

serve our schools, meet the needs of children within the foster care system, raise awareness & seek solutions for the Opioid crisis, tackle homelessness, feed the hungry, and revitalize troubled and sometimes forgotten neighborhoods.

In addition, special events were held to promote unity among church leaders and spread a message of Christian hope. The ReNew gathering drew more than 2,000 people for a night of worship & teaching, a conference for pastors and ministry leaders was attended by several hundred church leaders, an educational forum on community issues, and various training sessions were offered to church members. In the ten days leading up to the final festival event, a Christian message was shared in several smaller settings including a surf camp with Cliff and Damian Hobgood, two presentations in area prisons, a luncheon and a dinner for women, and a business and civic leaders' luncheon.

The final event is a family-oriented festival at the Space Coast Daily Park next to Viera High School on March 28th and 29th. The festival will host a children's area and an action sports program that includes professional BMX, Free-Style Motocross, and skateboard demonstrations. The event will wrap up with a mainstage program of contemporary Christian music bands from around the county, and will also include a message of hope from international evangelist Andrew Palau. Other featured performers include Adam Agee, Mandisa, Newsboys United, Blanca, Illusionist Jon Michael Hinton, Danny Gokey, and LeCrae. Thousands are expected to attend.

I would like to recognize the hard work of the local organizing committee chaired by Christopher Burton and Dr. Mike Ronsivalle in partnership with the Luis Palau Association. Their efforts over the last 18 months of mobilizing events have greatly impacted our community and have brought us all together in a very special way. It's notable that the \$800,000 cost of the Space Coast City Fest Celebration was contributed by local churches, individuals, and businesses so that it could be free to the public.

I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to please join me in recognizing Space Coast City Fest.

#### HONORING KOLTEN HUNT

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2020*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kolton Hunt. Kolton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 82, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kolton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kolton has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kolton has served his troop as the Senior Patrol Leader and earned his Arrow of Light award. Kolton has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Kolton

built a Little Free Library outside of Buckner Elementary School in Buckner, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commanding Kolton Hunt for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2020*

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I was absent March 9, 2020. If I were present, I would have voted on the following:

Roll no. 91—H. Res. 410—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, As Amended: YEA; and Roll no. 92—H.R. 1771—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: YEA.

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#### INTSEL STEEL WEST

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2020*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Intsel Steel West for receiving Commerce City's Business Appreciation 2020 Economic Development Award for Leadership.

The Economic Development Award for Leadership honors a business or individual that has been a catalyst toward economic vitality in Commerce City through creative leadership, innovation, facilitation, collaboration or through contribution of resources. Triple-S Steel, the parent company of Intsel Steel West, was founded in 1960, and sells nearly 700,000 tons of steel per year for bridges, stadiums, barges, and large buildings throughout North America, Central and South America and Asia. Triple-S Steel consolidated and expanded the company's existing operations in Denver and at 6300 Clermont St. in Commerce City with a new 234,000 square-foot facility at 8573 Ulster St. The Commerce City operations are now a subsidiary called Intsel Steel West, employing nearly 100 people.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Intsel Steel West for this well-deserved recognition from Commerce City.

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#### HONORING THE LIFE OF GERRILYNN ‘LYNN’ NISHIMURA

#### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2020*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Gerrilynn “Lynn” Nishimura, whose leadership in the labor community has improved the lives of countless people in Washington State.

On February 5, 2020 Lynn Nishimura unexpectedly passed away after beginning her retirement that was set to be filled with two things she was most passionate about—travel and continued service to her community.

