

then, the Toastmasters has grown to over 140 clubs throughout Orange County, California, and has more than 2,500 members. The Toastmasters Founder's District assists other communities in building new clubs while supporting existing clubs in achieving and maintaining excellence. The Toastmasters Founder's District continues to grow and now includes an international community under Toastmasters International.

The Founder's District and Toastmasters International aim to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. Members of Toastmasters, both past and present, have used their skills and experiences from the organization and applied them to careers in politics, teaching, and more.

Notably, one member placed in the top three at the World Championship Competition of Public Speaking, surpassing over 30,000 competitors. Furthermore, the member was invited to speak at a TEDx event as well as in various countries throughout Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. They believe that although there are many types of speeches, if you can master one, you can master them all. Toastmasters provides the tools and valuable experience to practice and master skills such as speaking on a global platform. Through the experience, members are better equipped to achieve their goals.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Toastmasters Founder's District for its dedication to our local community and in honoring its 75 years of achievements and innovation in communication and leadership skills.

TRIBUTE TO CAROL S. LARSON

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and celebrate the career of Carol S. Larson, President and CEO of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, who is retiring at the end of 2019 after 30 years with the Packard Foundation and 15 years serving as its President and CEO. Carol's dedication to helping children and families in California, the United States, and around the world has improved countless lives and made immeasurable contributions to the field of philanthropy.

A graduate of Stanford University and Yale Law School, Carol joined the Packard Foundation in 1989 and assumed the role of Director of Research and Grants, Law and Public Policy at the then-titled Center for the Future of Children where she focused her grantmaking on child health and welfare issues. She edited and contributed to the journal publication *The Future of Children* on topics ranging from drug-exposed infants, to school-linked services, to home visiting, to juvenile courts, and taught two courses at Stanford Law School on child abuse and neglect.

Carol became President and CEO of the Packard Foundation in 2004. Under her leadership, the Foundation averaged \$300 million in annual grantmaking and deployed \$500 million in total mission investments to hundreds of partners, ranging from community-based organizations around the world to renowned in-

stitutions in the Bay Area. During Carol's tenure, the Foundation also provided \$349 million in funding to organizations and efforts working to improve the health and well-being of children through the Packard Foundation's Children, Families, and Communities program. This funding has helped increase health care coverage for uninsured children; enrolled more children in preschool and introduced a new Transitional Kindergarten for four-year-olds; improved pediatric and obstetric care through the world-renowned Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford University; strengthened the quality of early childhood programs; and ushered in a new understanding that the well-being of children must be viewed through the lens of the whole family. The Packard Foundation's integration of two-generation strategies that seek better outcomes for parents and children together into its work promoting the well-being of children has shaped how philanthropy, policymakers, and advocates act on behalf of families.

Under Carol's tenure, the Packard Foundation has also reinforced the Packard family's strong commitment to Northern California. Since 2008, the Foundation has devoted over \$156 million through its Local Grantmaking program to organizations committed to increasing opportunities for families and communities in the Bay Area, raising the bar for other Silicon Valley philanthropists to support local organizations.

In recognition of her work and her contributions to the field of philanthropy, Carol received the Council on Foundation's Distinguished Service Award in 2016; the American Leadership Forum—Silicon Valley's 2019 John W. Gardner Award; and the World Affairs 2019 Global Citizenship Award for her leadership and dedication to the public good.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Carol S. Larson on her extraordinary career and expressing our deepest appreciation to her for dedicating her life to improving the lives of children and families, and strengthening our county immeasurably.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GOLD MEDAL CONGRESSIONAL AWARD ACHIEVED BY MR. TREVOR REY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Mr. Trevor Rey's accomplishment in receiving the Gold Medal Congressional Award, Congress's highest honor for the youth of our country. In attaining this award, Mr. Rey demonstrated his commitment to succeed in both his academic endeavors and athletic events. Such an achievement could not have been done without the support and dedication of his family and community. I am honored and proud to represent the exemplary work of young people like Trevor Rey in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District.

