

was called to Guam on an 18-month contract with FHP. He brought his loving wife and 11-month old son at the time, Jeffrey. His courage and curiosity gave our island a graceful and beloved gift—and that was Dr. James Stadler, who eventually decided to make Guam home.

Dr. Stadler worked with FHP Clinic for 42 years, but also wore many other hats in our community. He was the Chairman of Pediatrics at the Guam Memorial Hospital, and in this role, he was instrumental to the opening of the first Pediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care Units. He also served as the GMH Medical Director from 2005 to 2010, held multiple volunteer teaching jobs such as ACLS and BLS instructor for GMH, directed and in-charge of Medical Symposiums held in Guam, and was the President of the Guam Medical Society when he was barely 30 years old. This man was a pioneer in Guam's medical community.

But all these hats he wore do not even begin to define the real character behind Dr. James Stadler—an honorable man of his word, an angel for children, and someone to truly count on. He is survived by his wife Virgie, his children Jeffrey, Joseph, James, Jennifer, and Jonathan, and his granddaughter, Olivia. His mark will forever be imprinted on the hearts of all of us, and I join the people of Guam in honoring the memory of Dr. James Stadler and commemorating his many contributions to our island. I extend my sincere condolences to the entire Stadler family. His legacy will inspire us now and forever.

HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE
OF MR. TERRY McDONALD

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Terry McDonald for his two decades of service as Mayor of New Haven, Indiana. Since his election in 1999, Terry has worked diligently to usher in a new era of prosperity for the second-largest city in Allen County.

Under Terry's leadership, New Haven has seen increases in commercial and industrial activity and heralded improvements in its public schools and infrastructure. He has brought the city to a new level of prominence within our great state and made his constituents proud.

Above all, Terry has always seen his position not as a job, but as a service and a duty. As he does in his role as a minister, Terry seeks to use his God-given talents to assist those who need it the most. His first priority has always been assisting those around him. Officials at all levels of government can learn a great deal from the honesty and integrity of men like Mayor Terry McDonald.

As Terry's time in public office draws to a close, I wish him and his family nothing but the very best as he continues his life of service.

CELEBRATING BREMOND'S 150TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of the City of Bremond, Texas.

It is an honor to represent Bremond and its residents in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Bremond has supported thousands of families and businesses throughout the years, and I am proud to offer my congratulations on their sesquicentennial milestone.

Located in Robertson County, Bremond was established along the Houston and Texas Central Railway, which was built through the area in 1869.

The city is named in honor of Paul Bremond, an entrepreneur and founder of the Houston, East and West Texas Railway.

The first train pulled into Bremond on June 15, 1870, with over 1,000 well-wishers present for the occasion.

In the late 1800's and early 1900's Bremond was thriving; it was a major cotton center, with a number of gins running continually.

The city has stood the test of time and been resilient; providing generations of families a great quality of life.

In recent years, Bremond High School has been a Texas football powerhouse. They won three consecutive 2A State Championships—2014, 2015 and 2016.

The citizens of Bremond are a hardy people, and the pride of the city and its residents has never been greater.

Madam Speaker, please join me in commemorating the City of Bremond and its proud residents for their one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary.

In recognition of this occasion, I am pleased to fly a United States flag over the United States Capitol to honor Bremond's sesquicentennial anniversary.

As I close, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country during these difficult times, for our military men and women who protect us from external threats, and for our first responders who protect us here at home.

HONORING STEUBEN RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR ITS SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. for its seventy-fifth anniversary.

The Steuben Electric Association, Inc., was formed in July 1941 under the Transportation Corporations Law and was later converted to an electric distribution cooperative in 1942. At that time, the cooperative had five hundred and three miles of line and one thousand three hundred members. Two years later, its first electric line was energized.

Cooperatives such as Steuben Rural Electric made it possible for rural areas to have

access to electric during the 1930s in areas that would not have otherwise had this service. Without these ingenious organizations, our rural areas would not be what they are today—we owe a debt of gratitude to the rural electric movement that allowed our farmers to use lights instead of lanterns and brought much needed power to the people of these rural communities.

In 1969, the Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. and the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Electric Cooperative, Inc. began discussing the possibility of a merger. That merger came to completion in 1970 and made the Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative the largest of four New York cooperatives.

However, these services are still needed, from Steuben County to Cattaraugus County and beyond. Currently, the cooperative has grown to include one thousand one hundred miles of line, serving six thousand three hundred homes, farms and small businesses. With such a rich legacy and a bright future, I know we will see many more great things from Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to recognize Steuben Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. for their seventy-fifth anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES (JIM)
HOECKER FOR HIS EXEMPLARY
CAREER IN ENERGY LAW AND
POLICY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jim Hoecker, someone who has been the voice of the electric transmission industry and a dedicated public servant at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Mr. Hoecker has announced his retirement from his current role as Executive Director and Counsel to the WIRES coalition at the end of this year. His distinguished career is worthy of commendation.

