

Harry E. Schultz Community Center on Buffalo's West Side.

Since its opening in 2013, the Veterans One-Stop Center of Western New York has been a place where our community's veterans and their families can access the wrap-around services and support they need. From a fully functional fitness center to high-quality counseling and legal services, VOSC truly does it all. Today, the VOSC has added even more to its extensive list of services and offerings by officially opening the Harry E. Schultz Community Center, a one-of-a-kind facility that will greatly benefit Western New York veterans.

The facility bears the name of the late Harry E. Schultz, one of the strongest anchors of support for our Western New York Veteran community.

Born in Western New York on November 25, 1951, Harry enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 17, where he would serve his country for almost four years. Harry's service to his country was just beginning, following his retirement from the military, he began to "pay it forward" by supporting other veterans. Before becoming one of the founding members of the Veterans One-Stop Center, Harry spent over three decades in services to veterans, including with VSOs such as Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Wounded Warrior Project.

Harry and his colleagues came together to create the VOSC after experiencing their own difficulties trying to navigate the benefits and services available to Veterans. They saw firsthand how important it was to have wrap-around services available to veterans in one place.

With the opening of the Harry E. Schultz Community Center, veterans will be able to relax, unwind, and connect with fellow veterans, completely free of charge. Harry's incredible legacy of serving fellow veterans is now even more cemented, and will no doubt continue to inspire future generations to serve their peers.

We honor the late Harry E. Schultz, the establishment of this wonderful community center in his memory, and his unwavering dedication to serving our community and its veterans. Please join me in remembering Mr. Schultz's extraordinary life of service and community leadership in Buffalo.

HONORING THE CAREER OF DR. JOHN TELLES

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of John Telles, a true son of the San Joaquin Valley whose journey began as he left the halls of Los Banos High School in 1966. Dr. Telles' path has been one of unwavering dedication, passion, and service to both medicine and his community.

After earning his chemistry degree from the University of California, Davis, in 1970, Dr. Telles ventured to the bustling Texas Medical Center in Houston, to pursue his dream of becoming a doctor at Baylor College of Medicine. Inspired by the pioneering work in cardiovascular care of Dr. Michael DeBakey, Dr.

Telles embarked on a journey that would shape the course of his career.

From his internship at the University of Cincinnati Medical School to his residency at the University of Rochester in New York, Dr. Telles honed his skills and expertise, laying the foundation for his future endeavors. His Fellowship in Cardiology at UCLA Harbor General Hospital under the mentorship of Dr. Michael Criley was a formative experience.

In 1979, Dr. Telles joined Cardiovascular Associates as a Board-Certified Cardiologist, where he became an integral part of a team committed to excellence in patient care. Over the next four decades, he dedicated himself to practicing cardiology at St. Agnes Hospital, leaving an indelible mark on the field. Dr. Telles' pioneering spirit extended into the evolving field of Electrophysiology where he spearheaded the development of an electrophysiology program at St. Agnes Hospital, and he became the first Board Certified Electrophysiologist in Fresno.

Dr. Telles sought to address the broader issues impacting cardiovascular health in the San Joaquin Valley. His leadership as President of the Fresno-Madera Medical Society and as Chairman of Cardiology at St. Agnes Hospital underscored his commitment to improving healthcare delivery. Dr. Telles, together with his colleagues, established The Fresno Heart Hospital expanding the number of beds and services for patient care in the valley.

Beyond the walls of the hospital, Dr. Telles championed efforts to address air quality issues in the Valley. His service on the San Joaquin Valley Pollution Control District Board in Fresno and his three years' service on the California Air Resources Control Board in Sacramento, highlighted his dedication to the well-being of his community.

Over the past four decades, Dr. Telles and The Heart Group have worked tirelessly to expand their practice, committed to Serving patients across Fresno and Clovis, ensuring that individuals throughout the Valley receive the highest standard of cardiovascular care.

Through leadership and vision, The Heart Group, has transformed the landscape of cardiac care, leaving an enduring legacy for generations to come.

Amidst his professional achievements, Dr. Telles has found strength and support in his beloved family. Alongside his devoted wife, Jolene, he has raised four sons: Connor, Kyle, Rainer and Finn, who have returned to the Valley, bringing with them their talents and dedication to reinvest in their hometown.

