 20 years.

During her time at the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety, she has served as a Detective, a Firefighter, a member of the Multi-disciplinary Accident Investigation Team, and as her current title of School Resource Officer. As the School Resource Officer for the city of Rohnert Park, she has worked to build meaningful relationships with students, staff, faculty, and the community. She regularly engages with youth in not just one school, but all the schools within the city's jurisdiction. Her compassionate approach to policing has been part of her mission to thoughtfully engage with those around her to reach positive and successful outcomes whilst fostering trust within the community. Mrs. Lamaison has set a public example of how law enforcement can engage with youth and keep our students and school campuses safer.

When Mrs. Lamaison is not on duty, she is a dedicated mother to her two children, Nico and Mariah. She also volunteers her time to participate with Rancho Cotate High School's MECHA club events and serves as the teacher's assistant for the Zero Period Weight Training Class. She is also a member of the National Physique Committee for amateur bodybuilding and is a Spanish language translator. Those who know her describe her as humble, patient, respectful, caring, strong and an exemplary role model.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Mrs. Debbie Lamaison for her persistence, service, and commitment to our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her today.

RECOGNIZING BOSTON HEIGHTS
MAYOR BILL GONCY

HON. EMILIA STRONG SYKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations to Bill Gony on his service as the Mayor of Boston Heights, and my sincere gratitude for all that he has done for the people of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, the "Birthplace of Champions." I have appreciated his partnership as we worked together to expand opportunity and deliver results for our shared constituents.

Mr. Gony's drive to lead is commendable, and I have no doubt that he has bettered countless lives as a result of his steadfast service. Throughout his time in office, he

proved to be a true public servant and leader. He leads by example through his perseverance, compassion, and dedication to his role in the community.

As Mr. Gony goes on to continue serving our community in new ways, I wish him all the best in his future endeavors. On behalf of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, I thank Mr. Gony for his commitment to the people of Boston Heights and to Northeast Ohio.

RECOGNIZING THE PARALLEL

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Parallel for receiving the Wheat Ridge Business Association's 2023 Reinvestment Award.

The Reinvestment Award recognizes businesses that have demonstrated their commitment and investment in making Wheat Ridge a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Congratulations to The Parallel for their contribution to the Wheat Ridge community and for receiving this award.

CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION
OF THE RANDLE CLOCK TOWER
IN HONOR OF FORMER IRVING
MAYOR MARVIN RANDLE

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the dedication and renaming of the Whistlestop Plaza Clock Tower to honor Marvin Randle, who is not only the former Mayor of Irving, but also a beloved mentor and friend. His lifetime of service to our city spans a variety from his decades as a devoted small business owner, community leader, and public servant. I'm pleased that the Whistlestop Plaza Clock Tower will be renamed in his honor as a tribute to his impact on our community.

Marvin has dedicated his life to making our city better, always looking for ways to improve the lives of those around him. Through his small business, Irving Counter Top, Marvin created 1,200 jobs for North Texans, inspiring many with his entrepreneurial spirit and desire to do good.

From sponsoring local sports teams and charities to serving in leadership roles in local organizations, Marvin has always found ways to embrace our community. Whether he's cooking fish fries for the Irving Heritage Society or flipping burgers at hamburger cookouts to support the Irving Police Department, Marvin's legacy will always be one of selfless service.

A pillar of our community, it is fitting that we honor Marvin by dedicating the Whistlestop Plaza Clock Tower as the Randle Clock Tower. On this momentous occasion, I want to honor and thank my dear friends and mentors, Marvin and Bobbie Randle, for their enduring commitment to serving others.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF RITA
LENTZ OF BRISTOL BOROUGH,
PENNSYLVANIA

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of an extraordinary constituent from my district, Rita Lentz (née Porfirio) of Bristol Borough, Pennsylvania, who passed away at the age of 86 on January 12, 2024. Rita was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 17, 1937 but grew up and was a lifelong resident in Bristol Borough, Pennsylvania where she would spend the next 80 plus years growing up and raising her family becoming a beacon of joy in our community.

Rita graduated from Bristol High School in 1955 and went on to marry the love of her life, United States Navy World War II Veteran Philip Lentz on October 3, 1970. A proud Italian American, Rita was bilingual and became a dual citizen of Italy in November of 2010. This was a culmination of frequent trips she and Philip made to Italy to enjoy her culture and an excellent glass of vino in the village of Roccavivara.

Rita was a dedicated member of St. Ann Church and her faith inspired a life of service to our community. In addition to volunteering at church events, she and her husband were active members of the local Moose Lodge and VFW. She worked tirelessly throughout her beloved borough assisting countless people with care and transportation.

Rita also gave her time to serve as the judge of elections in the East Ward of Bristol Borough for many years. Some of Rita's most meaningful interactions were as a secretary at Warren Snyder School. She was fondly referred to as "Miss Rita" and worked to instill the same love and respect in the students that she gave to everyone around her.

Our community mourns Rita's passing but celebrates the legacy of her life. She will be missed by us all, especially her son Joseph, daughters Maria and Darlene, her sons-in-law Philip and Carl, and her grandchildren Philip and Daniel.

RECOGNIZING AMY RUTKIN AND
HER SERVICE TO THE U.S.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Amy Rutkin for nearly twenty-five years of outstanding service to the constituents of New York's 12th Congressional District and the House Judiciary Committee.

