

and has impacted faculty and staff in constructive ways. The steady increase in the number of employees and full-time faculty and has been paired with substantial investments made in future construction sites within the Hartnell College system. Dr. Lewallen has helped to secure funding for the construction of new Hartnell education outreach centers in Soledad and Castroville, a state-of-the-art nursing and health sciences building on the Main Campus in Salinas. He has also overseen efforts to refurbish classroom buildings on the Main Campus and the transformation of the Central Plaza.

As Dr. Lewallen celebrates his retirement, I am proud to commend him on his invaluable work as a higher education leader. On behalf of residents across the Central Coast, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Willard Lewallen for his service and wishing him a long and healthy retirement.

HONORING FLOYD "SKIP" BRANCH, JR.

HON. ADRIANO ESPAILLAT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in great sadness to share the passing of Floyd "Skip" Branch, Jr. and honor his life and legacy.

For generations of children, Skip, as he was known to the community, was a fixture of their daily lives.

In 1995, Skip founded the NYC Bombsquad Basketball Classic, where he worked each summer with nearly 300 young boys and girls. But his impact was not merely honing basketball skills, although he certainly did. On the court and off the court, his lessons transcended basketball and made better the lives he touched and the community he loved.

Skip displayed an unyielding love for his community and inimitable belief that basketball was a constructive tool for the development and enrichment of children and adolescents. Responsibility. Teamwork. Academic achievement. Community engagement. Fraternity. Sorority. These are the tenets that Skip inculcated in every one of his students and will remain a part of his indelible legacy.

His program grew and had such an impact on young people's lives that many of them returned to teach and coach new participants. Skip believed that basketball and the fundamental lessons he taught should not only be shared with his students at Rice High School, Cardinal Hayes, or Hostos Community College. He also used the playground at East 100th Street and Third Avenue as a haven for youth in East Harlem where he instilled the fundamentals of teamwork, sportsmanship and respect in his students. Anyone who knew Skip knows he loved every moment spent doing this important work.

Floyd "Skip" Branch, Jr. was a beloved husband, brother, father, and grandfather. To his wife Carole, son Floyd III, brother Dr. Kent Branch, and all those close to Skip, I share my sincerest condolences in this time of grief and hope they find solace in knowing his legacy lives on in the many young lives he impacted.

HONORING THE MARTINEZ ARTS ASSOCIATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Martinez Arts Association for its dedication to promoting the arts in our community and to celebrate its 50th annual Arts in the Park Festival, an event to support local art teachers and Martinez students who study art in college. The Martinez Arts Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides opportunities to local artists and fosters arts education in Martinez schools.

Founded in 1968, the Martinez Arts Association has a long history of supporting local artists and creativity in our community. The organization is led by a volunteer board of directors who are dedicated to increasing accessibility to the arts. The Martinez Arts Association is backed financially by Association members and generous local sponsors who are invested in cultivating the arts in Martinez.

The Arts in the Park festival draws a larger crowd with each passing year. This year there are over sixty vendors, live music, activities, and a silent auction to spark people's imaginations and enable them to give back to our community. The Martinez Arts Association puts on other incredible events including the SWAN (Support Women Artists Now) Day Celebration, participates in local parades, and contributes rotating art exhibits at the library.

Every year, the Martinez Arts Association awards \$3,000 grants to Martinez elementary and high school teachers to help offset budget cuts to arts education. In addition, the organization runs a scholarship program that awards over \$3,000 each year to local high school seniors who intend to study visual arts in college.

Madam Speaker, the Martinez Arts Association has been an ardent advocate of the arts in our community since 1968. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the Martinez Arts Association here today.

HONORING SANTA ANA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Santa Ana Valley High School in Santa Ana, California for their 60 years of dedicated service to high school students in our local community.

Founded in 1959, amid Orange County's population boom, Santa Ana Valley High School was the second high school opened in the City of Santa Ana. In its first year of operation, it served only grades 10 and 11. Now, Santa Ana Valley High School prepares students in grades 9–12 with the skills necessary to meet the career and academic challenges of our 21st century global society.

