

Dickson, Navy; Dean Ewell, Army; Carl Giles, Army; Roy Gilmore, Navy; Stanley Grout, Navy; Troy Stone, Army; Dean Hastings, Navy; Howard Hoffer, Navy; Floyd McHargue, Marine Corps; Norman Morgan, Navy; Jacob Notenboom, Army; Rex Orcutt, Navy; Jack Peed, Navy; Jesse Ponce, Navy; Francis Rossi, Navy; William Russell, Air Force; William Shrader, Coast Guard; Muriel Sollendar, Marine Corps; Marlyn Sperry, Army; Galen Tarter, Navy; Cliff Peery, Army; and David Ullom, Army.

These heroes join over 200,000 veterans who have been honored through the Honor Flight Network of volunteers nationwide since 2005.

I would also like to recognize the guardians traveling on this trip who have also served our country: Mark Libante, Army; Richard McReynolds, Army; Paul Grout, Air Force; Kenneth Dale, Navy; Ronald Kohl, Air Force and Army; Daniel Johnson, Navy; Kenneth Young, Navy; Rachael Watters, Army; Terry Haines, Navy; and Peter Pringle, Navy.

Madam Speaker, at the height of the Civil War in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln wrote, "Honor to the Soldier, and Sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause." Each of us in this chamber and in this nation should be humbled by the courage of these brave veterans who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD SWANN

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2019*

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the extraordinary life and enduring legacy of Richard Swann, a great man and a good man, who recently passed away.

Richard's life wasn't just full, it was overflowing. Overflowing with action and accomplishment, trial and triumph, and—above all—family and friendship.

Richard lost his childhood sweetheart and beloved wife Doris too young, but he poured his energy into his work, into his four children and 12 grandchildren, and into his large and loyal network of friends.

Richard packed so much into his 79 years on earth. He was a wise lawyer, a far-sighted businessman and real estate developer, and an influential player at the highest level of American and Florida politics.

Richard was a proud Orlando native, and foresaw the city's potential before nearly anybody else. Without fanfare, Richard did as much as any man to transform Orlando into the unique and wonderful place it is today.

Richard was best known as a champion of the political causes and candidates he cared about. He was committed to the concept of responsible and engaged citizenship.

At the service celebrating Richard's life, his granddaughter Caroline read an excerpt from

Teddy Roosevelt's speech "The Man in the Arena."

Richard never sat on the sidelines. He was always in the arena, striving valiantly. Like any man who dares greatly, he also suffered setbacks along the way.

In the end, despite a lifetime marked by achievement, perhaps Richard's most admirable quality was his fortitude and resilience in the face of adversity.

Richard was a pillar of our central Florida community. He will be deeply missed by all of us who had the honor to call him a friend.

HONORING DR. LINDA BIRNBAUM,  
CHAMPION OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
HEALTH RESEARCH

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2019*

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Linda Birnbaum, Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) and the National Toxicology Program (NTP), who is retiring in October. Dr. Birnbaum has served as director of NIEHS, located in North Carolina's Research Triangle Park, for the past 10 years. She is the first woman and first board-certified toxicologist to serve in this position.

Dr. Birnbaum always had a clear vision for the NIEHS/NTP, evidenced by her implementation of two strategic plans over the course of her tenure. Under her leadership, NIEHS has become a world leader in environmental health and toxicology research. For example, scientific studies, such as the annual Report on Carcinogens, which analyzes substances in our environment that may cause cancer, have ignited changes in health policy and safety standards in the U.S. and across the world. The creation of the Children's Health Exposure Analysis Resource, a grant program that established a network of exposure assessment laboratories across the country, paved the way for policy changes that protected the health of children. Dr. Birnbaum's team also established the NIEHS Clinical Research Unit, allowing the NIH to partner with top biomedical teams at our RTP Universities: Duke, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and North Carolina State.

In the wake of environmental disasters, Dr. Birnbaum and her team led critical research projects following the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and the 2014 West Virginia chemical spill. Dr. Birnbaum and her team worked in coordination with scientists across the NIH and with the residents of affected areas, recruiting over 33,000 participants for the Deepwater Horizon study.

