

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Providence St. Joseph Hospital for their 95 years of service and care.

**RECOGNIZING EARL AND DIANE
HORNING'S INDUCTION INTO THE
MICHIGAN FARMER HALL OF
FAME**

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Earl and Diane Horning, residents of Manchester, Michigan, on the occasion of their induction into the Michigan Farmers Hall of Fame. Their hard work and dedication to their farm and their community over the last sixty years are worthy of commendation.

Horning Farms was founded in 1877 by German immigrants Gottlieb and Barbara Hornung. At that time, the primary purpose of the farm was to provide food for the family. The Hornung family, anglicized to "Horning" family, later made the decision to focus on dairy farming.

After attending Michigan State University, Earl Horning returned to Manchester to become the 4th generation to manage the family farm. Earl and Diane were married in 1964, and the last six decades has seen a massive expansion in the farm's dairy production. The farm's initial sixty cows in 1963 has grown to over four hundred cows, replacement heifers, and one hundred dairy beef. The Hornings additionally farm an impressive one thousand acres for feed and crops.

Earl and Diane have been involved in all things dairy since soon after they took over management of the farm. Earl served on the Michigan Milk Producers Advisory Committee as well as its board. He has also served as the Chairman of United Dairy Industry of Michigan, as well as the National Director for Dairy Management, Inc. Diane has been active in county, state, and national Farm Bureaus. She has spent time on the Farm Bureau's State Policy Development, Promotion and Education, and Washington Legislative Committees. Recently, she served as Director of the Michigan Farm Bureau Board and delegate to the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the Hornings' well-deserved induction into the Michigan Farmer Hall of Fame. With the 5th and 6th generations of Hornings now hard at work, it is safe to conclude that Earl and Diane's legacy will be living on well into the future. I thank them for their hard work, and congratulate them on this momentous achievement.

NEWSLETTER FROM
CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on issues surrounding inflation, officer safety and small businesses.

DEAR FRIEND, The Carl Sandburg Home, a national historic site nestled in the mountains of Western North Carolina, preserves the home and legacy of American poet Carl Sandburg.

I'm pleased to share that after convening members of the National Park Service and stakeholders who are in support of a project to improve access to the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site last year, as of a result of this and others' efforts, more than \$1 million will be available for Front Lake dam repairs.

Due to erosion around the Front Lake bridge, the Carl Sandburg Home had to rely on the help of donations from the local community to buy a bus to transport folks through a back entrance as they understood the importance of the site to the local tourism economy. This project will make necessary repairs to once again open the trail for easier access for visitors.

**KAMALANOMICS CONTINUES TO FAIL HARD-
WORKING WESTERN NORTH CAROLINIANS**

For the past three and a half years, Western North Carolinians have suffered from sky-high prices and plummeting wages.

Kamala Harris has repeatedly cast the deciding vote in the U.S. Senate to approve trillions of dollars in excessive government spending as part of the Biden-Harris administration's failing economic policies. Her policies have led to higher costs for Americans and her price-fixing scheme would only make things worse.

When the federal government overspends, Western North Carolinians pay more to get less. As a member of the House Appropriations and Budget Committees, my goal is to fix how Washington works so that hard-working folks in our mountains can keep more of their hard-earned money.

IMPROVING OFFICER SAFETY IN YANCEY COUNTY

After I secured the funding last year in the annual appropriations process, the \$100,000 is making its way to the hands of the Yancey County Sheriff's Office to enhance officer safety in the field.

WNC law enforcement officers risk their lives to protect our citizens and communities, and it is critical that they have the tools to do their jobs safely and effectively.

This grant will provide funding for the Yancey County Sheriff's Office to acquire portable substance analyzer capability, which will improve officer safety in the field and provide a cost-efficient method of identifying potentially deadly substances, such as fentanyl.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I will be continuing to advocate for the necessary and responsible funding of projects back home in North Carolina's 11th District.

SUPPORTING WNC'S MAIN STREET BUSINESSES

During the district work period, I've had the pleasure of visiting local businesses in downtown Bryson City, Dillsboro, Franklin and Marion.

A common theme heard from small business owners during my visits was concerns about keeping up with rising costs in this economy.

Entrepreneurs in our mountains contribute to our local economy and enrich our communities. To allow them to create jobs and grow our economy, I'm working to fix how Washington works by getting big government out of the way and rolling back excessive regulations.

