

of Burbank, the Burbank Chamber of Commerce, and other civic organizations entered Burbank's first float. That float, entitled "God-dess of Plenty," featured an intricate dragon's head and a large cornucopia filled with assorted vegetables, and was awarded a silver cup trophy. Since that time, Burbank has participated in the parade intermittently, including a few years where decorated automobiles were entered instead of floats. From 1935 to 1940, the Burbank city schools took responsibility for the floats, and after a few years' hiatus during World War II, the city sponsored floats, including an Isabella Coleman-designed float, made by professional float building companies, in 1947 and 1948.

When the City Council decided that funds would be better used for infrastructure and announced that Burbank would not participate in the 1949 Rose Parade, Burbank resident Esther Klein led the effort to privately finance a float. After gaining widespread community support for a hometown-built float, Mrs Klein brought a self-designed model of the proposed entry and exploratory plans for a permanent Burbank Tournament of Roses committee to the Burbank City Council, and subsequently received the council's approval. Thanks to the very first and newly elected Burbank Tournament of Roses Association President Esther Klein's stellar leadership, and against many odds, the association members and the Burbank community raised funds and mobilized volunteers to design, build, and decorate the 1949 float entitled "First Love," which won First Prize for its division.

Over 75 years, Burbank's float has won thirty-three major awards including three Sweepstakes Awards for Best Float Entry. Burbank's annual float entry in this emblematic New Year's Day tradition is a product of the unwavering dedication, hard work and local civic pride demonstrated by the Burbank Tournament of Roses Association and countless other civic organizations and community volunteers.

I ask all Members to join me today in recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Burbank Tournament of Roses Association and the 110th anniversary of Burbank's first float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade.

RECOGNIZING JAMES &
PAMELA REID

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2024

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr Speaker, I rise today to congratulate James and Pamela Reid, two lifelong farmers who were recently inducted into the Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame.

James and Pamela began their journey in agriculture after acquiring a modest farm in 1978, which since then has transformed into the highly productive Reid Dairy Farm. Under their management, the farm expanded from 120 to 900 acres, supporting 300 cows. Their focus on productivity and employing new technology has significantly enhanced milk production, leading to an impressive 95 pounds per cow all while maintaining superior milk quality standards.

Their leadership extends beyond the fields and into civic engagement, where James' roles as Grant Township Supervisor and Chair of the St. Clair County Farmland Preservation Board reflect his deep commitment to our community. These positions allowed him to influence local agricultural policies positively and advocate for the preservation and sustainability of farming in the region.

Moreover, the Reid's proactive approach included substantial upgrades to their farming infrastructure, adding a modern barn and updating milking systems. These improvements boosted efficiency and served as a showcase for responsible agriculture.

Throughout his career, James has also contributed his expertise to several boards, including the MMPA Dairy Co-Op and the United Dairy Industry of Michigan. His leadership as President of the UDIM and his active participation on the Michigan Dairy Market Committee have been crucial in promoting the interests of local dairy farmers and influencing industry standards at both the state and national levels.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating James and Pamela Reid on their induction into the Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame. Their commitment to excellence, ability to adapt to change, and commitment to their community should serve as an inspiration to us all.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF
R.A.I.N.

HON. RITCHIE TORRES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2024

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate R.A.I.N. (Regional Aid for Interim Needs) on providing incredible service to the Bronx, and New York City, for 60 years. R.A.I.N. started from humble beginnings as a home attendant service for elderly individuals who were being discharged from hospitals, who also lacked proper home care. Since then, it has expanded into a multi-service agency providing many crucial services to those in need throughout the Bronx and Manhattan including senior centers, home delivered meals, case worker visits among other irreplaceable activities. They have also partnered with the Bob and Dolores Hope foundation to foster Cucina Dolores, a community based mobile meals program for homeless and hungry persons in the South Bronx.

As we celebrate this momentous occasion, we also remember and pay homage to the life of Beatrice Castiglia-Catullo, affectionately known as Bea. Beatrice, who passed away in 2018, was the esteemed founder R.A.I.N. A nurse by training, she worked tirelessly for her patients and later on for those who benefited from R.A.I.N.'s services. R.A.I.N. would not have reached this milestone without the decade's long dedication and commitment from Beatrice and the rest of their outstanding team.

In recent years R.A.I.N. has provided additional valuable programs and resources in the Bronx community. They have begun providing

services to Alzheimer caregivers acknowledging the significant toll that the horrific disease has not only on those suffering from it but also those caring for them as well. R.A.I.N. sponsors two housing facilities in the district where our seniors live comfortably and affordably. Finally, R.A.I.N. runs 17 centers across the borough where their critical work takes place.

Thank you to President and CEO Dr. Anderson Torres for continuing Beatrice's essential work in our community. Congratulations to every member of R.A.I.N. and thank you to them for their service. I look forward to another 60 years of R.A.I.N.'s community service.

RECOGNIZING THE 2024 YOUNGSTOWN WARREN REGIONAL CHAMBER SALUTE TO BUSINESS AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. MICHAEL A. RULLI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2024

Mr. RULLI. Mr. Speaker, having worked in a family-run small business my whole life, I understand both the challenges and importance of running a successful small business venture. As you know, U.S. small businesses make up about 99.9 percent of all businesses and create more than 60 percent of all new jobs. Accordingly, I would like to take a moment to recognize the 2024 award recipients for the Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber's annual Salute to Business. I am proud to be able to honor these recipients for their work as upstanding business leaders in the community.