The decision to hire Amy as my Chief of Staff in 1999 was—as all my best decisions are—at the suggestion of my wife, Joyce, who had met her while working on the same New York City Comptroller race. While Amy hadn't previously worked on the Hill, upon meeting her, I knew she possessed the intellect, tenacity, and problem-solving skills necessary to step directly into the Chief of Staff role.

Previously, Amy had served as Director of Government Relations and Public Policy at Hadassah; as a Policy Analyst for New York Governor Mario Cuomo; and as Associate Director of Public Affairs at Planned Parenthood. This experience demonstrated our shared passion for advocacy and fighting for the principles we both believe in: women's and LGBTQ+ equality, civil rights, progressive Zionism, and much more.

While Amy grew up in Arizona and earned her undergraduate degree at Brandeis University in Boston, Massachusetts, she became steeped in the world of New York City politics when she studied at my alma mater, Columbia University, going on to graduate with a master's in public administration.

Despite a promise not to stay in the position "a day over four years," Amy was quickly thrown into the center of some of our nation's most significant challenges, and her commitment to seeing those challenges through kept her fighting alongside me for nearly twenty-five years. Barely two years into her taking the Chief of Staff role, the 9/11 terrorist attacks devastated my district, which then stretched from the Upper West Side of Manhattan through the heart of the World Trade Center and to parts of Brooklyn. We knew immediately that the air in Lower Manhattan wasn't safe to breathe—despite assurances from the Bush Administration—and in the years following, Amy dedicated herself to leading efforts in Congress to care for the victims, work that culminated in the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act. This landmark legislation upheld our promise to our nation's heroes who responded to the attacks as well as to all those who had been impacted by the toxic dust in the disaster area—a monumental feat that affected thousands of lives. Thanks to her persistence and dedication, Amy's impact on our 9/11 families can be felt far and wide.

Years later, in 2017, our work together would face its biggest test as I entered the race to become Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee. Thanks in great part to the strong record I had built over the years with Amy's advice, I earned the trust of my colleagues to become the Ranking Member, a goal we had discussed for many years finally coming to fruition. I was proud to appoint Amy as Chief of Staff to the Committee, a role she seamlessly assumed following our victory.

Becoming Ranking Member—and later, Chairman—of the Judiciary Committee brought with it great opportunities for legislative action that Amy and I had talked about for years. It came with a caveat, however; Donald Trump was the President, and there was mounting pressure to launch an impeachment inquiry as he was fundamentally threatening and degrading our democracy.

Amy navigated the complexities of leading an impeachment with a steady hand, facing a demanding schedule and non-stop media attention, managing a staff of some of our nation's finest minds, and working closely with the House Leadership team. This experience earned her the acclaim of former Majority Leader STENY HOYER, who praised her "wise counsel" and "razor-sharp instincts," an assessment I couldn't agree with more.

After the Impeachment concluded in early 2020, unbeknownst to anyone at the time, we would be back again the following year for yet

another impeachment after President Trump led the January 6, 2021, insurrection at the Capitol. While under vastly different circumstances—this time, the Members were the direct victims of the President's crimes—Amy built on past experience to give President Trump the dishonor of being the only President to be impeached twice.

Impeachments aside, Amy's tenure leading the staff of the Judiciary Committee allowed us to realize several legislative goals we had worked on together for two decades.

For example, back in 2009, when same-sex marriages were under attack, Amy was critical in helping author the Respect for Marriage Act to protect marriage equality, a bill that was seen as fanciful at the time. Although the Supreme Court later recognized marriage equality in the Obergefell decision, this right came under renewed threat when Justice Thomas urged revisiting that precedent in the Dobbs case, which overturned decades of precedent protecting the right to reproductive freedom. Amy seized the moment and jumped into action to revive efforts to pass the Respect for Marriage Act. Within months, we were on the White House Lawn together with President Biden as he signed the bill into law. A dream that seemed impossible just a decade earlier had become a reality largely due to Amy's relentless tenacity for LGBTQ+ equality.

Fighting for civil rights has always been at the core of my political philosophy, but it was never more urgent than in the wake of George Floyd's murder in 2020, when our country was clamoring for change to our nation's approach to policing. Amy worked in tandem with then-Representative and now-Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass to advance the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act through the House, not once but twice. On their work together, former Congresswoman Bass said, "Let me say in no uncertain terms that the United States House of Representatives would not have been able to pass the most comprehensive police reform package in United States history—the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act—two different times, without Amy's steady guidance and leadership."

Simply put, under Amy's leadership, the House Judiciary Committee was as productive and consequential as it has ever been in the years I served as Chairman. These accomplishments allowed me to run in a difficult primary last cycle on a record that was unmatched, and I am thankful to Amy not only for helping to develop this record, but also for amplifying to constituents the impact of my work in Washington.

Even now in the minority, Amy continues to influence the issues she is most passionate about. In the wake of the October 7th attack on Israel, she has doubled down on her work supporting my role as the most senior Jewish Member of Congress and she is a visible demonstration that you can be both progressive and Zionist. She is relentless in her work supporting our informal group of Jewish Members of Congress—and her success in bringing together voices from across the political spectrum speaks volumes to her understanding of the complexities of the Jewish community and her deep connection to the values that bind us together.

I would be remiss if I did not mention Amy's children, Phoebe and Zoey. Both of her children were born during her tenure in the office, and for me and the rest of our team, it has