Lynn Nishimura had an admirable career. She worked her way up at a variety of banking institutions, starting as a teller and retiring as a Senior Vice President. After her retirement in 2018, Lynn resumed her position as an unpaid volunteer of the Puget Sound Labor Agency as their Executive Director, where she had been since 2013. The Puget Sound Labor Agency credits Lynn Nishimura for providing crucial leadership and steering the organization through difficult times with her expertise in finance management and her devotion to their mission. Lynn Nishimura worked tireless hours during her time with Puget Sound Labor Agency to ensure people got the help they needed, from guaranteeing wheelchair ramp installations were completed to ensuring union member hardship assistance would continue to be available to the thousands of people who needed those services. Lynn is remembered for her warmth and fearlessness to rise to challenges in order to improve the lives of everyone around her.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize the life of Gerrilynn “Lynn” Nishimura. Her life and dedication to service is a reminder that it only takes one person to make lifechanging impacts in a community.

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#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2020*

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I regrettably missed Roll Call vote 60 on February 12, 2020.

Had I been present, I would have voted AYE.

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#### COMMEMORATING CAROL MERNA AS CENTRAL ILLINOIS’ WOMAN OF THE YEAR

#### HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 12, 2020*

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Carol Merna, CEO for the Center of Prevention of Abuse (CPA) in Peoria, IL, for being recognized as Central Illinois’ Woman of the Year.

As the CEO of the Center for Prevention of Abuse, Carol has led Illinois’ efforts for education and prevention of human trafficking, domestic violence, and abuse. During her time with the CPA, Carol and the CPA team have provided survivors more than 9,000 nights in safe shelters while also reaching over 35,000 Illinois students with prevention education. Carol’s work with the CPA has helped changed the fundamental attitudes of society and institutions so that violence and abuse are never promoted, tolerated, or condoned. With over three decades of community and philanthropic experience, Carol’s boundless devotion to the promotion of the well-being of thousands of central Illinoisans has enhanced and bettered the lives of those men and women.

Carol’s commitment to the Peoria community and central Illinois is unmatched. Her

dedication to human services is not limited to just the CFPA. She serves on the Board for the Bleeding and Clotting Disorders Institute and the Dirksen Congressional Center. She also served the public in the 18th congressional district for two decades. Additionally, Merna is a member of the Peoria Rotary Club, Illinois Human Services Partnership, and serves on numerous committees, like the Peoria Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee. Building community and investing in Central Illinois, large or small, has long been a passion for Carol.

Our community has greatly benefited from the hard work and leadership of Carol Merna. I extend my sincere congratulations to her on being recognized as Central Illinois' Woman of the Year. I wish her much success as she continues to lead a life of service to the Peoria community and central Illinois.

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**RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF THE REV. PHILLIP R. BYRUM**

**HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the decades of dedicated public service of a great North Carolinian, role model and man of faith, the Rev. Phillip R. Byrum—known to many as Father Phil.

Born in 1941, Rev Phillip R. Byrum is a native of Greensboro, North Carolina—son of the late Robert and Margaret Byrum. He attended Greensboro Public Schools and graduated from Greensboro College in 1963 with a degree in philosophy and religion.

He went on to attend the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, graduating in 1966. He was assigned to St. Michael's Church in Tarboro, North Carolina and St. Mary's Church in Speed, North Carolina. He was ordained to the Priesthood on June 24, 1967, at Christ Church in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Father Phil was married to the former Anne Stuart Barnette in 1966. They became parents to two sons, Robert Stuart, born 1968 and John Keith, born in 1970. He is also a proud grandfather of seven grandchildren and great-grandfather of one.

Father Phil and his family moved to Albemarle, North Carolina in 1969, where he became the Rector of Christ Church. He and his family spent a joyful 22 years in this parish, with both sons attending local schools, and leaving to attend and graduate from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Serving with passion and humility, Father Phil was a dedicated minister to his congregation and was heavily involved in many facets of community life, as well as the work of the Diocese of North Carolina. For many years, he chaired the Commission on Liturgy and Music, and directed a music and worship camp for children on behalf of the Diocese for 19 years. He also began a long relationship with the Society of St. Margaret in Boston, Massachusetts where he served as a visiting chaplain to the Sisters for many years.