STAY INFORMED ON NC-11 NEWS

Federal rules will require congressional offices to enter a communication blackout 60 days before an election. This means I'll be restricted in how I can share updates and information with you starting early September.

To stay informed during this period, I encourage you to sign up for my official newsletter by visiting edwards.house.gov/ newsletter. By doing so, you'll receive important updates directly in your email inbox highlighting what I'm doing in Congress to advocate for Western North Carolina.

I know how important it is to keep you informed about the issues affecting our mountains, from new bills that I'm introducing to local grants and more. By signing up for the newsletter, you won't miss a beat as we continue working together for North Carolina's 11th District.

With my warmest regards,

CHUCK EDWARDS,
Member of Congress.

**HONORING THE BLOOMFIELD FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2024

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bloomfield Fire Department for receiving accredited status from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI). This is a significant milestone and I am so proud of all the hard work, training, and organization that Bloomfield Fire Chief Louis Venezia and his team do every day to be able to provide the highest quality service to the citizens of Bloomfield.

The Bloomfield Fire Department is one of the 300 agencies to obtain Internationally Accredited agency status from the CFAI. The process of accreditation focuses on a rigorous self-assessment and peer review process, focused on the agency's ability to provide quality service to the public, in vital areas such as communication, decision-making, community alignment, relationships with labor and more. According to CFAI, accredited departments "exemplify organizations that are strategic-minded and well-organized, are properly equipped, staffed, and trained."

Going through the accreditation process is no easy task, and this certification means that the Department is both providing excellent service to the public and will continue to improve in the years to come. I thank the Bloomfield Fire Department for always ensuring our community is safe and for being ready for an emergency call, whenever that may happen. I am grateful for their commitment to protecting our district and want to give congratulations to the entire team for this notable accomplishment.

**RECOGNIZING DETECTIVE OMAR
MONTEMAYOR**

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2024

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary public service of Detective Omar Montemayor of The Colony, Texas Police Department as he retires after more than twenty years in law enforcement.

Previously, Mr. Montemayor served for three years in the U.S. Navy, followed by three years with the McAllen Police Department. In

2008, he began serving as a patrol officer with The Colony Police Department. Building upon that foundational experience, he became a Field Training Officer (FTO), where he mentored new recruits to the department, serving as an example and instructing them with the knowledge necessary to perform capably in a challenging and rewarding profession. In addition, Montemayor was assigned the sensitive and crucial position as a Hostage Crisis Negotiator, where he proficiently displayed his abilities to remain calm under pressure, communicate effectively and diffuse dangerous situations.

During his two-decade tenure with TCPD, Mr. Montemayor also served as a Marine Safety Officer, enforcing regulations and ensuring the safety of the public on local lakes and rivers. Additionally, he paid tribute to fallen officers and their families as a member of TCPD's Honor Guard.

After twelve years protecting the citizens of The Colony on its streets and waterways, Mr. Montemayor was assigned as a School Resource Officer at The Colony High School. As an SRO, he had the opportunity to interact with students, staff and parents, to build critical relationships toward a safer and more supportive educational environment. After only a year on the job, he was recognized for his dedication and effectiveness as he received the Texas Association of Resource (TASRO) School Resource Officer of the Year Award in 2019. He was nominated for this statewide award by Lewisville ISD's Safety and Security Director.

Detective Omar Montemayor will truly be missed by his fellow officers and colleagues in The Colony Police Department. He was a consummate law enforcement professional, fostering key relationships with the citizens, schools and businesses within the community he served so well. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

ACKNOWLEDGING RUSSELL M. NELSON DAY IN THE STATE OF UTAH AND CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF RUSSELL M. NELSON

HON. JOHN R. CURTIS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 9, 2024

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Russell M. Nelson Day in my home state of Utah as well as President Russell M. Nelson's 100th birthday.

President Russell Marion Nelson was born on September 9, 1924, in Salt Lake City. While a student at the University of Utah, he met and married Dantzel White. They shared nearly sixty years together, raising ten children before Dantzel's passing in 2005. He later married Wendy L. Watson in April 2006, and together they are grandparents to 57 and great-grandparents to over 100.

President Nelson is an internationally renowned heart surgeon and medical researcher. Dr. Nelson received his B.A. and M.D. degrees from the University of Utah. He served his residency in surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and the University of Minnesota, where, in addition to earning his Ph.D., he served on the research

team that developed the heart-lung machine which successfully aided the first human open-heart surgery in 1951.

