

and cooperation by mobilizing the entire Muslim community statewide. Together as one voice, the council strives to pursue social justice, improve human relationships, and uphold human rights for all.

The Michigan Muslim Community Council's 33rd Annual Unity Banquet exemplifies the council's continued commitment to unifying, coordinating, and empowering Muslim communities across the state. Like the name suggests, the MMCC Unity Banquet brings countless community members together to honor our state's diverse Muslim communities every year. In addition, the banquet serves as a great opportunity to celebrate the impactful work of notable community figures who strive for unity throughout our state's vibrant and diverse Muslim communities every day.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Michigan Muslim Community Council and celebrate their 33rd Annual Unity Banquet. We are grateful for the council's dedicated efforts to unite Muslim communities and promote social justice across our state.

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RECOGNIZING THE KIWANIS CLUB  
OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS FOR  
ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 11, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Kiwanis Club of Rock Island, Illinois for its 100th Anniversary. The club's rich history has been the cumulative effort of its members coming from fields such as accounting, civil service, education, management, retail stores, retirees and many more.

Founded in 1919, the Kiwanis Club of Rock Island began with 50 charter members and has grown to its current membership to nearly 100. Throughout the years, the Kiwanis held numerous fundraisers, including pancake breakfasts, spaghetti suppers, peanut days, rose days, bags tournaments, and more. They are committed to serving the community through their support of service leadership programs throughout the schools in Rock Island. The Kiwanis have also cleaned up highways, aided with numerous community events and have raised money to benefit children and children's support groups across our community. In addition, they provide scholarships to outstanding graduation seniors of Alleman and Rock Island High School. Their impact is outstanding. I want to thank and commend the Kiwanis Club for its extraordinary service to the Rock Island community.

It is because of the community leaders at the Kiwanis Club in Rock Island, Illinois that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Kiwanis Club of Rock Island for its 100th Anniversary.

IN HONOR OF ARCHBISHOP MARY  
FLOYD PALMER

**HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 11, 2019*

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Archbishop Mary Floyd Palmer, the first female African-American Archbishop in America and presiding prelate of the Philadelphia Council of Clergy. She has—and continues to be—a vital part of the Philadelphia community, where she carries out her life mission of helping and ministering those in need.

As a native of my district, Archbishop Floyd Palmer is the eldest daughter of Rev. Dr. Melvin Floyd and has been serving her community since childhood. She began her career in full time ministry as a Motivational Speaker and soon became Confidante and Counselor to Pastors, their wives, and Episcopal leaders from all around the world.

She continued to be a positive influence in Philadelphia by ministering in federal, state, and county prisons, half-way houses, nursing homes, and youth centers. Her commitment led to her appointment as the Pennsylvania Re-entry Council, which focused on reducing recidivism rates. Archbishop Palmer soon became the founder and Pastor of the Samaritan Temple.

Her dedication has been recognized by the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Congress of Black Women and she was named their "Women of the Year in Ministry." She also received the Lucien E. Blackwell Guiding Light Community Award. Moreover, Archbishop Floyd Palmer hosts an award-winning, weekly radio show called the "The Bishop Mary Show" to connect with national, and even international, listeners. In March 2019, she made history by becoming the first female African American Archbishop in America.

Philadelphia is extremely lucky to have someone like Archbishop Floyd Palmer to enrich our community. There is no doubt she has positively impacted many lives, and I am certain more lives will be impacted by her service.

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RECOGNIZING MEMBERS OF THE  
CLERGY IN SOUTH FLORIDA ON  
NATIONAL PASTOR DAY

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 11, 2019*

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of the ministers, pastors, and priests in my district for Clergy Appreciation Day. Also known as National Pastor Day, this annual celebration falls on the second Sunday of each October. On this day, congregations around the country recognize the clergy and take up special offerings to bless them.

Members of the clergy provide their congregations spiritual guidance with words of wisdom, healing, and inspiration. But they also serve their larger communities, especially those of us who find ourselves most in need. It is an honor to recognize their leadership in

promoting our shared values of love, service, and community.

I ask that all my colleagues join me today in thanking the members of the clergy in your districts for the selfless work they do. I look forward to continuing to work together with the clergy in my district to improve the lives of everyone in our community.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF RAYMOND  
F. ENSHER

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 11, 2019*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Mr. Raymond "Ray" Ensher, who passed away on Friday, September 27, 2019 at the age of 85. Ray will be remembered for his dedicated service to the community of Fresno, California.

