

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