

The town incorporated in 1904, and since many of its 35 residents were Danes, the name changed from Modello to Dania.

In 1910, Russian immigrant Louis Brown moved to rural Dania. Brown was the first known Jewish settler in Broward County and opened Brown's Department Store on Main Street, which is now known as Federal U.S. 1.

Thanks to settlers such as Frost and Brown, Dania continued to thrive, soon growing to more than 1,200 residents, and nearly 30,000 today. It was a small yet resilient community that weathered fires and hurricanes that at times devastated the town.

Dania Beach is home to several historic properties and sites—the Bank of Dania, the Poinciana Hotel, the Dania Library & Women's Club, and several private residences once occupied by settlers and pioneers. Dania Beach is home to the first Florida state park named for African Americans. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park was named for civil rights activists Dr. Mizell, the area's first black doctor and Johnson, Broward County's first NAACP president.

Madam Speaker, it is a great honor for me to represent the City of Dania Beach in our nation's capital. I thank Mayor Lori Lewellen, the Members of the City Commission, and the city's staff for their many accomplishments that have made the City of Dania Beach a wonderful place to live, work, visit and raise a family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANGELA  
FENG FOR RECEIVING THE  
STATE DEPARTMENT'S CRITICAL  
LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 3, 2020*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Angela Feng of Dawson High School in Pearland, TX and Princeton University for earning a State Department Critical Language Scholarship.

Angela is one of only 550 students to receive a scholarship, beating out thousands of applicants around the nation. She traveled to Baku, Azerbaijan where she spent the summer studying Turkish while immersed in their culture.

The Critical Language Scholarship is a merit-based award that gives American students the opportunity to study one of the fifteen critical languages to our nation's world engagement abroad. It aims to help students increase their fluency in the language they are studying and learn more about the culture surrounding it.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Angela, on her incredible achievement. Her drive and dedication to her studies earned her this honor. Angela has made Pearland and TX-22 very proud.

SERGEANT WEICHERS RETIRES  
FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGH-  
WAY PATROL

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 3, 2020*

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding law enforcement career of California Highway Patrol Sergeant Todd Weichers, who retired on December 27, 2019 after 31 years of service.

After completing CHP Academy in 1989, Sergeant Weichers was assigned as a traffic officer to the Westminster Area. He spent five years at this first assignment area before being transferred to the Barstow Area. In 2008, Officer Weichers was promoted to Sergeant Weichers, and shortly thereafter was transferred to the Mariposa Area. After a brief stint back in the Barstow Area, he was transferred to the Victorville Area in 2011 where he has spent the remainder of his career.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I offer my compliments to Sergeant Weichers for his leadership, hard work, and dedication to keeping our roads safe. While retiring from a career is never easy, I wish him and his family a relaxing and fulfilling retirement.

HONORING FRANK BERTO

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 3, 2020*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Frank Berto, who passed away on December 8, 2019, at the age of 90 after a lifetime of exemplary public service to his community.

Born in 1929 in Vancouver, British Columbia, to Frank and Elsie Berto, Mr. Berto attended the University of British Columbia, graduating as a mechanical engineer. He soon started work for Standard Oil of New Jersey in Aruba where he met the love of his life, Connie. After marrying in 1956, the couple had their first daughter, Frances, and shortly thereafter moved to California where Mr. Berto obtained his Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering at the California Institute of Technology. Mr. Berto then began working for Standard Oil of California/Chevron where he spent the next 28 years rising through the ranks to become a senior staff instrument engineer.

Finally settling in Marin County, CA, Mr. and Mrs. Berto would go on to have four more children: Joseph, Ben, Tom, and Louise. Mr. Berto quickly became active in their Sleepy Hollow community, serving as pool chairman, board member, and then president of the Sleepy Hollow Homes Association. He also spent 30 years on the Board of the Ross Valley Fire District and Paramedic Authority. A staunch advocate for proper fire and paramedic training, Mr. Berto served on the Sleepy Hollow Fire District Board for 32 years. He was also a scoutmaster for Sleepy Hollow

Troup 50, leading several bicycle, kayak, and hiking trips. In addition to his public service roles, he also served as a lector for St. Rita's Church in Fairfax, California.