Graduates of Santa Ana Valley High School over the past several decades have gone on to successful careers in a variety of careers,

including professional sports, music, entrepreneurship, medicine, and more.

Today, Santa Ana Valley High School educates over 2,200 students and boasts a 90 percent 4-year graduation rate, which is above the California state average. Students from this year's graduating class will be attending elite institutions such as Stanford University, Georgetown University, UC Berkeley, among many others, which is a testament to Santa Ana Valley High School's growth and advancement over the past 60 years.

Santa Ana Valley High School always seeks to innovate student service and preparation for college and the workforce. One notable example of this is High School Inc., a non-profit organization housed at Santa Ana Valley High School that has helped their students secure hundreds of internships, earn over 400 certifications, and attend dozens of industry relevant competitions. This unique college and career readiness that started at Santa Ana Valley High School has now become an emerging model for schools nationwide.

Santa Ana Valley High School has also developed successful extracurricular programs to support a variety of student interests in becoming more well-rounded individuals. Additionally, Santa Ana Valley High School has numerous incredibly successful athletics programs, winning several CIF championships of various sports over the years.

Santa Ana Valley High School has made countless achievements over the past 60 years, and they are on track for even more success in the future. For this reason, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and recognizing the accomplishments and service of Santa Ana Valley High School.

CONGRATULATING KYLE KRUHTOFF ON HIS CLASS 1A WIN AT STATE FINAL FOR BOYS TRACK AND FIELD IN POLE VAULTING

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kyle Kruhtoff, a senior from Erie-Prophetstown High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Boys Track and Field Tournament in Pole Vaulting. Kyle set the Class 1A record at 16 feet, 8 inches, beating the previous mark of 16 feet 3 inches held by two others.

Kyle is a record-setter with the talent to go even further in the athletic world. He broke records after overcoming a serious injury. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Kyle displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his determination and passion. Kyle is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am delighted to see such young talent in our community and to see him represent Erie-Prophetstown so well throughout the state.

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

IN RECOGNITION OF SUE MOORE
FOR A DISTINGUISHED CAREER
WITH THE BELLEVILLE POLICE
DEPARTMENT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sue Moore on her retirement and recognize her thirty-two years of distinguished service in the Belleville Police Department. Her contributions to the community are worthy of commendation.

Sue Moore has been an important member of the Belleville Police Department since 1987. Serving as the Police Department Records Clerk, Moore has been responsible for a host of duties that are necessary for a police department to function effortlessly. For over three decades, Moore has kept a watchful eye on budgets, handled all department billings, scheduled officers' enrollment in various training and schools, and prepared and edited an innumerable amount of warrants, among other tasks. Throughout her tenure, Moore has served under five police chiefs and worked tirelessly with the prosecutor's office, state officials, and numerous other individuals.

Sue Moore is known for her high degree of professionalism, kind demeanor, and passion for helping all she encountered. Over these thirty-two years, Moore has become a pillar of the Belleville Police Department and will always be remembered for her outstanding job performance. Through her work, Moore has truly demonstrated a commitment to the entire Belleville community, and it is my honor and privilege to recognize her great dedication today.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sue Moore for her thirty-two years of service to the Belleville Police Department and congratulate her on completing her final day with the department on June 28, 2019. We thank her for her outstanding work and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

HONORING SERGEANT FIRST
CLASS THOMAS F. VAUGHNS
AND THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant First Class Thomas F. Vaughns, a Tuskegee Airman and World War II and Korean War Veteran. On August 21, 2019, Sergeant First Class (SFC) Vaughns will be recognized for his service and commitment to the United States.

SFC Vaughns, of White Hall and resident of the Fourth District of Arkansas, began his service during World War II at Camp Robinson, North Little Rock, Arkansas. After Basic Combat Training in California, he reported to several locations around the country where he worked as a mechanic on B-25 bombers. He eventually ended up at the air base in Tuskegee, Alabama, where he helped ensure B-25s were operational and safe for training.

