

CONGRATULATING KOPY BRACK-
ENMEYER FOR HIS WIN AT THE
STATE FINALS BOYS' TRACK
AND FIELD TOURNAMENT IN
THE 4X800 METER RELAY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Koby Brackemeyer, a junior from Morrison High School, for winning the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Boys Track and Field Tournament in the 4X800 Meter Relay. Koby and his team finished first with a time of 7:57.85.

Koby ran the opening leg and turned in a 1:57.8 to put Morrison ahead instantly. By giving his teammates such an advantage, the team was in an incredible position to finish first. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Koby displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his athleticism and leadership. Koby is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am elated with the presence of such young talent in our community and to see him represent Morrison so well throughout the state.

It is because of student leaders such as Koby that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Koby Brackemeyer on his Class 1A State Finals title in Boys Track and Field.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF ROSE
MARY HANSHAW

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Rose Mary Cicero Hanshaw, who passed away surrounded by her loving family on August 11, 2019, at the age of 81.

Born Aug. 12, 1937, in Warren, Rose was the daughter of Nicholas and Carmella Nardo Cicero. As a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Rose's family meant everything to her.

She was a licensed beautician for many years, working for Helen Accordini's Beauty Salon. She later worked as a cook at her cousin's and godfather's grocery store: Cicero's Market in Niles. During those years, she built lifelong friendships with many of her co-workers and customers.

Engaging her Italian heritage, Rose enjoyed baking, cooking and Sunday macaroni dinners with her entire family. She always looked forward to family celebrations for birthdays and holidays. She loved yardwork as well as working in her flower beds.

She was a graduate of Niles McKinley High School, Class of 1956, and was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Niles. In her younger years, she was active at working the parish festival in the sausage booth as well as being a part of the ladies auxiliary group who cleaned the Church before the celebrations of Christmas and Easter and special events.

On June 13, 1959, Rose married the love of her life, Marvin Hanshaw, who died June 4, 2018, and during their 58 years together, they enjoyed the love and joy that family brought to them.

She will be deeply missed by three sons, Deacon Michael Hanshaw and his wife, Stacey, of Liberty, David Hanshaw of Lordstown and Frank Hanshaw and his wife, Jessica, of Howland.

Her grandchildren brought much joy and pride into Nana's life, as she was affectionately known as, and she delighted in sharing in all of the significant moments of their lives from school sporting events to high school graduations. They include Nick Hanshaw, Kyle Hanshaw, Chance (Jaclyn) Hanshaw, Melissa Hanshaw, Arianna Hanshaw and Nathaniel Hanshaw. Great-grandchildren include Bentley Edward Lane, Madalynne Rose Hanshaw and Braelynn Rae Meely.

Rose is also survived by one brother, Carmen Cicero of Garden Grove, California.

My wife Andrea and I are blessed to be long-time friends of her son, Mike, who is the deacon at my childhood church. I give my deepest condolences to Rose's family. She will certainly be missed.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF
CONNIE JONES

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Connie Jones, who is retiring after 35 years of serving her community as Executive Director of the Southwest Minority Economic Development Association, which operates Santa Ana's Southwest Community Center.

Each day, Ms. Jones and the Southwest Community Center carry out their mission of "helping people help themselves." The Southwest Community Center serves as a vital life line to single mothers, seniors, veterans, recovering addicts, the disabled, the homeless, those who suffer from mental illness, as well as neighborhood families and children.

Under Ms. Jones' direction, her dedicated staff and volunteers serve 10,000 meals a month, distribute food baskets, clothing, provide health screenings, rental and utility assistance, transportation vouchers, job referrals, and much more. The Center has also created an environment that fosters friendship and a sense of belonging.

Ms. Jones, a Santa Ana native, has worked tirelessly to continue the vision started by her grandmother, the late Annie Mae Tripp, who began serving meals in her garage to homeless men, while struggling to make ends meet as a domestic worker with seven children.

From that starting point in 1970, her ministry for the poor and homeless expanded to a rented building that—with the help of other dedicated neighborhood women, area churches, community and business sponsors, and hundreds of volunteers—went from serving soup and bread to 12 homeless men to providing a life-saving services for thousands in need.

Even a devastating fire in 2009 did not stop the success of the Southwest Community Center. Like a phoenix rising from the ashes,

the Center continued operations in rented facilities until a beautiful new building opened two years later.

The new Center was built nearly for free by contractors who wanted to give back to their community. One of those contractors grew up in the neighborhood served by the Southwest Community Center. The Center's services and caring atmosphere helped him thrive and succeed, which is also true for hundreds of other men, women, and children from this Santa Ana neighborhood.

Ms. Jones' receipt of the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Community Action Partnership of Orange County is a true testament to her spirit and love for the Santa Ana community. It is my distinct honor to recognize my constituent and friend, Connie Jones, for her humanitarian accomplishments and I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating her on her retirement.

HONORING DR. WILLARD
LEWALLEN

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the retiring Superintendent-President of Hartnell Community College District, Dr. Willard Lewallen, for his career in higher education and commitment to serving the people of the central coast of California. His leadership has touched the lives of many, and I am honored to acknowledge his legacy today in the House of Representatives.

Throughout his seven years in his role as Superintendent-President, Dr. Lewallen has remained committed to a philosophy of "students first." He has set an inspiring example for Hartnell College employees and its supporters, leading initiatives and partnerships that have yielded tremendous success and strengthened Hartnell and the entire Salinas Valley. The continual growth and development of the college itself is due in large part to Dr. Lewallen's investment of time and expertise into improvement of campus programs and facilities. Dr. Lewallen's record of service to Hartnell and the Salinas Valley has certainly left a lasting impact on the City of Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula.

Student success has been a priority of Dr. Lewallen throughout his time at Hartnell and is reflected by an overwhelming increase in completion of degrees and certificates. The number of students pursuing four-year degrees has also risen during Dr. Lewallen's tenure, preparing these students to transfer to the California State University and University of California systems to complete their degrees.

Dr. Lewallen has left an indelible mark on the central coast with Hartnell's recently developed partnerships with California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) and Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System. Dr. Lewallen helped initiate programs like the CSin3 program, which allows students to complete a B.S. in computer science in three years, and the Teacher Transfer Pathway program, which enables students to begin at Hartnell and continue seamlessly at CSUMB and earn a teaching certificate within five years.

Growth and development have been remarkable under the leadership of Dr. Lewallen