In 1973, Mr. Berto started writing about his love of bicycles and engineering on a part-time basis for Bicycling magazine. Mr. Berto served as the magazine's engineering and west coast editor, writing over 160 articles for 19 different magazines in the United States and overseas, including re-writing the bicycle section in the Encyclopedia Britannica. Mr. Berto's passion for biking inspired him to present papers at several international bicycle history conferences and write four books on bicycles, two of which are considered definitive on the subject. After retirement, Mr. Berto enjoyed gardening, spending time with his grandchildren, and driving around Marin County in his 1916 Model T Ford.

Mr. Berto was a well-respected community leader who will be remembered for his generous spirit and commitment to public service. He is survived by his wife Connie, their children Joseph and his wife Dianne, Ben and his wife Marija, Tom and his wife Monica, and Louise and her husband Mack, and four grandchildren: Peter, Iris, John, and Alex. Mr. Berto was predeceased by his daughter Frances. While he will be greatly missed, Mr. Berto's legacy will live on through the indelible positive impact he had on his many friends and family and the community at large.

CONGRATULATING DEBORAH  
HARTMAN ON HER RETIREMENT

**HON. DANIEL MEUSER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 3, 2020*

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to recognize Deborah A. Hartman of Berks County. Mrs. Hartman is retiring after over 40 years of dedicated public service with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms and the Defense Contract Management Agency.

Mrs. Hartman began her lengthy federal government service in 1975, during the Gerald Ford administration with the ATF. In 1985, she joined the Defense Contract Management Agency. There she served in a variety of positions starting in an administrative role and rising through the ranks, to her current position as Management & Program Analyst for the Quality Division of Defense Contract Management Agency. Throughout her career, Mrs. Hartman has received numerous awards and accolades, her dedication to her work and to the safety and our nation is evident.

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 thanking Mrs. Deborah Hartman for her many years of dedicated and honorable service, and I wish her the best in the next chapter of her life. I am confident that even though she is retiring, she will not slow down and she will continue to make many valuable contributions to our Pennsylvania communities.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARK POCAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 3, 2020*

Mr. POCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD how I would have voted during the first session of the 116th Congress for the following votes had I not been unavoidably detained: YEA on Roll Call No. 44, YEA on Roll Call No. 45, YEA on Roll Call No. 88, YEA on Roll Call No. 89, YEA on Roll Call No. 119, YEA on Roll Call No. 120, YEA on Roll Call No. 218, YEA on Roll Call No. 219, YEA on Roll Call No. 296, YEA on Roll Call No. 585, YEA on Roll Call No. 586, YEA on Roll Call No. 610, and YEA on Roll Call No. 611.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COREY  
STANDLEY FOR RECEIVING THE  
STATE DEPARTMENT'S CRITICAL  
LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 3, 2020*

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Corey Standley of Seven Lakes High School in Katy, TX and the University of Oklahoma for earning the Department of State's Critical Language Scholarship last year.

Corey is one of only 550 students who received scholarships. Through the scholarship, he traveled to Dushanbe, Tajikistan over the summer where he was immersed in the culture and the Persian language.

The Critical Language Scholarship is a merit-based award that gives American students the opportunity to study one of the fifteen critical languages to our nation's world engagement abroad. It aims to help students increase their fluency in the language they are studying and learn more about the culture surrounding it.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Corey on his outstanding achievement. His commitment to learning and diligence in his studies earned him this honor. Corey has made Katy and TX-22 very proud.

IN HONOR OF LEONARD  
BERNHARDT

**HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 3, 2020*

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Mr. Leonard Bernhardt, who passed away just before Christmas.

Last year, I was pleased to nominate Leonard and his late wife, Georgene, for the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute's Angels in Adoption award. Each year, the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute selects individuals, families, and organizations from across the nation who have dem-

onstrated a commitment to improving the lives of children in need of permanent, loving homes.

