

leader on improving both the physical and cultural infrastructure of the city, and he has consistently and effectively work towards improving the quality of life of the many people that call the City of Port Hueneme home.

As a city councilmember, Jon led the effort to write and pass the city charter, making Port Hueneme the second charter city in Ventura County. Additionally, Jon was instrumental in securing funding to rebuild the city's aging wastewater system, and has been a strong advocate at both the state and local level for library funding. He also led the successful effort to grow housing availability within Port Hueneme, revitalizing the city's core.

Throughout his career in public service, Jon has been recognized as a regional leader in coastal advocacy. Jon has continually provided the City of Port Hueneme with guidance and leadership in his roles as chair and boardmember of the Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON), one of the first regional organizations in the country dedicated to providing a public response to the challenges of coastal erosion and resiliency. I have also had the opportunity to work closely with Jon and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to ensure continued sand replenishment at Hueneme Beach.

Jon has also contributed to prosperity of our region as a whole. As chair and boardmember of the Ventura Regional Sanitation District (VRSD), he led the effort to secure approval from the State of California to site and operate the only publicly owned landfill in Ventura County. Subsequently, the Toland Road Landfill has been recognized as a national leader in the use of landfill gas for electricity generation; and, the biosolids processing facility, during its operation, not only provided a local solution to biosolids disposal but also took nine million truck miles per year off the road.

In addition, Jon has served as Port Hueneme's representative to the Regional Defense Partnership for the 21st Century (RDP-21), a public-private partnership formed to support the military mission in Ventura County. RDP-21 has been instrumental in enhancing the mission of Naval Base Ventura County, bringing thousands of jobs to the area.

As he heads into retirement, Jon is representative of a steadfast dedication and tireless commitment to serving his community. For these reasons, it is with great enthusiasm that I join a grateful city and its residents in offering Jonathan Sharkey our heartfelt appreciation for his countless contributions to the City of Port Hueneme throughout his 24 years of public service. I wish him continued success and only the best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF THE  
ZEELAND RECORD AND THE VAN  
KOEVERING FAMILY

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2018*

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Van Koevering family and their many contributions to the West Michigan Community through their newspaper and print shop, The Zeeland Record.

As a well-known and highly-regarded West Michigan business, The Zeeland Record has

earned the respect of the greater Ottawa County community through dedication to quality and service for over 125 years.

The Zeeland Record was started in 1893 by Adrian Van Koevering as a newspaper and print shop, and through the lifetime of the company, has expanded to include a full digital printing operation with the addition of ZR Graphics. When the newspaper and print shop was founded near the end of the 19th century, there was no local printing business. Recognizing the lack of regular circulation for news periodicals, and at the advice and counsel of his mother's uncle, Adrian Van Koevering started his own commercial printing company. He was able to obtain a loan from this same relative, Jacob Den Herder, to buy his own printing equipment, and within a few months, Adrian was hard at work in a business that would span generations of the Van Koevering family. Today, the company is in its fourth generation of family ownership and is led by brothers Kurt and Kraig Van Koevering who continue the Zeeland Record's legacy in West Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Second Congressional District of Michigan, we thank and honor the contributions of the Van Koevering family to West Michigan communities and families.

RECOGNIZING STEVEN T. REEDER

**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2018*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute fellow Hoosier Steven T. Reeder, an extraordinary teacher and citizen. Mr. Reeder has taught at Monrovia High School in Morgan County, Indiana, for twenty-years. He was recently awarded "History Teacher of the Year" by the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution. This honor is well-deserved as his passion for teaching History is unmatched.

Colleagues, students, and members of the community have nothing but positive accolades when speaking about Mr. Reeder. I am told by his principal that students in his classes are on the edge of their seats each day from start to finish, and higher-level thinking is abundant. The classroom is filled with historical artifacts in a museum-like setting, but it is Mr. Reeder's ability to story-tell and cultivate critical thinking that makes his teaching style so special. In addition, he is known for hosting study groups after hours at local restaurants and also for lending support to students through small acts of kindness. It is no surprise that Mr. Reeder has been invited to the school's "Top Ten Teachers Banquet" every single year of his career at Monrovia High School.

Mr. Reeder's passion for history has not been limited to his classroom. He has been instrumental in leading students and residents of the community in unearthing information and artifacts about the town of Monrovia and its schools. He initiated and sponsors the organization "Students for the School" whose purpose is to research local history and make it visible in the community. As a result, artifacts celebrating the community's rich history in sports, agriculture, education, art, and the un-

derground railroad have been displayed in multiple cases in the school and town library. The group was also responsible for establishing the town's first official Indiana Historical Marker celebrating the life of former-resident IU Basketball Coach Branch McCracken.

Mr. Reeder uses historical opportunities to encourage a sense of community for citizens in Monrovia. He has worked with local organizations on projects that recognize and honor area veterans and active-duty members of America's armed forces. He recently hosted classes for the public about Monrovia's history, and he currently is working with civic leaders to establish more historical markers at noteworthy sites in the area. The loyalty Mr. Reeder has for his community and school is commendable.