As Dr. Telles embarks on this new chapter of his life, let us express our deepest gratitude for his immeasurable contributions to cardiovascular healthcare in the San Joaquin Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my esteemed colleagues to join me in commemorating the phenomenal career of Dr. John Telles.

RECOGNIZING THE DECORATED CAREER AND BIRTHDAY OF JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT RANDY WHITE

HON. AARON BEAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, whether something's ablaze in your house or there's a

hot button issue in Jacksonville, there's one man you can depend on to put out the fire.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jacksonville's City Council President, Randy White for 70 stellar years on this planet Earth. A lifelong public servant, Councilman White embodies the spirit of Northeast Florida. Councilman White is a family man with two children and 5 grandchildren. However, his 32-year career with the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department shows that he views the entirety of Jacksonville as his family.

After three decades of putting out fires and rescuing cats from trees, one might think that Councilman White would be tired. But no. Instead, he championed the growth of Cecil Field and public safety in Jacksonville.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Councilman Randy White for his decades of public service. Jacksonville is truly a much better place because of Councilman White. Happy Birthday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ZUNI OLLA MAIDENS

HON. TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Zuni Olla Maidens for the critical role they play in Zuni culture, establishing themselves as ambassadors for all Pueblo communities and proving that traditions are not only necessary for the soul but all future generations.

The Zuni Olla Maidens perform a delicate dance that includes jars or ollas balanced on top of their heads. It is breathtaking to watch. For this beautiful dance, they have been rightfully honored as 2024 National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellows.

The dance brings together the beauty of the music together with colors and jewelry and clothing to bring beauty to our world. There is a power in this ceremony that flows before the singing, the drums and the rattles. The Zuni songs remind us how small we are in this world and that we need to remember the origins and culture of our people and our homes.

I am honored to recognize the significance of these matriarchs. Where there are powerful women, there are powerful families and communities. Let the traditions of the Zuni people ring forever in the halls of Congress.

SEPTEMBER 2023 CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize community leader and Solana Beach resident Lisa Montes as my September 2023 Constituent of the Month.

Lisa is a descendent of the original Mexican families of La Colonia de Eden Gardens, and she has a passion for giving back to her community that was instilled in her by her ancestors. I know she is making them proud today. Lisa devotes her time and effort to numerous

local organizations dedicated to serving and empowering Latino and Latina students and the community at-large.

During Hispanic Heritage Month, I am thrilled to recognize the efforts of leaders, like Lisa, whose service to others strengthens our unique and diverse community. I'm so grateful for residents of California's 49th Congressional District who dedicate their lives to the betterment of our community, and I'm proud to honor Lisa Montes as my Constituent of the Month.

RECOGNIZING STEVE MASSINI ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Steve Massini, who is retiring as Chief Executive Officer of Penn State Health, a position he has served in since 2019.

Mr. Massini first joined Penn State Health in 2015 as chief financial officer for Milton S. Hershey Medical Center before being promoted to executive vice president, chief financial officer, and chief administrative officer for Penn State Health.

Throughout his tenure at Penn State Health, the system has grown significantly, 11 developed strategic partnerships, and made investments in expanding the system's reach across South Central Pennsylvania. These investments included the development of a hospital in Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District, the Lancaster Medical Center, which opened in October 2022. I appreciated the opportunity to visit this and other Penn State Health facilities in our district to learn about the great work they are doing to serve patients.

I have appreciated Mr. Massini's feedback and perspective on federal policies and the impact they have on residents of Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Steve the best in all his future endeavors and thank him for all he has done to make a positive impact in our community.

TRIBUTE CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE'S REDBIRD RANGER STATION CLUB HOUSE

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the U.S. Forest Service's Redbird Ranger Station Club House in southeastern Kentucky, which has a rich history tied to Henry Ford, founder of the Ford Motor Company and Fordson Coal Company.

Southern and Eastern Kentucky has an abundance of historic American treasures tucked away in our Appalachian communities, like the Redbird Purchase Unit. Location names in the mountains preface the stories that unfold on the land, including the fork in the Kentucky River where this unit is located,

named for Chief Red Bird, a legendary Cherokee.