The Congressional Gold Medal Award requires much from those who seek to attain it, including a tenacity and drive that few possess. The Congressional Award was originally created in 1979 in an effort to recognize initiative, service, and achievement in young peo-

ple. In order to receive such a prestigious award, applicants must complete a wide array of assignments, including at least 400 hours of voluntary public service, 200 hours of personal development and physical fitness, and a 5-day expedition. In order to complete his 400 hours of public service, Mr. Rey split his time among several community organizations. First, he served as a troop guide for his local Boy Scout Troop, Troop No. 46, on their trip to the Philmont Scout Camp, where they worked to earn merit badges and learn how to be good scouts. Mr. Rey also volunteered at his church, the Red Bridge United Methodist Church, and at his high school, Center High School in Kansas City. In addition, Mr. Rey serves in the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps where he developed an appreciation for our country's rich naval history and helped senior citizens affected by Hurricane Harvey in Houston, Texas by cleaning debris and painting houses. Mr. Rey also set physical goals in order to become a better wrestler for his high school. In order to fulfill this goal, Mr. Rey attended a wrestling camp to learn advanced wrestling skills and improve his endurance and strength. Through his commitment, Mr. Rey demonstrated what it means to work for the betterment of your community and achieve personal growth in the process. Mr. Rey and his fellow recipients continue the great legacy of those receiving the Congressional Award.

Madam Speaker, please join me and all of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in congratulating Mr. Trevor Rey for receiving the Gold Medal Congressional Award. I encourage my fellow citizens to follow the example of Mr. Rey and the rest of the Congressional Award recipients and commit ourselves not only to personal improvement, but to the improvement of our communities as well.

CONGRATULATING HUNTER NEWMAN 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 Hunter Newman, a freshman 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. Hunter and his team finished first with a time of 7:57.85.

Hunter and his teammates easily overcame the second-place team for their win at state. As a former athlete, I appreciate the fortitude Hunter displayed to achieve his dream of being a state champion and commend him for his efforts and attitude. Hunter is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud to see him represent Morrison so well throughout the state with his talent and passion.

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

IN RECOGNITION OF SHERIFF
STEVE F. DEMPSEY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sheriff Steve Dempsey from King George. Steve's service to his community goes without question, and I believe he is worthy of recognition.

Sheriff Dempsey's extensive training included both the Metropolitan Police Academy in Washington, D.C. where he was K-9 certified and the FBI Academy where he was able to learn countless hours of information on how to handle increasingly difficult situations ranging from terrorism to financial crime.

Sheriff Dempsey, along with his wife Charlene and their family, comes from a long line of public servants—as is evident in Sheriff Dempsey's commitment to his community. Steve was in the Virginia National Guard and served until 1978. He has been with the King George County Police Department for 39 years, serving as both an officer and a mentor. He was the first K-9 officer in the county and served as a patrol deputy for 7 years. And, on top of all this, he has taught for almost 20 years at the regional academy; passing on vital experience and lessons to members of law enforcement who benefit from his teachings.

Not stopping there, he served as the Special Olympics Chair for the Commonwealth from 2017 to 2018 and is currently serving as President of the Virginia Sheriff's Association. I am filled with pride to know all the good that this man has done for his community and our district.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the accomplishments, hard work, and dedication of Sheriff Dempsey. Words alone cannot express our pride, and I am proud to represent him. May God bless him and his family.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF
JOHN SCRIBNER

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary contributions of Mr. John Scribner and his well-deserved retirement. Through his leadership and devotedness, he has influenced and dedicated a lifetime service to the people of California.

In the 1970s, Mr. Scribner began his public service career to better the lives of Californians. Mr. Scribner has dedicated his life's career to leading and assisting Elected Officials. In 1980, as a young professional he assisted in various assembly campaigns throughout the State of California. By 1992, Mr. Scribner successfully ran for office in the Sacramento County Board of Education. A few years later, in 1997 Mr. John Scribner worked under Freshman Assemblymember Scott Wildman,

catering to the needs of our fellow Californians. In 1999, I had the honor to work alongside Mr. Scribner as he became Capitol Director to my Sacramento office. His passion and enthusiasm reflected in his work for the constituents of my district.