Ray was born on September 26, 1934 in Fresno. He graduated from California State University, Fresno in 1956, earning his degree in Theatre Arts. After college, he began working as a high school drama teacher at the North Folk School District that was recently named the Chawanakee Joint School District for 28 years. Ray had a passion for the theatre and enjoyed being a part of the local arts community and film festivals.

Ray was a gifted educator and won two awards for his dedication to teaching. He was awarded the Ron Ely Award for Communications and the Mickey Matheson Award for Advocacy from the California Retired Teachers Association. He established the Raymond Ensher Creative Achievement Theatre Arts Award, an endowed scholarship awarded to one theater arts student a year at his alma mater.

Ray was known in the community for his tireless efforts for social justice and his active memberships in numerous civic groups. He was chair of the Kennedy Club of the San Joaquin Valley, and recipient of the Fresno County Democratic Party's Democrat of the Year award in 2012. He was a member of the Fresno County Democratic Women's Club, serving as diversity chair and past president. He would passionately write to the Fresno Bee and the Community Alliance newspapers on his typewriter. His generosity with his time and resources was known through the Central Valley.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and achievements of my friend, Ray Ensher. He was a respected member in the community and had a passion for the people of the Central Valley.

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COMMEMORATING SULIN HUANG  
FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL WORK  
INSPIRING STUDENT ARTISTS

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 11, 2019*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the inspirational educational work of Sulin Huang of Sugar Land, Texas.

Known by her students as "Ms. Sue," Sulin was born in Taiwan and demonstrated artistic

talents from an early age. She pursued those talents and studied commercial design in her country of birth while continuing to make art.

Sulin eventually moved to Hawaii for two decades, where she learned how to make three-dimensional floral designs out of clay. Her ceramic flowers were a hit and soon she was setting up shop at shows to sell her works of art.

Ms. Sue moved to Sugar Land in 2015 where she began teaching art at schools before opening up her own studio where she has had immense success privately instructing students. Three of Sulin's students were among the 40 winners selected from over 3,900 submissions in the 2019 Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest.

Sulin embodies what it truly means to be an educator. She fosters creativity and love for the work that she and her students do and is a stellar example of the inspirational power that teachers have.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second District of Texas, I thank Sulin Huang for inspiring so many with her art.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE  
JOSEPH GIULITTO

**HON. TIM RYAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 11, 2019*

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Judge Joseph Giulitto, who has been named the 2019 Circle of Caring Honoree by the Hattie Larlham Foundation. Each year, Hattie Larlham honors an individual for their long-time support of and commitment to the Hattie Larlham Foundation and to the community.

Judge Giulitto was born in Bitritto, Bari, Italy and arrived in the United States at the age of 11. This was the beginning of his impactful legacy as a proud Portage County resident.

He is a graduate of Ravenna High School and Kent State University, graduating cum laude in 1958. He graduated with an L.L.B. from Case Western Reserve School of Law in 1961. He was admitted to the Ohio Bar in May 1961 and opened his private law practice in Ravenna in July of that same year.

For nearly a decade, Judge Giulitto served as Prosecutor and Law Director for the City of Kent. In 2005, Judge Giulitto was elected Judge of the Portage County Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division. He retired on January 1, 2011 but continues to serve as a Visiting Judge by appointment by the Ohio Supreme Court.

Judge Giulitto holds a lengthy record in civic involvement, which includes past or present membership in: the Ravenna Jaycees, Ravenna Rotary, the Board of Directors for First Federal Savings and Loan in Kent, Ohio, the Board of Trustees of Robinson Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, the University Hospitals Portage Medical Center Foundation Board of Trustees, the Portage County Bar Association (President, 1997–98), the Ohio State Bar Association and the Ravenna Elks.

In 2012, Judge Giulitto was awarded the Norm Sandvoss Memorial Humanitarian Award by the Portage County Bar Association for his dedication to the standards of the practice of law, and his integrity and commitment to helping others in his community.

