

13th Congressional District Champions of the Week.

Tuslaw Middle School in Massillon was recently named as a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School, the only school in Stark County to receive this distinction.

Tuslaw Middle School is also one of just 356 schools across the country recognized for their outstanding academic achievements.

It's clear the success of our young people depends on dedicated leaders who recognize their potential and support their educational journey, and Tuslaw is a stellar example of this.

But this was not an achievement that could be accomplished alone—the students, staff, and teachers of Tuslaw Middle School all played a role in earning this national recognition.

So congratulations again to everyone at Tuslaw Middle School on this incredible national honor, and I look forward to seeing how they continue this success in the classroom.

RECOGNIZING DR. KURT GRAHAM
AND HIS SERVICE TO THE
HARRY S. TRUMAN PRESI-
DENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration and immense gratitude for Dr. Kurt Graham and his service throughout his tenure as library director of the Truman Presidential Library and Museum. Dr. Graham has dedicated nearly ten years of his life to the Truman Presidential Library, demonstrating a lifelong commitment to preserving history, education and the legacy of our 33rd president in his hometown Independence, Missouri, which lies inside Missouri's Fifth Congressional District. Today, I invite us all to take a moment and reflect on Dr. Graham's contributions to our community as he departs as the library director.

Dr. Graham's astounding career and success goes beyond his time as the director of the Truman Library. Holding both a bachelor's degree and master's degree in English and American studies from the Brigham Young University, Dr. Graham proceeded to advancing his academic accomplishments by pursuing his doctorate degree in American history from Brown University. Before moving into the public history field, Dr. Graham spent time at California State University, San Bernardino, as an undergraduate and graduate professor in American political and constitutional history.

Outside his academic accomplishments, Dr. Graham has years of experience that undoubtedly prepared him for his role as library director of the Truman Presidential Library. Through his roles as director at the McCracken Research Library and at Church History Museum, he oversaw significant projects such as the digitization of archival collections, development and redesigns, physical renovation of public spaces, and leading fellowship programs. Dr. Graham's vast experience made him a notable leader when he was named as director of the Truman Presidential Library in 2015.

Throughout his tenure as director, Dr. Graham dedicated his time and service to finding

ways to improve the existing experience and to fulfill the needs of the 21st century audience. Under his supervision, the library and museum went through a \$29 million, large-scale renovation which lasted from July 2019 through June 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The renovation saw the installation of new technology to enhance the existing exhibits, provided digital archival assets, and a thematic experience for all visitors alike as they explore and learn about President Truman and wander through the library and museum. Dr. Graham has notably showcased his passion and commitment to preserving American history.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in applauding Dr. Graham as a thank you for leading the Truman Presidential Library and Museum throughout the last nine years. His enthusiasm, work ethic, and dedication to American history have created a lasting impact on those in our community and country. On behalf of the United States Congress and Missouri's Fifth District, I thank Dr. Graham for his service and wish him the best of luck in his new endeavors.

HONORING DIANNE HORTON

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dianne Horton, who sadly passed away this September.

Mrs. Horton dedicated much of her life to serving the great state of Georgia, working for Senator Roscoe Dean at Georgia's State Capitol and for Mary Hitt's gubernatorial campaign. Enthralled by the whirlwind a life in politics brings, Dianne joined the famous Peanut Brigade, President Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign which began after he served as Governor of Georgia.

After her career in politics, Dianne opened her business, VIP Office Furniture and Supply store, in Hinesville, GA. In 2025, VIP will celebrate its 50th anniversary serving the Hinesville community.

Dianne is survived by her mother Inez, her sisters Vicki and Joy, and her sons Andy and Brett.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of the Horton family today, may Dianne's memory be a blessing.

HONORING RAFAEL CAMACHO AS
A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR HIS
PANIC HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, Rafael Camacho is a dedicated professional with a passion for workforce development and higher education. With over six years of experience in the field, Rafael has made significant contributions to bridging the gap between academic institutions and industry needs.

Beginning his career at CareerSource Central Florida, Rafael quickly became adept at

identifying skill gaps and designing programs to equip individuals with the necessary tools for success in the job market. His work involved collaborating with local businesses and community organizations to tailor training programs that addressed specific industry demands, thereby enhancing employment opportunities for countless individuals.