Dr. Birnbaum has received numerous accolades for her outstanding achievements in the field of science. In 2010, she was elected to the Institute of Medicine, now known as the National Academy of Medicine. She also was awarded the North Carolina Award in Science in 2016, the state's highest civilian honor given by North Carolina's Governor. For her work in toxicology she was named the Distinguished Toxicology Scholar by the Society of Toxicology in 2018 and earned the Mildred S. Christian Career Achievement Award from the Academy of Toxicological Sciences.

Dr. Birnbaum's work as a federal research scientist spans nearly 40 years, including 19 years directing research at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She also currently serves as an adjunct professor in the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health and held a similar position in Toxicology and Environmental Health at Duke University. She has maintained her research program even while serving as NIEHS/NTP director, and at last count had over 700 published articles and reports to her credit. Fortunately, she plans to continue her laboratory research part-time.

Madam Speaker, it has been my privilege to know and work with Dr. Birnbaum during much of her tenure at EPA and NIEHS. I was delighted to see her—an accomplished, practicing scientist—appointed to the directorship of NIEHS, and she has been a trusted source of advice on the Institute's needs and the state of the research enterprise. She has a passion for the NIEHS/NTP mission and has inspired a generation of scientists with her vision of what well-designed research can contribute to public health and environmental quality.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Linda Birnbaum as she reaches this milestone. We thank her for her years of dedicated service and the contributions she has made toward the health and well-being of millions of people.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE THAI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2019*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Thai Community Development Center upon its 25th Anniversary.

The Thai Community Development Center (Thai CDC) was founded in 1994 with the goal of supporting and improving the lives of Thai immigrants and other ethnic communities in the greater Los Angeles area. Thai CDC achieves its mission through a comprehensive community development strategy and initiatives that focus on a variety of issues including access to healthcare and social services, affordable housing, human rights advocacy, neighborhood empowerment, and small business incubation.

Thai CDC played an essential role in an eight-year community organizing campaign that raised awareness and led to the creation of Los Angeles' Thai Town in 1999, the first Thai Town in the United States. Through this designation, Thai CDC has been able to engage in transit-oriented development and beautification efforts such as the installation of the Kinarra Lamposts. This strategy to revitalize an otherwise depressed portion of East Hollywood through cultural-based tourism has allowed the Thai American community to prosper and flourish. In 2008, Thai Town was designated a Preserve America neighborhood, a federal designation celebrating cultural heritage and encouraging historic preservation.

Throughout the years, Thai CDC has been instrumental in creating events and spaces to foster economic opportunity and bring Angelenos and tourists alike to Thai Town.

Thai CDC spearheaded the effort to build and develop the Thai Town Market Place and establish a twice weekly East Hollywood Farmers Market to help incubate small businesses and provide healthy and affordable food options to the neighborhood. In 2004, Thai CDC helped found the Thai New Year's Day Songkran Festival which has since become an annual event attracting hundreds of thousands of attendees.

Since its founding, Thai CDC has also been committed to improving the lives of Thai immigrants through culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate social services and programs such as legal aid, financial literacy and counseling, and mediation and dispute resolution. In addition to assisting clients with securing affordable housing, Thai CDC has also built the Halifax Apartments, a multi-family affordable housing development in Hollywood, and the Palm Village Senior Housing in Sun Valley. Thai CDC has also raised awareness of modern-day slavery and human trafficking in the United States through the creation of the Slavery Eradication and Rights Initiative, SERI.

I am proud to recognize the Thai Community Development Center for twenty-five years of providing extraordinary service to the Thai American community in the greater Los Angeles area, and I ask all members to join me in congratulating the center for its outstanding achievements.

HONORING MOUNT ZION SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH ON THEIR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2019*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Mount Zion Seventh Day Adventist Church, its staff, and congregation as they commemorate their 100th Anniversary. This is a remarkable milestone for this community treasure and certainly cause for great celebration.

Through its many ministries, the members of Mount Zion nourish their souls as well as those they serve. From educating young people and organizing exciting activities for them to providing information on healthier food options and recipes for families, the congregation is enriching the lives of others throughout the community.