Mr. Hoecker is a widely-recognized expert in the field of electric transmission. His invaluable insight has helped advance the interests of the electric grid among policymakers, industry leaders, and others who share WIRES' belief in the need to invest in the nation's transmission network.

Prior to working with WIRES, Mr. Hoecker held several positions at FERC, serving as legal counsel, commissioner, and ultimately as chairman from 1997 to 2001. Among his achievements at FERC were the developments of electric transmission and natural gas pipeline open access and the creation of regional transmission organizations. After his career at FERC, Hoecker founded Hoecker Energy Law & Policy PLLC and joined Husch Blackwell LLP, where he will remain active in his law and consultancy practice. Hoecker holds a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School and a Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jim Hoecker and his exemplary career. Taking the steps to ensure that our country has a robust electrical transmission grid is no small task, and Mr. Hoecker

has more than risen to the challenge. We thank him for his tireless advocacy on behalf of the electric transmission grid with WIRES and at FERC.

TRIBUTE TO ARMENIANS OF COLORADO, INC. ON ITS 40TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Colorado's oldest and largest Armenian American organization—Armenians of Colorado, Inc. (AOC)—for their four decades of community building.

Established in 1979 by several families, Armenians of Colorado (AOC) is a nonprofit organization that has grown to serve the Front Range's vibrant Armenian American community. From teaching the Armenian language and cultural traditions to raising awareness about Armenian history, AOC has been the pillar of the Centennial State's rapidly growing, vibrant Armenian community. Its purpose is to foster a cohesive Armenian community and to further the understanding of Armenian history, culture, language, and customs within the community and to the general public.

AOC's landmark achievement, the Colorado State Capitol Armenian Memorial Garden, was established in 1982 with the planting of a blue spruce and installation of a memorial plaque in commemoration of the 1.5 million victims of the Armenian Genocide. In 2015, on the centennial anniversary of the commencement of the Armenian Genocide, AOC renovated the Colorado State Capitol Armenian Memorial Garden and installed a replica of a medieval

Armenian khachkar (cross-stone) in memory of the victims of all crimes against humanity and in tribute to Coloradans who participated in the Near East Relief's philanthropic efforts to rescue and raise 132,000 orphans of the Armenian Genocide. This khachkar memorial is a recreation of one of the 3,000 Djulfa cross-stones destroyed during the Nagorno-Karabakh War.

Because the fact is, while the Armenian genocide occurred generations ago and an ocean away, we still feel its pain. We have seen how easily the same motives that allowed the Armenian genocide to occur still happen to today. As we have learned, all too often an assault on any ethnic group or religion is an assault on all of us.

AOC has also been instrumental in partnering with the Armenian National Committee of America to establish the Sardarapat Armenian Memorial Highway in my District in 2018 to mark the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the Armenian Republic and to celebrate Armenian Genocide survivors' determination to save their nation from total extinction.

On its 40th birthday, I wish AOC many more successes in its commendable mission of serving the educational and cultural needs of Colorado's vibrant Armenian American community.

IN HONOR OF ERIN TIDERMAN-GROSS AND DEIRDRE ABRAMS

HON. RUSS FULCHER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 18, 2019

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor two wonderful teachers from

Idaho: Mrs. Erin Tiderman-Gross of Meridian, Idaho, and Mrs. Deirdre Abrams of Donnelly, Idaho who have been awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. This award is the highest honor bestowed by the United States government for teachers in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer studies. I am proud today to recognize the hard work of Mrs. Abrams and Mrs. Tiderman-Gross and their dedication, commitment, and passion for our students' success in the sciences.

At Rocky Mountain High School in Meridian, Idaho—my hometown—Mrs. Tiderman-Gross teaches advanced placement biology and has acted as a mentor to hundreds of students in the National Honor Society. Mrs. Tiderman-Gross is an adviser in one of the largest, most-active National Honor Society Chapters in Idaho. She has impacted countless families, students, and community members through her work, and after 24 years, continues to share her passion for biology with her students.

At Donnelly Elementary School, Mrs. Abrams has taken the world to her students through place-based learning. Mrs. Abrams has given her students hands-on educational trips to study rainbow trout populations, pollinator gardens, and cattle data to improve water quality. Her students even share their water quality data with local government agencies. Mrs. Abrams has been an educator for 23 years and continues to be a shining example of innovative teaching in the sciences.

I thank Mrs. Erin Tiderman-Gross and Mrs. Deirdre Adams for their passion and commitment to their students. This honor bestowed upon them is a testament to their dedication and I am so proud of their representation of the great State of Idaho.