

Dr. Evans' work is a testament to his passion for science and creating services that help people. He was decorated with honors and awards including a Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, the Distinguished Hoosier and he received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award from the Indiana Governor. Dr. Evans was also honored as the SBA Small Businessperson of the Year in 2006 and was the 2008 Ernst & Young Midwest Entrepreneur of the Year. Marian University honored Dr. Evans through the naming of the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences building.

Dr. Evans was the father of six children, Michael, Cara, Justin, Andrew, Katherine and Samantha. He enjoyed spending time with his children, working out and reading books on history, business and people who have made a difference in the world.

Mike will be forever missed by his family, friends, colleagues, and the entire community. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Mike's family. Today I join the community and the entire family in mourning the loss of Dr. Michael A. Evans who made a difference in the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF KEVIN J. O'BRIEN, SR., RECIPIENT OF THE GREATER PITTSBURGH FRIENDLY SONS' MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kevin J. O'Brien Sr. who will be named Man of the Year by the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. He will be honored at the group's 106th annual gathering on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

Born and raised in Avoca, Pennsylvania, Kevin is the son of the late Michael J. O'Brien, a former Friendly Sons President, and Mary Moore O'Brien. He is a 1974 graduate of Pittston Area High School, and he attended Luzerne County Community College, studying fire science technology. Kevin is the proud father of his son, Kevin Jr., and currently resides in Duryea, Pennsylvania.

Kevin was president of the Greater Pittsburgh Friendly Sons in 1989, the year that the organization celebrated its 75th anniversary. Under his leadership, the Friendly Sons Scholarship was established, and Kevin's family was an original donor to the program.

He began his career in public safety in 1978, working as a radio operator/dispatcher for the Luzerne County Civil Defense. During his 27-year career, Kevin rose to the rank of deputy director of the Luzerne County Emergency Management Agency. During those years, he oversaw the planning, training, and response to all natural and manmade disasters throughout Luzerne County. He concluded his 30 year-career with the county as a lead crash and rescue firefighter at the Wilkes Barre/Scranton International Airport.

Kevin has also dedicated his time to local fire service. He has been a member of the Avoca Volunteer Fire Department for the past 45 years. Kevin also became a Pennsylvania State Fire Academy instructor, conducting fire

training programs throughout the Commonwealth. In 2011, he was awarded the title of instructor emeritus from the academy.

In addition to his volunteer fire service and full-time employment in emergency management, he also worked part time at the Pocono Raceway, starting in 1985 as a pit road fireman and eventually becoming fire chief at the facility. Kevin served as a NASCAR Advanced Training Program instructor and became a member of the NASCAR Safety Standards and Training Committee. In 2013, the NASCAR Track Services Division recognized Kevin for his dedication to the sport, and its safety, by awarding him the NASCAR Excellence in Track Services Award.

It is an honor to join the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick as they recognize Kevin J. O'Brien Sr. as Man of the Year. He has had a successful career in service to his community, and I wish him all the best on this St. Patrick's Day.

IN RECOGNITION OF
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support to commemorate the 43rd anniversary of International Women's Day.

On March 8, International Women's Day, we take the time to commemorate the incomparable contributions that women and girls all around the world have created in order to better our communities.

I am honored to be able to commemorate this momentous day with so many other women that have devoted their lives to making a change in our society.

We commemorate women's enduring achievements for our world and rededicate ourselves to delivering education and opportunity to girls in every country.

Our lives have changed because of influential figures from Arabella Mansfield, America's first female lawyer and philanthropist, Katherine Johnson, mathematician, critical NASA employee and revolutionary force of her time, Oprah Winfrey, first black multi-billionaire, American media executive and social influencer, and our very own mothers who have raised and supported us.

Women are beginning to leave their mark in every industry from corporations, to music, to sports, to education, to finances, to entertainers, to the Armed Forces, and to politics.

The fight of women has always been fueled and grounded in the belief in what is possible, we have always built a future that we could see and believe in and fight for.