During the Korean War, he served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps and worked with surgeons focused on improving treatment methods for the wounded. He left with the rank of Captain.

His accolades include the American Heart Association's Heart of Gold Award and the Golden Plate Award from the American Academy of Achievement. He has held prestigious positions such as president of the Society for Vascular Surgery and chairman of the Council on Cardiovascular Surgery.

Russell M. Nelson was called to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 7, 1984. He was called again as President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 2018. Under his leadership, the church has played a large role in both domestic and international humanitarian aid efforts, with the faith often being among the first groups to respond with food, medical, and other practical aid for those enduring the effects of conflict and natural disaster.

I again thank President Russell M. Nelson for a lifetime of achievement, service, and leadership and invite myself and my colleagues to look to his exemplary behavior as we find ways to better the lives of those we serve as members of Congress.

REMEMBERING JAVIER ARCE

HON. RUBEN GALLEGU

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GALLEGU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Javier Arce, Editor, Reporter, and Digital Producer for La Voz Arizona and the Arizona Republic, who recently passed away. Mr. Arce's success as a voice for Latino and immigrant communities in Arizona has inspired many.

Mr. Arce began at La Voz and The Republic in 2014, providing coverage for Arizona readers for over two decades. A Mexicali native, he understood the experience within trans-border communities and helped inform others of immigration and election coverage, showcasing everyday Arizonans and their pursuit of bettering their neighborhoods. He became a strong voice and a fixture in the community, highlighting the lives and successes of Latinos and immigrants who call Arizona home. His passion, commitment, and dedication to the Latino and immigrant community positively impacted the Valley.

As an expert on anti-immigration laws, Mr. Arce was dedicated to creating a mission to find the voices of Latino and immigrant communities that would otherwise go untold. He knew the community and the issues they cared for. He leaves a legacy that will greatly impact the next generation of the Latino and immigrant community in Arizona.

I offer my deepest condolences to Mr. Arce's family and friends.

HONORING THE MUSICAL TALENT OF MISSISSIPPI NATIVE, HARDY

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize "Nashville's nu-metal king," Hardy, from my home state of Mississippi. Hardy was born in Meridian and grew up in Philadelphia, Mississippi, where he attended Neshoba Central High School. Born on September 13, 1990, to Mike and Sarah Hardy, Hardy started playing guitar around age 13. When he was in high school, he took pen to paper to write his first song to, "Impress a Girl." His song writing skills gave him an opportunity to move to Nashville in 2010. While in Nashville, Hardy penned the words to the well-known country song made famous by Blake Shelton called, "God's Country." In 2013, Hardy landed a publishing deal with Relative Music Group. Hardy is the pride of Philadelphia, Mississippi, and has earned his reputation as "a promising purveyor of keeping the spirit of classic heavy Southern rock alive," according to American Songwriter. He is a five-time ACM award winner and two-time CMA award winner. In 2022 he was named the BMI Country Songwriter of the Year.

Music has always been the heartbeat of Mississippi, and I am proud to see Hardy soaring to the top like other Mississippians have done before him. I thank Hardy, for his dedication to the art of music and contributions to our great Nation through song writing.

CELEBRATING
HOULIHAN
CHATTERJEE

CHRISTIE
AND
RAHUL

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

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Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise in celebration of the union of Mrs. Christie Houlihan and Mr. Rahul Dev Chatterjee.

Christie and Rahul came from different walks of life—Rahul moved to Texas from India in the year 2000 to study at Texas A&M University, while Christie grew up in New York and had relocated to Dallas in the last several years. Their first date allowed them to bond over their Irish and Indian backgrounds, developing a mutual understanding of their love for their families and for travel.

Towards the end of that first date in June of 2022, when Christie began to make her exit. Rahul presented her with a parting gift: a small box with a bottle of Shalimar perfume by Guerlain. The same type of perfume that Christie's late grandmother used to wear every day and shared with her when Christie was a young child. As was described in the New York Times. Rahul had no way of knowing the significance this small bottle had for Christie, but to her, it was a sign. They were wed on November 18, 2023, in Palm Beach, FL., surrounded by loving family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I am elated to recognize Christie and Rahul, and I extend my enthusiastic well-wishes as they continue this chapter