Judge Giulitto also previously served as a Board Member and Legal Counsel for Hattie Larlham. Judge Giulitto was a founding member of the Sugar Bush Golf Classic, which began in 1986 as a fundraiser for the Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities in Mantua. Since its inception, the Sugar Bush Golf Classic has raised over \$1,000,000 for Hattie Larlham. Over the years, the money raised has funded the Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities renovations, a toy tech library, a sensory playground and nature walk, an education center, a pediatric ventilator program and Hattie's Creative Arts.

It gives me great pleasure that Judge Giulitto is being honored by Hattie Larlham for his dedication and service to our community. His service and philanthropy are truly unmatched, and I thank him for all he has done. Portage County, and our region, owe Judge Giulitto an enormous debt and our eternal gratitude.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID P.  
HIGGERSON

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 11, 2019*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and retirement of David P. Higgerson, Director of Field Operations at the Laredo Office of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. He is a great friend, and I sincerely appreciate his service.

Mr. Higgerson was born and raised in Gary, Indiana. He attended St. John's Military Academy, Canal Zone College in Panama, and Valparaiso University where he was awarded an associate degree in Accounting. He then chose to serve in the U.S. Army, and was honorably discharged in 1971. Thereafter, he worked as a Customs Inspector in the Panama Canal Zone for seven years, until the treaty of Panama. Mr. Higgerson was then transferred to Laredo, Texas as a Supervisory Inspector. He continued to hold various leadership roles, including Port Director in Hidalgo, Texas and Director in the El Paso and Tucson Field Offices, totaling forty-nine years of experience in the federal government.

As Director, Field Operations for Laredo Field Office, Mr. Higgerson was responsible for 8 international ports of entry and the Machinery, Center of Excellence and Expertise (CEE) processing nearly 59.4 million people, more than 21 million vehicles, over 3.5 million commercial trucks, and over \$194 billion in international trade in 2018.

He has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the 2018 DHS Secretary's Leadership Award and the South Texas Railroad Strategic Problem-Solving Initiative—Commissioner's Strategic Problem Solving Award.

Mr. Higgerson is married to Maria Teresa Higgerson and is the father of five wonderful children. In his free time, he is an avid reader of military and historical tomes. After retirement, Mr. Higgerson plans to spend time with his family and play some golf.

Madam Speaker, I have known Mr. Higgerson for many years now and I have always appreciated his friendship and dedication to his work. I am honored to recognize his

service and I wish him many more years of happiness.

RECOGNIZING THE 2019 RECIPIENT  
OF THE DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN  
AWARD

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 11, 2019*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I take this time to recognize the recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Citizen Award, presented annually by the Boy Scouts of America Calumet Council. To commemorate this special occasion, the organization will host a celebratory dinner on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster, Indiana.

Each year, the Boy Scouts of America Calumet Council presents the Distinguished Citizen Award to an individual whose selfless efforts have had a positive impact on their communities in Northwest Indiana and across the state. This year, the Boy Scouts of America Calumet Council will honor Mr. Donald Fesko, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Community Healthcare System and the Community Foundation of Northwest Indiana. Under Don's outstanding leadership and guidance, these successful organizations have received numerous local, state, and national accolades.

In addition to his outstanding career, Mr. Fesko gives of his time and efforts to several organizations that serve the people of Northwest Indiana and beyond. He is on the Board of Directors for Peoples Bank, the Advisory Council of Indiana University School of Medicine, the Board of Directors for Hospice of the Calumet Area, and he is President of the Cancer Research Foundation, Inc. Don is also actively engaged with the Munster High School Booster Club. For his dedication to such worthy causes, Mr. Fesko is worthy of the highest praise.

Throughout Mr. Fesko's remarkable career, he has received several honors and awards. In 2009, Don achieved Fellow Status in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He was also presented the Robert S. Hudgens Memorial Award, recognizing him as the 2012 Young Healthcare Executive of the Year. In 2013, Mr. Fesko was appointed Chairman of the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority by then Governor Mike Pence. Additionally, Don was honored with the Executive Regent's Award for the State of Indiana, bestowed upon him by the American College of Healthcare Executives in 2014.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commending Mr. Donald Fesko. Don continues to serve as an exemplary leader for the community of Northwest Indiana, and he is undeniably deserving of the 2019 Distinguished Citizen Award. His exceptional devotion to the region and to the wellness of our community will have a positive impact for generations to come.