That is why the United States currently has the most diverse Congress in history, with over one hundred female members whose visions and values continue the legacy of the women that came before and paved the way for those who follow.

That is why a young woman who saw an existential crisis spoke up and sparked a revolution to combat climate change on a global scale.

That is why we will never stop advocating for the Equal Rights Amendment and Equal Pay.

That is why a woman was selected as the Democratic party's nominee for President of the United States; she served as the Nation's first lady, senator from New York, and proudly served as Secretary of State.

That is why we continue to reshape and rethink the role of women in society.

It has been a momentous year for women as we thrive in the 21st century.

We are no longer hidden figures behind a man, held back by ambition, or forced to take on stereotypical roles of women.

However, we are still far from reaching the equality envisioned in our Constitution.

The scales of justice held by Lady Liberty are not yet balanced, and it is incumbent upon all women to continue our fight for equal rights under law and in the eyes of society.

One in 3 women worldwide are victims of physical or sexual violence.

More than 200 million women and girls alive today have experienced Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

Complications from pregnancy and childbirth is the number one killer among girls ages 15 to 19 in the developing world.

Despite women working longer hours than men when both paid and unpaid work is taken into consideration, women still earn an average of 24 percent less than men do worldwide.

Women spend one to three hours more on housework than men, two to ten times the amount of time caring for children and the elderly, and one to four hours less per day on economic market activities.

An estimated 63 million young girls worldwide are out of school.

Millions of women are still denied fundamental rights, but we look to the promise of our past and know that our future is bright.

We will usher in a new era of growth for our economies, security for our families, and strength for our countries.

Let us build on the successes of our history, protect the rights we have won, and continue to march towards a new dawn for women and girls around the world.

Our commitment to the empowerment of women and girls also calls us to rededicate ourselves to fighting violence against women and girls in all spheres of life, from the classroom to the courtroom to the bedroom and everywhere in between.

This year, as we prepare to commemorate the centennial of the 19th Amendment, we take acknowledgement of this momentous achievement that unleashed the power of women to have a voice in our democracy, and in the process helped deliver transformative progress toward a more perfect union for all Americans.

In recognition of the innumerable contributions and continued leadership of America's women, we will never stop fighting to advance the cause of freedom, equality and justice for all.

Today, and always, we reaffirm a vital truth that when women succeed, America succeeds.

NORTH RANGE EYE CARE, P.C.

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 North Range

Eye Care, P.C. for receiving Commerce City's Business Appreciation 2020 Business on the Move Award.

The Business on the Move Award recognizes businesses bringing new employment, growth in sales or new capital investment to the city in the last year. North Range Eye Care, P.C. is a comprehensive eye care center founded by Dr. David Hite. The center offers adult and children's eye exams, treatment of eye emergencies and eye diseases, and co-management of eye surgeries like LASIK.

North Range Eye Care, P.C. first opened its doors in 2013. As new patient demand increased, Dr. Hite saw the need to expand. The company built a new 6,000 square-foot building in 2019 with 2,970 square-feet for the practice and the other half for leased business tenants.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the North Range Eye Care team for this well-deserved recognition from Commerce City.

HONORING ADAM JOHN LATHAM

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 Adam John Latham. Adam 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 1376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Adam has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Adam 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, Adam has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Adam constructed three American flag retirement boxes and placed them in business across Liberty, Missouri, on behalf of American Legion Post 95.

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

WELCOME BAKER ADDISON
MORRIS

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am happy to congratulate Alexander Fancourt Morris and Rebekah Livingston Morris, of Gaston, South Carolina, on the birth of their new baby boy, Baker Addison Morris. Baker was born at 4:48 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at Lexington Medical Center in West Columbia, South Carolina. He weighed eight pounds and fifteen ounces and measures twenty-one inches long.

Congratulations to his grandparents Debra Morris of Columbia, and Major General (Ret)

Robert Livingston and Barbara Livingston of Gaston. He will join his older brother, Alexander Fancourt Morris, Jr.