As the Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, & Secondary Education, I am especially honored to recognize Mr. Steve Reeder as one of Indiana's finest teachers. He embodies the true spirit of a dedicated and caring educator, and I wish him the very best as he continues to be a positive influence for generations to come.

HUMBLE HISTORY

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it has been an honor and a privilege to represent the great City of Humble and the best folks in Texas. I live right outside the city line, over in Atascocita. But I have always considered Humble my home. If folks ask me where I live, I reply Humble. There are two ways to pronounce Humble—the right way and the wrong way. The right way is Umble (the H is silent). Towns like Humble, Texas are why so many new folks and businesses continue to move to Texas. It is only fitting that Humble was founded by a little-known hero, Joseph Dunman, who some believe is the true father of Humble.

In 1836, William Barret Travis penned his famous letter from the Alamo, "The Travis Letter." Travis pledged he would "never surrender or retreat," swearing "victory or death." Travis's letter requesting reinforcements at the Alamo was delivered by Joseph Dunman. The most famous letter in Texas history was delivered by horseback from the Alamo to Liberty, Texas by a volunteer. Dunman not only volunteered but he survived. Dunman like Travis believed in these words that the cause for independence was his life. Dunman was a true freedom fighter that understood America is worth fighting for and that defeat is not an option.

Unfortunately, Travis' call for help was not answered in time. Commander Travis and 187 volunteers sacrificed their lives after 13 glorious days at the Alamo. After delivering the letter to Liberty, Texas, Dunman rode on to Anahuac to spread the message to the colonist. Now the rest is as they say—Texas history. The Battle of San Jacinto was fought. General Sam Houston and his men defeated Santa Anna winning Texas' Independence.

In the 1840s Dunman received a land grant that would later become the city of Humble. In 1844, he acquired over 177 acres on the

banks of the San Jacinto River. He also raised cattle. By 1854, more than sixteen families settled around what was known as the Joseph Dunman settlement.

After the war, Dunman continued working for the Republic of Texas by driving and fencing cattle for Fort Galveston.

Because of men like Joseph Dunman, Texas is the great State that it is today. His legacy embodies the passion and loyalty that make Texans stand out around the world. The backbone of our nation was formed from hard-working citizens like Joseph Dunman. He is an example not only to those from Humble, but to all citizens of our great Nation.

The Dunman family always found a way to give back to their beloved Humble. They used their home as a polling location for the Republic of Texas and Harris County elections. Joseph Dunman's son, Joseph W. Dunman, opened the very first school in 1873. The school was called Joe Dunman's Schoolhouse. It was the only school in the district. The district is now called the Humble Independent School District.

Beginning as a small sawmill town, Humble was home to rugged Texas ranchers, farmers, and loggers. In 1869, a Civil War veteran named Pleasant Humble moved to Harris County. He purchased prime land from the Dunman family along the south side of the San Jacinto River. Humble opened a grocery store and ran the existing ferry. He soon took over the responsibility of the mail.

One of the best things about Texas is the fact that Texas towns each have their own unique history. There are hundreds of stories about towns and their colorful past and the settlers who founded them. However, the most interesting part of their unique history is how each town received its name. According to local historian Dr. Robert Meaux, "legend states that mail carriers from other towns were instructed to "deliver to Humble" meaning Pleasant Humble. Through continued use of this phrase, "Humble" eventually became the name of the town." In 1886, Pleasant Humble became the first postmaster of Humble. He was also Commissioner of Harris County and elected to Justice of the Peace for Harris County Precinct 4 in 1887 to 1895.

The name Bender should sound familiar to Humble folks. Bender Avenue, Aldine-Bender Road, and Charles Bender High School were all named after Charles Bender Sr. In 1889, Bender purchased a sawmill and moved it to Humble. The sale included thousands of acres of timberland. C. Bender and Sons became a very successful lumber company. They shipped wood all over the world. Bender was a very generous man. He built houses for his employees and allowed them to purchase them from his company.

In 1904 Bender filed an official street plan for the town of Humble, which is still in use today. The four main streets in town were named after four oil pioneers drilling in Humble: Higgins, Barrett, Granberry, and Staiti. The Bender family were hardworking, well-educated, God fearing Americans who emigrated from Germany believing the impossible. Recently the City of Humble renovated the abandoned Charles Bender High School and converted it into the Charles Bender Performing Arts Center. Hung over the top of one of the doors at Charles Bender High School read "Impossible Is Un-American." This motto was true of the Bender family.