Transitioning into higher education, Rafael joined Valencia College as the director of recruitment and career placement for Accelerated Skills Training (AST), a key member of their recruitment team. In this role, he played a pivotal part in recruiting and guiding prospective students through the college application process. Rafael's deep understanding of workforce demands enabled him to effectively advise Orange and Osceola County students on career paths and educational programs that aligned with their aspirations and the evolving job market trends.

Before embarking on his civilian career, Rafael Camacho proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, where he honed his leadership, discipline, and commitment to service. His military experience has been a cornerstone of his professional ethos, instilling a sense of duty and purpose that carries over into all his endeavors.

After a distinguished military career, Rafael retired from the Marine Corps, bringing the same level of dedication and integrity to his roles in workforce development and education. With a unique blend of military and civilian experience, Rafael is committed to making a positive impact on individuals and communities, fostering growth and development wherever he goes.

HONORING SYLVIA YATES' 100TH
BIRTHDAY

HON. TROY E. NEHLS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. NEHLS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to pay tribute to Sylvia Yates, a constituent of mine who will turn 100 years old on October 7, 2024.

Sylvia Yates was born in Livingston, Texas. As a child, Sylvia would often go to work with her father, who was a logger, and cook for him and his coworkers. Sylvia's love for cooking for those around her has remained with her throughout her life.

After graduating high school, Sylvia moved to Houston, Texas, to attend business school and met her husband, John Yates, whom she married in 1944. Shortly after marrying, John Yates deployed overseas to fight on behalf of our country in the United States Navy during World War II. After John returned home, Sylvia and John started their family, and have two boys, John and Barry.

Along with being a dedicated mother, Sylvia served as a Cub Scout leader and a Sunday school teacher. As a mother with two boys, Sylvia worked diligently in various jobs, showcasing her strong work ethic. During her downtime, Sylvia enjoys reading, needlepoint, and quilting.

John and Barry, Sylvia's sons, both served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. During this time, Sylvia remained a source of strength for her family.

Sylvia and her husband, John, enjoyed traveling throughout their 72 years of marriage and even embarked to the Holy Land in Israel. In retirement, Sylvia and John enjoyed gardening, watching wildlife, and spending time with their grandchildren. Sylvia has five grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

To be close to her son, Barry, and his family, Sylvia and John moved to Richmond, Texas, in 2007. Sylvia's life has been one of love, service, and resilience. She has left a lasting mark on all who have known her.

On behalf of Texas' 22nd Congressional District, I wish a happy 100th birthday to Sylvia. May God continue to bless Sylvia, her family, and her loved ones.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CROP HUNGER WALK OF ANN ARBOR

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk on the 50th anniversary of their efforts in the fight against hunger. The contributions that this event has made to Ann Arbor and its surrounding communities in support of access to meals and greater food security are worthy of commendation.

The Crop Project began in 1947 when farmers were asked to donate food and seed crop to post-World War II Europe and Asia. They soon expanded their target to ending hunger at home as well. The first CROP Hunger Walks took place in Bismarck, North Dakota in 1969 and York, Pennsylvania in 1970. Since then, CROP Hunger Walks have grown to over 1,300 annual events across the nation with thousands of participating communities raising funds to eradicate hunger worldwide. 75 percent of the money raised at a CROP Hunger Walk is used to support global grassroots organizations while 25 percent of the funds stays in the host community for local hunger fighting agencies.

Ann Arbor held its first CROP Hunger Walk only four years after the program's founding. The city has helped raise, on average, \$30,000 to \$45,000 each year. That money has supported various community based programs and non-profits, dedicated to assisting all people with access to healthy food options, personal hygiene products, accessible housing, affordable health care, and more. The success of their CROP Hunger Walk would not be possible without the devotion of its volunteers and participants. As more communities have begun hosting their own CROP Hunger Walks, the committed community members of Ann Arbor have carried on this tradition and will continue to do so in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk and the contributions it has made to the fight against hunger. For the last 50 years, the event has brought together Ann Arbor and its surrounding communities in support of the common goal to end hunger. Thanks to the efforts of all participants and volunteers, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised to fund

local hunger-fighting programs in Ann Arbor and support global efforts to end world hunger and poverty. We thank the Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk for its service to Michigan and are excited to see how the event continues serving the community in the future.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHERYL DENISE BRADY, USA, RETIRED, WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to present retired USA Lieutenant Colonel Cheryl Denise Brady of Nacogdoches, Texas, with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Her service to the Nation and community speaks to the best of Texas.