Our churches play a vital role in our communities—providing people with a place to turn to for comfort when they are most in need. The members of Mount Zion have also given much to the Town of Hamden. Throughout the years, as their membership grew so did its commitment to the community. By strengthening our bonds of faith, Mount Zion gives its members a place to find their spiritual center and to solidify and support their values.

In its 100-year history, the Mount Zion Seventh Day Adventist Church has built a strong foundation and its success is due to the dedication and commitment of each and every member of its congregation. Through their ministry and outreach efforts, they have left an indelible mark on our community and continue

to enrich the lives of others. That is why I am so pleased to stand today to offer my sincere congratulations as they mark this very special centennial anniversary. The families, parishioners, and staff have much to be proud of as they celebrate this 100th anniversary year.

RECOGNIZING THE LEE LOCKWOOD LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

**HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2019*

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum in Waco, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

In the mid-1960s, planning began for a home base for the Scottish Rite Freemasons in Texas. A committee was formed to raise the money needed for the building. Members of this committee included many Waco businessmen and leaders including Allen Shivers, the 37th Governor of Texas; Abner McCall, President of Baylor University; and Robert L. Lockwood, the building's namesake. Waco was selected as the location for the building and construction began in 1967. The building opened on September 27, 1969.

Since its opening, the building has served as a central meeting location for Scottish Rite Masons as well as a library and museum. The Lee Lockwood Library and Museum is home to a more than 1,200 piece print collection by Waco photographer Fred Gildersleeve, a large coin collection, as well as Civil War era letters, medical records, and military enlistment data. It also contains more than 10,000 books on world, American, and Texas history; as well as rare and first edition prints from authors such as Mark Twain and Charles Dickens.

Throughout the year, the building hosts weddings, meetings, concerts, veterans' events, and other Masonic and non-Masonic gatherings. The auditorium is also home to the Waco Children's and Christian Youth Theater, which hold many performances and camps every year.

The building is constructed out of limestone in a large rectangular shape, has four, dramatic two-story columns at the entrance, and is flanked by two, two-ton limestone sphinxes. The director of the Masonic National Memorial called the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum "the last great Masonic building built in America." In 2014, the City of Waco Historic Landmark Preservation Commission presented the library an award for "Recognition of Sustained Excellence for an Institutional Structure".

Madam Speaker, the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum has served as a pillar for knowledge and public service in its 50 years of operation. I congratulate the Scottish Rite Masons on reaching this milestone and I look forward to seeing their continued success.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize the legacy of the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING NEW YORK CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE FOR ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2019*

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize New York Chiropractic College for the one hundredth anniversary of its founding.

In 1919, Columbia Institute of Chiropractic was founded by Dr. Frank Dean. The institute later became New York Chiropractic College in the 1970s. In 1991, a two-hundred and eighty-six acre campus was purchased in Seneca Falls, New York, and the college moved to this expanded location.

Clinics were added throughout the region, including in Seneca Falls, Depew and Levittown, New York. The college has also partnered with the Veterans Administration and others throughout the years.

This college has been educating Chiropractic students for one hundred years and I wish them success in the next one hundred years of educating students. New York Chiropractic College has provided outstanding programming that is both meaningful and valuable to its students and the patients they go on to help. I applaud their efforts and hope to see many more great things from them in the future.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to recognize New York Chiropractic College for the one hundredth Anniversary of its founding.

RECOGNIZING THE IEEE WOMEN IN ENGINEERING AI LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

**HON. BILL FOSTER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 20, 2019*

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Women in Engineering AI Leadership Summit. This summit is a valuable forum for women students, teachers, researchers, and engineers to share their experiences and knowledge in the AI field.

As chair of the House Financial Services Committee Artificial Intelligence Task Force, I know that developments in this field are at the forefront of American technological innovation. AI has the potential to fundamentally change how we interact with the world, and the work of groups like IEEE Women in Engineering is shaping the future of entrepreneurship, financial decisionmaking, and technological development.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the IEEE Women in Engineering AI Leadership Summit and the many great contributions that women engineers and scientists have made to this country and its communities.