Mr. Greg Toporcer, owner of Top Property Holdings, will be presented with the Business Professional of the Year.

Ms. Kristen Olmi, chief executive officer of KO Consulting, Inc., will be presented with the Business Advocate of the Year.

Ms. Dionne Dowdy, executive director of United Returning Citizens, will be presented with the Non-Profit Professional of the Year award.

Mr. Ronnell Elkins, president of YOGO Bikeshare, will be presented with the Entrepreneur of the Year award.

Ms. Melissa Poland, owner of Sweet Melissa's Good Eats, will be presented with the Small Business Professional of the Year award.

Mr. Antonio Di Tommaso, Jr., of Carpenters Local 171, will be presented with the Salute to Labor Achievement Award.

Finally, Ms. Sarah O'Brien, owner of a chain of Little Tart Bakeshop locations in Atlanta, will be presented with the Valley Champion Award.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing these honorable leaders, pillars of the Youngstown Warren community, as we congratulate them on their accomplishments and their contributions to the community. These admirable citizens illustrate the thriving Ohio business community I am proud to represent, and may their work continue to be a blessing to our industrious Nation.

HONORING THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2024

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 160th anniversary of Calvary Episcopal Church in Americus, Georgia. Established in 1864 during the Civil War, this historic church has been a cornerstone of faith and community in Southwest Georgia. The congregation celebrated this momentous occasion on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, in Americus.

The history of the Episcopal Church in Americus began in 1858, with the first service officiated by Bishop Stephen Elliott. Despite the bloody and bitter challenges of the Civil War, the parish was reestablished in 1864 as Calvary Episcopal Church, symbolizing hope and resilience during a time of great turmoil. Rising from the ashes of hate and division—not succumbing to fear, anger, and distrust—is not only part of the legacy of Calvary Episcopal Church, but a hallmark of faith and service to the Lord. Overcoming hardship makes the faithful stronger, equipping one with the full armor of God.

Reverend James Bolan Lawrence, who served as rector from 1905 to 1947, played a pivotal role in the church's development and in the spread of the Episcopal faith throughout the region. Reverend Lawrence founded several churches across Southwest Georgia and was recognized as a saint by the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia in 1999 for his extraordinary contributions. Reverend Lawrence spearheaded the construction of the present church and had a significant impact on the church members he served and the community at-large. He dedicated his life to those in need: the sick, the poor, the young, and the elderly. Reverend Lawrence's impact cannot be understated and his work in service of others left a lasting mark.

Over the years, Calvary Episcopal Church has undergone numerous restorations and expansions, including the construction of a parish hall and other facilities that have supported its mission. The current church building, completed in 1921, was designed by the renowned

Gothic architect Ralph Adams Cram and stands as a testament to the strength of faith and service of the Calvary Episcopal Church congregation. Today, the church continues to be a beacon of faith and service in the community. Calvary Episcopal Church is and will remain a model of inclusion and benevolence.

Calvary Episcopal Church endures today because the mission of the church shall never die. Faith, service, duty, and humility continue to shape the congregation of Calvary Episcopal Church. Romans 12:1 tells us, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." The Lord calls upon his people to live their service to him. In doing so, the faithful heal the sick, clothe and provide safe harbor for the poor, and ensure hope need not be a luxury for those who have much at the expense of those who have little.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District in recognizing and honoring Calvary Episcopal Church on its 160th anniversary. May their faith and actions continue to inspire others and make positive change in the Southwest Georgia community.

CONGRATULATING SHANNON W. SWING ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

HON. RICK W. ALLEN

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2024

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Shannon W. Swing on his retirement from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Shannon faithfully served this institution for 32 years, first in Anchorage, Alaska, then in Salt Lake City, Utah and finally in Boise, Idaho. With his calm demeanor, Shannon quickly became a leader in the organization, training new employees and being a steadfast presence in the tower.

His contributions to ensuring a safe airspace were invaluable to providing efficient and secure travel for passengers across the country

and world. We thank Shannon for his dedication and congratulate him on his well-earned retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE LOVELADY FAMILY AWARDED ALABAMA'S OUTSTANDING YOUNG FARM FAMILY

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 30, 2024

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Whit and Amanda Lovelady and their children Annagrace and John Luke for being named Alabama's Outstanding Young Farm Family. The Talladega County farmers received the honor during the Alabama Farmers Federation Farm & Land Conference on August 3rd in Montgomery, Alabama.

The Lovelady family raise cattle and hay and have built their farm from the ground up over the last decade. They annually bale 10,000 rolls of hay while managing Angus, Charolais and commercial cattle herds at Cedar Roost Ranch. The Loveladys make every acre of their farm count. In addition to the cattle and hay, they custom bale and fertilize fields for their neighbors, sell freezer beef and pork and use a forestry mulcher to make land more productive. These young farmers are working diligently to expand these operations.

Their two young children have seen Whit and Amanda model a love for farming and are already deeply invested in life on the farm. Whit was influenced by his late grandfather Windle Batchelor and Amanda by her late father O.E. Williams, Jr.

Their passion for agriculture runs deep, and they have encouraged younger generations to be involved in Alabama's No. 1 industry. They are leaders in the Alabama Farmers Federation and their community. Whit also serves as Talladega County Cattlemen's Association President.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing this young family on this great honor. Congratulations to the Loveladys.