In 2006, Mr. Scribner became Political Director in my Capitol office, where he continued to fight for the welfare of Californians. He focused on various issues including infrastructure and addressing school bullying.

Mr. Scribner continues to believe that when ordinary people come together to work towards a common goal, they can make the world a better place. He demonstrates tremendous leadership and serves as a great example and inspiration for many. He empowers others to give back to their communities and inspires others to choose the path of public service.

Today we celebrate Mr. Scribner's well-deserved retirement and wish him many more years of success. For these reasons, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. John Scribner's civil service career to the State of California.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF KRUTA'S BAKERY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of Kruta's Bakery, a family-run business that has become an iconic institution in my hometown of Collinsville, IL.

In 1919, Russian immigrant Frank Kruta, Sr., saw an opportunity around the expanding meat-packing industry in East St. Louis, IL, and started a bakery on 8th Street in the city. Numerous fellow natives of eastern Europe flocked to the business, and it grew, as did Frank's family, many of whom would work at the bakery. Frank Kruta, Jr., eventually took over from his father, then was succeeded by his son, Jim.

Kruta's Bakery relocated a few miles east to Collinsville in 1974. It has come to be known for its signature Stollen pastries, breads, Danish rolls, and cakes for special occasions, such as marriages, baptisms, confirmations, and birthdays. I just enjoyed one of its cakes in honor of my father's 91st birthday and my nephew's return from overseas military service.

A number of recipes brought from eastern Europe by Frank Kruta, Sr., are still used to this day by the bakery, now under a fourth generation of the family, led by Paul Kruta, son of Jim and his wife, Mary. Although technically retired, Jim still joins Mary in helping out Paul and the many other family members and employees who are involved in the still-thriving business.

In honor of Kruta's 100-year milestone, the city of Collinsville closed St. Louis Road in front of the bakery on August 18 for a celebration, which included music, artists, magicians, and—of course—free bakery items. Money was raised for the American Warrior Initiative.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to congratulate Kruta's Bakery for a century of excellence, and I send my best wishes for another 100 years or more.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF
THE CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN
COMMENDATION

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 2019 recipients of the Congressional Veteran Commendation in the 16th District of Illinois.

The five veterans receiving this commendation have served this country honorably and fought for the freedoms we hold dear. These veterans answered their country's call by joining the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, and U.S. Marines. As a fellow veteran, I thank them for their patriotism and sacrifices on behalf of our nation.

After these veterans served their country, they came home to serve their communities. They are civic leaders, active citizens, and many continue to serve their military brothers and sisters through veteran service organizations. Although their mission has changed since returning to civilian life, their leadership and tenacity have not.

The recipients of the 2019 Congressional Veteran Commendation are: SGT Thomas Cleland of Roscoe, IL; CPL Neil Dreier of Durand, IL; 1LT Stephen Koppenhoefer (USA) of Seneca, IL; A1C Leo McCauley of McNabb, IL; and SMSGT Edward Stash of Ottawa, IL.

I am proud and honored to be able to recognize these notable veterans. The recipients of this commendation serve as the embodiment of both military and civil service, and it is my hope they will inspire the next generation of our Nation's leaders.

RECOGNIZING HAMILTON CHAPEL
BAPTIST CHURCH ON THEIR
105TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, in 1914, Hamilton Chapel Baptist Church was established as Frisco, Texas' first African American church. Pastored by Reverend Jack Hamilton, the congregation spent its first several years gathering out of Reverend Hamilton's home.

In 1920, services would be moved to its current location on Ash Street in Frisco. The original building and lot were donated by Rev. Hamilton, and in 1924 a new building was erected in the same space. During the week, the building would serve as Hamilton Elementary, a school for African American students in the community. While the school would close its doors in 1964, the church would remain as a consistent source of spiritual unity within the growing and closely knit community.