Born and raised in El Dorado, Arkansas, where she graduated from Southern Arkansas University with a bachelor's degree in political science. Cheryl received her commission in 1984 as a Second Lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps through Army ROTC as a Distinguished Military Graduate. After serving during The Gulf war and the war in Iraq, she culminated a 28-year distinguished military career as the Area Support Group-Kuwait, Director of Logistics at Camp Kuwait from August 2009 to January 2012. She was awarded the highest level recognition in 2011 as a Demonstrated Master Logistician under The Army Demonstrated Logistician Designation Program. Included among her military awards and decorations are the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Cheryl and her husband, Donald moved in May of 2019 at the Lord's direction to Nacogdoches, Texas. Cheryl teaches a women's Sunday school class and leads a weekly Spiritual Bootcamp, Bible reading group, at First Christian Church. She serves as board secretary of the Village Nac, a faith-based community where people who have chronic mental health issues or chronic homelessness can find housing, help, hope and healing. Here she teaches weekly discipleship classes and Bible studies while also serving as a mentor for Village residents.

It is my honor to award retired USA Lieutenant Colonel Cheryl Denise Brady with a Congressional Veteran Commendation from the 17th Congressional District of Texas.

EXPOSING THE GAZA DEATH UNDERCOUNT, BY RALPH NADER

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following article published in the August/September issue of the Capitol Hill Citizen by my constituent,

Ralph Nader. I do not endorse everything put forward in the article; however, I believe it is important that it be included as a matter of free speech and discussion.

One way that the annihilator—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu—flipped off the meek urgings of President Joe Biden and Secretary of State Anthony Blinken to “minimize civilian casualties” in Gaza was to say—Don't lecture me—look at what you did to civilians in Hiroshima (140,000 dead), Nagasaki (70,000 dead) and Dresden (25,000 dead) to crush your enemies. That's 235,000 dead in two nations with a population at the time of 150 million.

In Gaza, a tiny enclave of 2.3 million long besieged and impoverished people, nearly half of them children, the Israeli regime, a military nuclear superpower, backed unconditionally by the United States government and its demanding lobbies, has far exceeded that three city devastation.

The following probative evidence and professional assessments point to a death toll of over 300,000 Palestinians in Gaza with that number at least doubling by end of the year.

Why then is the reviled Hamas' official death count now at about 41,000, accepted by the mass media and most governments, regardless of their view for or against the genocide in Gaza?

Hamas is vested in an undercount to temper accusations by their own people that it has not protected them. (Hamas badly underestimated the total savagery of the Israeli response to its October 7 attack through a mysteriously collapsed multitiered Israeli border security complex.) The Israeli government also prefers an undercount to temper the rising level of international condemnation and boycotts.

As a result, the slow rise in the official fatality and injury undercount leaves a widening gap each day compared to the actual toll of death and morbidity on the ground. Normally, there would be an ongoing “gold standard” epidemiological estimate.

But war epidemiology has historically been understudied. A 2015 article in the journal Epidemiology found that for the epidemiology of severe acute respiratory syndrome there had been nearly 2.5 academic articles per death, while for the epidemiology of wars and armed conflict there are only 0.00005 articles per death.

Gaza presents additional obstacles. For years, Netanyahu has barred entry by journalists, including Israelis, from free and independent reporting there.

In early July 2024, more than 70 media and civil society organizations signed an open letter urging Israel to give journalists independent access to Gaza.

The organizations—which include the Associated Press, Agence France-Presse, BBC, CNN, The Guardian, the New York Times, and the Washington Post—said that no independent media access to Gaza has been permitted since the start of the war.

“This effective ban on foreign reporting has placed an impossible and unreasonable burden on local reporters to document a war through which they are living,” they wrote.

“More than 100 journalists have been killed since the start of the war and those who remain are working in conditions of extreme deprivation. The result is that information from Gaza is becoming harder and harder to obtain and that the reporting which does get through is subject to repeated questions over its veracity.”

Similarly, international humanitarian analysts have been excluded.

“Aid groups have been pointing to Israel restricting the flow of assistance into the territory as a major driver of the crisis,” Tharoor repeated. “Some prominent Israeli