

Middle School Principal of the Year. This prestigious award recognizes Dr. Gettemeier's ability to excel in the ever-demanding role of principal in all aspects of education.

Dr. Gettemeier is a major contributing factor to the increasing success students are finding at Hardin Middle School. He has modeled a high-rate work ethic that has permeated throughout the school. Through his work, Hardin has seen a significant increase in access to technology and developed programs to meet the needs of Hardin Middle School's diverse student population. Dr. Gettemeier has been a leader on implementing the St. Charles School District's Standards-Based Grading and worked with the St. Charles Juvenile Justice Center to develop a Teen Court system for Hardin students. His plan to improve the ABC's—Academics, Behavior, and Climate—have transformed Hardin Middle School.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in applauding Dr. Edward Gettemeier's outstanding professionalism and commitment to educating the American youth. I join with Dr. Gettemeier's colleagues, family, friends, and students in congratulating him on his outstanding achievement, and wish him good luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF HERB
STOTTLER

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember the life of Herb Stottler, 79, who passed away on August 30, 2014, surrounded by those he loved dearly.

The citizens of Northeast Ohio are hard-working, honest Americans, and Herb was no exception. Herb was a dedicated labor leader, as well as a strong advocate for the Democratic Party. Herb served his nation proudly in the United States Marine Corps, where he was honorably discharged. Herb also faithfully devoted himself to his community, where he served as Ward 7 Council for the City of Akron, before becoming the International Staff Representative for the United Steel Workers of America.

Herb was preceded in death by his mother, Mona; brother, Bob; dear daughter, Debra Leigh; and nephew by marriage, Dave Fritz. He leaves behind his loving wife of 30 years, Jan; daughters, Pam and Tonia; granddaughters, Misty, Rachel (Matt), and Chelcie; great-grandsons, Dylan and Sam; brother, John (Suzie); nephews, Brian (Jan) and Bob (Kathy); nieces, Christine (David), Kim (Terry), and Jackie; and many great-nieces and nephews.

I am deeply saddened and extend my condolences to his entire family. Herb was a strong and dedicated man, who will be missed by those whose lives he impacted, because of his dedication and unwavering service. Northeast Ohio is a better place.

BILL SCHWERI

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend of southern and eastern Kentucky, Mr. Bill Schweri, upon his retirement as the Director of Federal Relations at the University of Kentucky.

During his 42 years at the University of Kentucky, Bill has been a champion for progress in education, healthcare, and energy research across the state. Behind the scenes of Kentucky's highly esteemed flagship university, Bill has been a driving force, seeking out partnerships, programs and funding to help the most distressed region of the Commonwealth. I'm certain there is not a single resource that Bill hasn't researched for the benefit of southern and eastern Kentucky.

No one knows the value and power of creating and sustaining long-time partnerships quite like Bill. If the University of Kentucky needed a partner to improve education or access to healthcare, Bill ensured the connection was secured with his genuine, kind and humble approach. Most leaders seek recognition or credit for their efforts, but that has never been the case with Bill.

His work has lead to exponential growth of UK's research enterprise and jumpstarted new research initiatives that have enabled the university to be successful in competing for federal grants and contracts. This riveting scientific research on cancer, fossil energy, transportation and agriculture is blazing new trails in every aspect of our everyday life, and our country—to say nothing of our state—is better off for it. He has fought for legislation that is important to UK and student financial aid. Bill has also been a leader in The Science Coalition, and actively involved in the Council on Governmental Affairs, and the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities. Over the years, he has deservedly gained the utmost respect of his peers in federal relations.

As he departs his post at the University of Kentucky, it is my intention to ensure Bill Schweri receives the recognition that is due him, for his tireless efforts on behalf of students and families across Kentucky, and specifically people living in Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District. We hope he knows he always has the thanks of a grateful Big Blue Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring my friend Bill Schweri as we bid him a joy-filled retirement.

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO LOUIS
ANDREW BEATTIE, JR.

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Louis Andrew Beattie, Jr. of La Cañada Flintridge, California, an outstanding community leader, who passed away on Sunday, July 27, 2014.

Louis Beattie, better known as "Andy," was born on February 3, 1953 in Brownsville,

Pennsylvania to Louis Andrew Beattie, Sr. and Marilyn Beattie. The Beattie family moved to Ventura, California in 1956, where Andy attended El Camino Elementary School, Anacapa Junior High School, and Buena High School where he was ASB President, Sophomore Class President, and a member of the Buena High School Hall of Fame. Andy graduated from Occidental College in 1975, earning a B.A. in Political Science. He was a devoted alumnus of Occidental College, serving as President of the Alumni Association Board of Governors and as a member of the Occidental College Board of Trustees. Andy had a long and successful career in the fashion and clothing industry, holding the position of Senior Vice President of Strategic Partners, Inc., a uniform and apparel company. Because of his interest and experience in the clothing industry, he and his wife, Kim, formed a line of pajamas called Liz & Lauren, named after their eldest daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, an enterprise of which he was very proud.

Andy was dedicated in both his professional pursuits and his commitment to serving his community and our country. On the local level, Mr. Beattie was a Public Safety Commissioner for La Cañada Flintridge for six years, playing a significant role in initiating La Cañada Flintridge's new "Alert LCF" emergency notification system and the city's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. He served as president of the La Cañada Unified School Board, working to improve the educational programs and buildings in the La Cañada Flintridge schools, and president of the La Cañada High School Spartan Boosters. Andy's public service extended beyond his local community as he spent many years volunteering for the White House's Office of Advance, a department responsible for coordinating the travel schedules of the President and press corps. Mr. Beattie travelled with President Clinton and President Obama often, and he visited several nations including Iraq, Poland, South Korea, Chile, and India during his service for the White House.

Andy Beattie is remembered in his community as a fair, honest, smart, and thoughtful person, who "put family first." He is survived by his wife, Kim Beattie, their three daughters, Sarah, Katherine, and Lauren, his mother, Marilyn, and his brothers, Neil and John.

Andy was an exceptional community leader, admired by all as a man of impeccable character and he will be greatly missed. I ask all members to join me in remembering Louis Andrew Beattie, Jr.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FEAST
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament, the largest Portuguese feast in the world and one of the largest festivals in New England.

Founded in 1915, the Feast recreates the traditional religious festivals of Portugal and celebrates the safe passage onto American shores. The Feast is often referred to as "the Madeira Feast" because its roots lie in the tiny mountain and shoreside villages of the island