

## HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JAMES COAKLEY

**HON. MARK E. GREEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2019*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of a great American hero, James "Shimmie" Coakley.

Mr. Coakley was born on March 15, 1920 and raised in Houston County, Tennessee. He married Mildred Clark Coakley in 1940, and they remained together for the next 73 years and 9 months until her passing.

Mr. Coakley was drafted in December of 1944, and he fought in France and Germany as part of the 143rd Infantry Regiment, 36th Division under General Dwight D. Eisenhower. Mr. Coakley was honorably discharged from the Army as corporal in 1946 with a combat wound from shrapnel.

After surviving a ten day journey back across the Atlantic through a hurricane, Mr. Coakley began a longtime career back in Tennessee with the Meriwether Lewis Electric Company, where he served for 33 years. In retirement, he enjoys spending time with family and visiting the residents of Signature Healthcare of Erin, TN.

Mr. Coakley currently holds the distinction of being the oldest living WWII veteran in Houston County. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mr. James Coakley on his induction into the Signature Healthcare Hall of Fame.

## MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN

SPEECH OF

**HON. TOM COLE**

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 16, 2019*

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to and urge Congressional action on the Crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

Mr. Speaker, more than 4 in 5 American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime. More than half of American Indian and Alaska Native Women have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime.

American Indian and Alaska Native women are over one and half times more likely than White women to have experienced violence in the past year. Native women face murder rates more than 10 times the national average in some parts of the country. They also are almost 2 times as likely to have experienced rape than non-Hispanic White women over the course of their lifetime.

Given all these statistics of acts of violence, 96 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women victims of sexual violence experience violence at the hands of a non-Native perpetrator. To reiterate, nearly all of the violence committed against Native women are committed by non-Natives.

Mr. Speaker, I do not believe the protection of all women and children is or should be

treated as partisan issue. Tribal governments, through trust and treaty obligations should have the same authority as states to protect women and children in vulnerable situations. All states, tribal and local law enforcement authorities should have access and the use of the same tools to prevent these crimes, on or off the reservations. Hunters know where to hunt; fishermen know where to fish. And predators know where to prey.

I am pleased to see the House has taken action on this issue with the passage of the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, and I urge the Senate to take up this important legislation and include strong tribal provisions to ensure tribal governments have all the resources available to protect their communities.

## IN RECOGNITION OF KIMBERLY KRAMER

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kimberly Kramer and congratulate her on being a Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (SWCRC) Women of Achievement Award Honoree. Her commitment to our community in Michigan makes her a deserving recipient of SWCRC's Entrepreneur Award.

Kimberly Kramer established Your Look Logos, LCC, a promotional product distributor in Lincoln Park, Michigan in 2013. As a member of the Advertising Special Institute, Your Look Logos supplies companies with every promotional product companies can imagine like branded mugs, pens, tote bags, t-shirts, and watches from over 3,000 suppliers. With a mission to help business owners create long-lasting and memorable relationships with clients, Your Look Logos specializes in consulting with businesses to find the best promotional products to suit their unique needs.

Being involved in customer service for over 25 years, Kimberly Kramer personally knows the importance of cultivating meaningful relationships between businesses and their clients. Six years ago, she put her professional experience into action, creating a company that would help others generate brand awareness and leave a lasting impression on the clients they encounter. Since its inception, Your Look Logos has become an important resource for many businesses across Michigan, especially throughout Metro Detroit.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Kimberly Kramer as she receives SWCRC's Entrepreneur Award. Kimberly's dedication to helping business thrive and establish deeper connections with clients has truly made a difference in our community. We are grateful for her work and wish her and Your Look Logos continued success in the years ahead.

CONGRATULATING DR. JASON DINKO ON THE RECEIPT OF THE INAUGURAL FOUNDERS AWARD

**HON. DANIEL MEUSER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2019*

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to congratulate Dr. Jason Dinko of Luzerne County on receiving the inaugural Founders Award from Geisinger Commonwealth Foundation.

Dr. Dinko, graduated from Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine in 2014. Throughout his career, he has consistently demonstrated his remarkable care and compassion for his patients and our community. Dr. Dinko earned his undergraduate degree from Marywood University and completed a residency in family medicine near Pittsburgh. He now serves the people of Montour County as a family medicine clinician for Geisinger in Danville, where the courtesy and compassion he shows his patients has earned him a reputation in the community for quality care. I can think of no one more deserving of this honor.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Dinko on this great honor and thank him for his care of the people of our community.

## HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 18, 2019*

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Rotary Club of Peekskill, New York, as the institution celebrated its 100th anniversary on Thursday, October 17.

Established in 1919, the Peekskill Rotary Club was the 547th club charged by Rotary International and among the earliest Rotary clubs in Westchester County. The club focuses on raising funds to help local charities continue the critical, often challenging, work of helping those in need in the City of Peekskill and across the Lower Hudson Valley. The more than 10,000 people who attend the club's annual fundraiser at Peekskill High School are a testament to the widespread support for the club's contributions to our community.

A highlight of its 10 decades of service was the Rotary's involvement in recovery efforts after the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Rotary volunteers assisted the Salvation Army in coordinating the delivery of supplies to workers at Ground Zero and raised funds for the families of the four victims who were Peekskill residents. The club also designated a memorial monument and tree to those four individuals at Riverfront Green Park on July 4, 2002.

The Rotary Club of Peekskill has been an invaluable partner in making the Lower Hudson Valley a healthier and more prosperous community. Madam, Speaker, I urge my fellow members of Congress to join me in expressing