The Ford Motor Company owned 60,000 acres in the Daniel Boone National Forest to harvest timber when hardwood was used for automobile parts and wheel spokes. The land was eventually acquired by the U.S. Forest Service and today, the Redbird Purchase Unit includes nearly 146,000 acres of the forest. Mary Breckinridge, the region's famous nursing pioneer who established the Frontier Nursing Service to offer prenatal care to Appalachian women, personally visited Washington, D.C. to advocate for the federal purchase unit to help protect and manage the forest at the headwaters of the Kentucky River. Mary Breckinridge was a friend of Henry Ford's wife, Clara, who helped support her efforts to provide nurse-midwives in our rural region where healthcare access was desperately needed. Her dedicated efforts to save lives and protect the forest were both successful.

The building that now serves as the Redbird Ranger Station was built by the Fordson Coal Company 100 years ago to house Fordson survey crews, engineers and draftsmen. The "Club House," as it was known, is where employees would gather for meals and social activities. The original hand-cut wood paneling in the home was made from native maple, oak, walnut and American chestnut trees, and is still preserved on the walls today.

Conservation efforts of the U.S. Forest Service have helped preserve the Daniel Boone National Forest and the incredible history of Kentucky's Appalachian region. It is an honor to recognize their diligent efforts on the 100th Anniversary of the U.S. Forest Service's Redbird Ranger Station.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ANTHONY P. AMIGONE, SR.

HON. TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life and legacy of Anthony P. Amigone, Sr.

Anthony P. Amigone, Sr. passed away peacefully on September 7, 2024, in Florida at the age of 92, surrounded by his beloved family. Born on January 5, 1932, in Buffalo, New York, Mr. Amigone remained deeply connected to his hometown throughout his life. He is survived by his devoted wife, Marjorie L. Parmelee, and his children: Mary Amigone-Jennings, Anthony P. Amigone, Jr., Vincent J. Amigone, Sr., and Danielle Marie Amigone. He also leaves behind a large extended family of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Amigone was educated at the University of Buffalo, the Simmons Institute of Mortuary Science, and several local schools, including Kensington High School and Canisius High School. As the chairman of Amigone Funeral Home, Inc., a family business established in 1926, he became a licensed funeral director in New York in 1953 and later in Pennsylvania in 1976. Under his leadership, the company expanded significantly, growing from its original location to 13 branches across Western New York. His innovative vision led to the creation of the city's first modern funeral home, as well

as the distinctive "Amigone Blue" fleet, a signature mark of the business.

Throughout his career, Mr. Amigone served his community and established himself as a preeminent figure in his industry. Among several other posts, Mr. Amigone served as President of the National Association of Approved Morticians, the President of the New York State Funeral Directors Association, and the District Governor of the National Funeral Directors Association.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Mr. Amigone served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was stationed in the Far East as part of the Graves Registration Unit. He also briefly worked for Mitsubishi Chemical in Japan and had the honor of being received by the Emperor of Japan. In 1955, he was instrumental in modernizing funeral practices in Hong Kong.

A devout Catholic, Mr. Amigone had the rare privilege of a private audience with Pope John XXIII in 1958. He was also a dedicated community leader, honored as Buffalonian of the Year in 1987, and active in numerous civic and professional organizations, including the Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus, and several chambers of commerce. A man of many interests, Mr. Amigone was a passionate reader with a love for Shakespeare and enjoyed boating as well as playing the piano, particularly the song "Deep Purple."

Today, we honor Anthony P. Amigone, Sr. and we commemorate his unwavering commitment to Western New York. Mr. Amigone's legacy endures through his loving family, the continued success of his family business, and the profound impact he made on the Buffalo community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. JOHN BILLY PURRY, SR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a remarkable man, Mr. John Billy Purry, Sr., who passed away on July 31, 2024, at the age of 90. Mr. Purry was born on May 30, 1934, and from that moment, his life became a testament to hard work, dedication, and a commitment to his community.

Mr. Purry was more than just a resident of Brandon, Mississippi. He was a pillar, a foundation upon which countless lives were built. His kindness and generosity were unmatched. No matter the task or the need, Mr. Purry was always there, leading with a helping hand. His influence touched the lives of so many who had the pleasure of knowing him, and his legacy will continue to shape his family, friends, and the community for years to come.

Whether volunteering, providing guidance to the younger generations, or simply being a neighbor people could count on, Mr. Purry's presence was always felt. His leadership wasn't formal or announced—it was quiet, steady, and strong. He led by example, demonstrating that real success comes not from personal gain but from the positive impact one can make on others.

He was a devoted family man, a loyal friend, and a respected figure in the community. Mr. Purry lived his life with humility, integrity, and an unmatched love for the people