

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.

In the late 1960s and 1970s, the building would be renovated under the leadership of Reverend Arthur Maxwell, who led the church for thirty-three years. Today, the church proudly stands under the leadership of Rev. Henry

Thomas. While Hamilton Chapel Baptist Church has undergone many changes in its 105-year history, its overall mission has stayed the same.

Madam Speaker, today I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Hamilton Chapel Baptist Church for serving as a place of praise and worship in the Frisco community for the past 105 years.