Modern amenities were brought to Humble at the turn of the 20th century. They opened a bank, a theater and skating rink known as the Opera House, utility companies, a hardware store and saloons. Influential leader and citizen, Ross Sterling, moved to Humble in 1904. After completing a fourth grade level education, he began working as a clerk at the age of 12. The experience led him at the age of 21 to launch his own feed store. Sterling could have taught a course about the hard-working man—Work Ethic 101. In 1910, Sterling's big break came when he purchased two oil wells, leading to the charter of The Humble Oil and Refining Company, which later became Exxon. Sterling went to open many banks, one of which is Humble State Bank. He also was a newspaper publisher after buying the Houston Post, and owned KPRC radio station. He went on to become the governor of Texas from 1931 to 1933. In all of his endeavors, he always found a way to give back to his community. He left a legacy long after his death. Ross Sterling Middle School in Humble is named in his honor.

The 10s and 20s roared in with the founding of oil. Oil derricks made of wood covered Moonshine Hill and Humble. The first oil boom in Humble was made up of shallow wells that formed lakes of oil around the derricks. What a sight. As a result, Humble grew along with the refinery when oil roughnecks began purchasing homes in and around the town.

They weathered the depression better than most in the 30s and the 40s. And they solidified the Greatest Generation in our Nation's history. Humble is home to many heroes who served in the military during this time. One such hero who lives in Humble is Tom Morgan. Tom volunteered to serve his country during WW2. He joined the Marines in 1942 and was deployed and assigned to island hopping along Southeast Asia. Despite contracting malaria, he continued to serve our country. He then served as a reservist, and again deployed for his country in the Korean War. But he was not done serving. He worked the pipelines for 30 years and raised 3 kids in Humble. He retired, but felt lazy, so he answered an ad in the paper for positions with the Harris County Sheriff Office as a reserve officer. At the age of 72, he was the oldest cadet to ever graduate from the academy.

For 26 years, he has put on a badge and a gun to protect and serve the people and communities that he loves. At the age of 98, Tom Morgan is retiring as the oldest active lawman in the state of Texas. He still lives in Humble.

The McKay family name is well-known in Humble. Dr. Haden Edwards McKay II brought his family to Humble in 1919. He practiced medicine and served on the Humble ISD School Board. His son, Haden Edwards McKay III, followed in his father's footsteps by becoming a physician, too. He became known as Dr. McKay Jr. He started practicing medicine in 1938 in Humble. He met his wife, Lillian, a nurse at St. Joseph's hospital and they were married in 1941. That same year, Dr. McKay built a white limestone house for his new bride, in Humble. This home is considered a piece of local history. Another Humble landmark is the McKay Clinic, which is now a museum thanks to the efforts of Mrs. McKay. Dr. McKay saw patients at that clinic until his death in 1996. I cannot imagine what Humble would be like today, had it not been for the

McKay's. The city thrives because of their work and tireless efforts. Dr. McKay served as the mayor of Humble for 24 years and Lillian was the First Lady.

Bringing in air conditioning, the baby boom, and the Vietnam War the 50s and 60s presented many more changes to the small town. The 50s was the beginning of an economic boom in Humble. Population of Humble increased as many families moved to the suburbs to escape the City of Houston. In 1969, Houston's largest airport, now called George Bush Intercontinental Airport, was built on the west side of Humble. The 70s saw the biggest rise in fame and fortune with the oil boom, but was followed by the biggest fall from grace in the 80s. Nonetheless, Humble emerged unscathed in the 90s and continued to thrive. Not to say there were not hard times over the years. They had their share of hurricanes and fires—the latest was Hurricane Harvey. And we all know the damage Harvey poured onto Humble. But Humble proved Texas Strong. It is truly a city rich in history, pride, and perseverance.

Humble's fire and police departments are among the best in Texas. As a prosecutor and Judge for over 30 years, I have had the privilege of working alongside some of America's best, the men and women in blue. Each day they wake up, place the badge—the shield—over their heart and head out into our communities to protect us. It has been an honor to call many first responders in Humble, my friend.

It has been an honor to represent the citizens of Humble, Texas in the United States House of Representatives. I am proud to have worked with Retired Humble Mayor McMannes, Humble Mayor Merle Aarons, and the city council on numerous projects concerning the city. I commend them for their leadership in helping Humble grow.

I look forward to seeing Humble continue to prosper in the future.

And that's just the way it is.

#### HONORING ISAAC APPLBAUM

### HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 19, 2018*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Isaac Applbaum, an active investor, enthusiastic venture capitalist, and senior advisor to the Mayor of Jerusalem for Public Private Partnerships.

Isaac grew up around Brooklyn, New York, where he attended Yeshiva University. He then moved on to earn his degree in Computer Science from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. After graduation, he joined Bell Labs as a programmer. He has since gone on to launch Concorde Solutions, a software assets management firm. The firm was bought by Bank of America, which landed him a role as a senior vice president responsible for strategic investments. From there, Applbaum has spent over 20 years in the Bay Area's venture capital universe.

Mr. Applbaum works with a variety of investment firms and continues to push investment in Israel. He is a major contributor to partnerships between American and Israeli companies. He also cofounded Teal Lake Cellars,