At the end of the war, he completed high school in St. Louis and then returned to Arkansas where he attended the Arkansas Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College (AM&N), now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB). He graduated in 1950, just in time to be called up again for service during the Korean War. In 1951, now SFC Vaughns, served as a supply sergeant at Fort Hood, Texas. The Army discharged him at his request one year later in 1952.

After his military service, he worked several different jobs but ended his career as a horticulture specialist at UAPB.

The Tuskegee Airmen were a highly trained and specialized group of America's first African American pilots and ground crews for the U.S. Army Air Corp and eventually the Army Air Forces. Their impressive performance during war-time earned them more than 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses. The unit obtained a distinguished reputation for their ability to safely escort American bombers into enemy territory, resulting in the fewest losses in the 15th Air Force during the war.

I am honored to recognize Sergeant First Class Thomas F. Vaughns and the Tuskegee Airmen for their rich history of service and bravery. I thank each and every one of them for protecting the freedoms of this country and hope their legacy continues for generations to come.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF THE
HONORABLE PATRICK JOSEPH
UNGARO

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 former Youngstown, Ohio mayor, the Honorable Patrick Joseph Ungaro, who passed away peacefully at his home with his family at his side, on Saturday, August 17, 2019.

Patrick was born March 3, 1941, in Youngstown, to Victor and Mary (Mast) Ungaro and grew up in the Smokey Hollow neighborhood of Youngstown.

He graduated from The Rayen School in 1959 and attended Youngstown College, where he played football and eventually earned a bachelor's degree in Education. He received his master's degree in Counseling, Administration and Superintendent Certification from Westminster College and served in the U.S. Army during the Berlin Crisis.

Pat began his professional career in 1965 as a teacher and school counselor at The Rayen School where he would also coach football and track and field. Pat was eventually named the head football coach at Rayen, leading some of the most successful teams in Rayen history. He then left Rayen and coaching to become the Assistant Principal at South High School until 1984. It was during these years spent in education that Pat had the most pleasure and reward, helping countless kids from Youngstown reach their potential and go on to become productive people. Many of his former students still approach his family crediting his calm, compassionate demeanor, firm discipline and most of all his genuine care for them as people as credit for their success to this day.

Pat ran for Youngstown City Council in 1976 at the urging and support of his wife to make a difference in the Third Ward. He was elected and eventually became Council President the following year, serving in that capacity until 1982. In 1983, Pat ran for Mayor of Youngstown, during turbulent times and won the first of five terms, serving as mayor for 14 years. He often credited his win to walking door to door every day during the election in the city; always remembering the number of great people he had the opportunity to meet; people who would help him become elected and who he would eventually serve with humility and integrity. He often said that hard work, perseverance and being honest in your dealing with people will always pay off. This working-class ethos carried him to three additional terms as mayor, where he eventually retired 1997, serving as the longest tenured mayor in the history of the city.

Pat attempted retirement unsuccessfully and eventually returned to education, serving as the Assistant Principal at Youngstown City West Elementary in 2001. In 2002, he was approached by Liberty Township to become the Township Administrator, where he served until June of this year. Pat made many friends in Liberty Township and Trumbull County and was always grateful for the opportunity to serve Liberty until his final days.

Pat was a loving husband, father and grandfather who cherished his family and enjoyed many fun vacations to Ocean City, Maryland for 40 years. Pat's son, Eric, continues his family's commitment to public service as a township trustee.

The Honorable Pat Mayor Ungaro was one of the greatest leaders to ever come out of our community. He began the effort to revitalize Youngstown's downtown, reclaimed Brownfield sites, and was a stand tough opponent of organized crime. He made it a point to meet with me days after I was first elected to Congress. The positive things happening in Youngstown today are because Pat Ungaro had the guts to lead. I join the entire Mahoning Valley in celebrating his life and legacy. He will be missed.

CONGRATULATING KEEGAN ANDERSON 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 Keegan Anderson, a junior from Morrison High School, who won the Illinois High School Association's Class 1A State Finals Boys Track and Field Tournament in the 4x800 Meter Relay. Keegan and his team finished first with a time of 7:57.85.

Keegan and his teammates easily beat out the second-place team for their victory at state. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Keegan displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his passion and determination. Keegan is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to