RECOGNIZING ESTHER STERLING
AS CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, in celebration of Women's History Month, it is my honor to recognize Esther Sterling as my March Constituent of the Month. Ms. Sterling, a Holocaust survivor from my district, spent her childhood hiding from Nazis in Ukraine. Forged from her experience during this dark time in history, Ms. Sterling shares her story across my district with schools and community groups to help ensure that history will never repeat itself.

Esther's story is one of courage, fortitude, and determination. After World War II broke out, Esther, her mother, father, and sister were sent to the Ghetto of Sambor. When the Ghetto was terminated and residents were sent to an extermination camp, Esther's family managed to escape with the help of their devoted nanny. Just outside their nanny's apartment, Esther's father dug a hole beneath a coal and wood shack. Most of the time they hid within shack, but if there were passersby, the family crouched within the hole, breathing from air provided by a tube.

As the war progressed, the German gestapo began to round people up for executions. Searching for a new place to hide his family, Esther's father was shot. Her mother was stricken with grief after her father's death, and as an eight-year-old child, Esther took on the responsibility of convincing her mother and younger sister to keep fighting for survival.

I launched a Constituent of the Month program to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond to make our region and our country a stronger place for everyone to live and thrive. Ms. Sterling's perseverance and triumph during a time of great danger and divide is not only inspiring, but encouraging. I am honored to recognize her as my Constituent of the Month and I thank her for everything she's done to make our community a better place.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT ROGERS,
RECIPIENT OF THE FREELAND
SONS OF ERIN 2020 CITIZEN
OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Rogers, who will be named the 2020 Citizen of the Year by the Freeland, Pennsylvania Sons of Erin. He will be honored on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at their 85th annual St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Robert's community service in Freeland spans three decades, and includes significant involvement in local baseball. For the past ten years, he has been the manager of the Freeland Babe Ruth League. Steadfastly dedicated

to this role, Robert dedicates many hours to improving the grounds and maintaining the playing field so that it remains in top condition. In addition, he recruits players for the league, organizes fundraisers, runs the concession stand, and coordinates schedules for the Babe Ruth League, MMI Preparatory School, Penn State Hazleton, as well as the men's league. With his love and knowledge of baseball, Robert also steps into the role of coach when the need arises. Robert has previously served on the Board of the Freeland Little League. In addition to his commitment to the Board, he helped install the lights at the field and has even cooked concession fare during games.

Robert's love for, and commitment to, the Freeland community extends beyond baseball. He is currently also instrumental to the upkeep and maintenance at the Freeland YMCA. Robert assisted with the recent renovations of the foyer and the basement at the YMCA, a project where he contributed custom shelving and personally completed the refinishing of the front desk. A handyman at heart, he is known for always going above and beyond his assignment.

Freeland is rife with evidence of Robert's handiwork and dedication to his beloved community. He has additionally refinished display cases at MMI Preparatory School, the pipe organ at St. John's church, and the American Legion's flagpoles on Centre Street.

It is an honor to join the Freeland Sons of Erin in recognizing Robert Rogers as the 2020 Citizen of the Year. He is a true community servant, and all of Freeland has benefited from his unending generosity. I wish him all the best this St. Patrick's Day.

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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 Oribi Manufacturing for receiving Commerce City's Business Appreciation 2020 Entrepreneurial Spirit Award.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit Award recognizes a company or entrepreneur that demonstrates a pioneering spirit and has seen success with a new start-up, new product development, or a company/product with growth into new markets. Oribi Manufacturing produces cost-effective, high-velocity high-performance composite components appealing to industries looking for products that are thinner, stronger, lighter, and products created with continuous fiber. The company manufactures products like ballistic helmets, canoe paddles, backpack frames, and props and bodies for drones for the U.S. Military as well as the law enforcement, recreation, sporting, and aerospace industries. They also pride themselves on creating products made in the USA using American materials.

Oribi Manufacturing owns a 100,000 square-foot building at 5850 E 56th Ave. and built a new research and design facility with a new conference room this past year. Oribi Manufacturing doubled its revenue over the last three years, and in 2019, hired 20 full-time employees with plans to hire an additional ten employees in 2020.