Leonard and Georgene worked tirelessly over the years with Holt International Children's Services to find homes for orphaned and abandoned children. They supported family preservation programs for children and families in Korea, Vietnam, Mongolia, Romania, India, and Uganda. Their generosity, compassion, and dedication to adoption and helping birth families made them stand out in Beaverton, Oregon—and around the globe—as an extraordinary couple, very deserving of this award.

I was honored to meet Leonard Bernhardt in November when he visited Washington, D.C. with his family to receive this award. I am saddened by his loss and so grateful for the service of Mr. Bernhardt and his family to Beaverton, the nation, and countless children and families across the world.

HONORING THE LOWER DAUPHIN  
FALCONS' BOYS SOCCER TEAM  
ON THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP SEA-  
SON

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 3, 2020*

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, today I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the Lower Dauphin Falcons on their inspiring play at the PIAA 3A State Soccer Championship.

Led by coach Gerry Lynch, the Falcons were a force to be reckoned with in their 2019 campaign, winning 18 of 22 contests for a final record of 18-3-1.

This is the Falcons' fourth championship season in five years, and their first win since 2017. This year, the Falcons contested successfully against Northern York's stout defense, scoring three goals to close out the first half. The Falcons held their advantage for the remainder of the game.

These remarkable young men put in their full effort and resolve this season—and we are incredibly proud of them for their performance, success, sportsmanship and teamwork.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Tenth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate the Lower Dauphin Falcons on their dedication to excellence. We look forward to their continued success.

OFFICER ROB GRIEVE RETIRES  
FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGH-  
WAY PATROL

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 3, 2020*

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding law enforcement career of California Highway Patrol Officer Rob Grieve, who retired on December 27, 2019 after 28 years of service.

After completing CHP Academy in 1992, Officer Grieve was assigned as a traffic officer to the Baldwin Park area. He spent four years in Baldwin Park before briefly transferring to the

Rancho Cucamonga area. Officer Grieve was then transferred to the Victorville area in 1997, where he spent the remainder of his career as a peace officer.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I offer my sincere gratitude to Officer Grieve for his 28 years of protecting and serving our community, and I wish him an enjoyable and relaxing retirement. Over the course of his career he has personified the California Highway Patrol motto "Safety, Service, and Security" with hard work, dedication, and professionalism.

CONGRATULATING SHERIFF RAY  
C. GERRINGER ON HIS RETIRE-  
MENT

**HON. DANIEL MEUSER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 3, 2020*

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to recognize Sheriff Ray C. Gerringer of Montour County. Sheriff Gerringer is retiring after 40 years of dedicated service to the Montour County community. His bravery, compassion, and commitment to public safety has made our communities safer and stronger.

A lifelong resident of Montour County, Sheriff Gerringer has been a leader in law enforcement throughout his long tenure of service to our great Commonwealth. After graduating from Columbia-Montour Vocational-Technical School, he began serving the citizens of Montour County in 1977 as a part-time dispatcher. Shortly after he served as a full-time correctional officer at the county prison.

In 1986, Sheriff Gerringer became the Chief County Detective for the Montour County District Attorney's office. There he participated in hundreds of criminal investigations that resulted in convictions. Sheriff Gerringer was elected Montour County Sheriff in 2004 a position he has honorably held for the last 15 years.

Sheriff Gerringer has dedicated his life to protecting and defending the Montour County community. The many years he has spent on the frontlines of public safety demonstrates his selflessness. He has truly answered the call to serve.

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 Sheriff Gerringer on his retirement and thank him for his many years of dutiful and honorable service.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF ATTORNEY MORRIS REED, JR.

**HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 3, 2020*

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Morris Reed, Jr., a personal injury and criminal defense attorney, and dedicated community leader. After serving in the New Orleans legal community, Mr. Reed passed away on Monday, December 23, 2019 at the age of 42.