In May 1991, Rev. Byrum accepted a call to become Rector of St. Timothy's Church in Wilson, North Carolina. Shortly after, a temporary assignment stretched into nearly 30 years of

service as Father Phil was asked to serve as priest-in-charge of a historic African American church in East Wilson, St. Mark's Church.

Father Phil completed his service in ministry from St. Timothy's in 2000, and focused his ministry service on St. Mark's, while also serving La Iglesia de la Guadalupana, the Spanish-speaking church officially recognized as a congregation in 1998 and shares St. Mark's facilities. Father Phil devoted his service in ministry at St. Mark's and La Guadalupana until his final retirement in 2020.

Father Phil had the privilege of leading his congregations at St. Mark's and La Guadalupana in serving the community with worship services in English and Spanish and through community outreach programs such as food ministries, tutoring programs, and assistance programs for those facing critical situations in their lives.

On February 29, 2020, Father Phil retired from active ministry and will continue to live in his home community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating and honoring the Rev. Phillip R. Byrum as he is recognized for his many years of service. His lifelong contribution to his congregations and community cannot be overstated.

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**LITTLE PUB COMPANY**

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Little Pub Company for receiving Commerce City's Business Appreciation 2020 Retail Investment Award for Leadership.

The Retail Investment Award for Leadership honors a retailer or commercial developer who contributed to the city's economic vitality through the introduction of a new business that brought new employment and/or new capital investment to the city in the last year. Founded in Denver in 1994, Little Pub Company currently operates over 20 restaurants and/or bars across the Denver metropolitan area. Each location is unique—names and defining characteristics are specific to each neighborhood in which they are built.

Little Pub Company was a pioneer in Commerce City. The company built the northern range's first free-standing full-service restaurant and bar in 2019, State House 38. The 5,424 square-foot restaurant brought 75 new jobs to the city in 2019. The name pays tribute to Colorado, the 38th state in the Union. Inside, the walls are decorated with photos illustrating the history of Commerce City.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Little Pub Company for this well-deserved recognition from Commerce City.

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**HONORING BRYAN JOSEPH  
KELLER**

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Bryan Joseph

Keller. Brian is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brian has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Brian has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Brian has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Bryan Joseph Keller for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

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**HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.  
MICHAEL A. EVANS**

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Michael A. Evans, a medical expert, an entrepreneur and a dear friend. Dr. Evans was known throughout Indiana and the nation for his excellent work in the field of toxicology, but he was much more than that. A businessman, Mike founded two nationally recognized laboratories in Indianapolis, AIT Laboratories and AIT Bioscience. Mike was commended by the State of Indiana for his many successes. Hoosiers are forever grateful for Mike's significant contributions to the City of Indianapolis and the State of Indiana as a whole.

Michael Evans was born on October 19, 1943, in New Albany, Indiana. He graduated from Our Lady of Providence High School and went on to attend St. Joseph's College where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. Upon his graduation, Mike served our nation as a platoon sergeant and an Army Ranger in Vietnam. Mike was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Silver Star Medal for valor in combat.

After returning from his service, Mike earned his doctorate degree in toxicology from the Indiana University School of Medicine. After receiving his degree, Dr. Evans spent twenty years within the field of toxicology working as a researcher for government agencies, testifying as an expert witness and training the next generation as a professor. Dr. Evans also did private research in laboratories including those at Indiana University School of Medicine, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Illinois Institute of Technology and the University of Illinois College of Medicine.

In 1990, Dr. Evans created AIT Laboratories, a toxicology and forensics lab that does testing and research for law enforcement, corporations, government agencies, pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, physicians, pain management professionals, medical examiners, attorneys, and courts of law. He went on to serve as the president and CEO until 2012. In 2012, Dr. Evans created AIT Bioscience which is an integrated bioanalytical contract research organization (CRO), supported by a state-of-the-art electronic laboratory environment.