

Top Micropolitan Community in the United States by Site Selection magazine, the official publication of the Global FDI Association and the Industrial Asset Management Council.

The magazine ranked 576 of the nation's micropolitan areas, cities with populations ranging from 10,000 to 50,000 that cover at least one county. While Findlay has ranked well for many years, placing fourth in 2013, this is the first time the city has topped the list.

The City of Findlay has focused its efforts on economic development within the community, and this year's recognition is a testament to the collaboration among local, county and state leaders, the Findlay-Hancock County Economic Development office and the city's community partners. Their efforts continue to make Findlay a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Findlay's future remains bright for the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the City of Findlay, Ohio, on being named the 2014 Top Micropolitan Community in the United States. I am extremely proud of the growth and investment that have occurred in Findlay over the past year, and am excited about the potential this development brings to the city's residents and businesses who are proud to call Findlay home.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MR.
ALEXANDER E. "AL" TEODOSIO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Mr. Alexander E. "Al" Teodosio, 90, who passed away on Tuesday, February 10, in the presence of his loving family.

Al dedicated his life to spending time with his family and friends, showing compassion to others, and while serving his country in the armed forces. Al honorably served during World War II as a Private First Class in the Army Air Corps Squadron in the Pacific Theater and demonstrated tremendous strength and courage throughout his tenure. After his service Al returned to the states and became a widely respected attorney and practiced for many years in the city of Akron, Ohio with his late brother, Ernie. In 1950, Al married the love of his life Anna and the two shared over 64 years of love and happiness together. Regardless of his official title, Al aimed to make his community a better place to call home; and he undoubtedly succeeded. From 1976 to 1990, he served as Chairman of the Summit County Democratic Party, and made it a priority to inspire and mentor other local public servants.

Al was preceded in death by his loving parents; dear siblings; son, Alan; and granddaughter, Andrea. He is survived by his loving wife Anna Marie; children, Mary Anne, Thomas, Carol Anne, Robert, Alex; grandchildren, Christine, Kathleen, Joseph, Christopher, David, Lexi, Nicholas, Joseph, Ellen, and Alice. Perhaps the most fitting tribute to Al was written by his own children commemorating the Teodosio's 60th wedding anniversary in 2010. "Thank you mom and dad," it read, "for teaching us the meaning of love, commitment, and family." My dear friend Al

helped to make the world a brighter place and he will be dearly missed.

A TRIBUTE TO SANDRA
CARAVELLA—28TH CONGRES-
SIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF
THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Sandra Caravella of Atwater Village, a unique neighborhood in Los Angeles, California.

Born and raised in the Atwater Village area of Los Angeles, Ms. Caravella attended Atwater Elementary School, Irving Junior High School and John Marshall High School. With the exception of a few years when she and her husband, Joe, also an Atwater Village native, resided in Michigan, Sandra has been a lifetime resident of Atwater Village, where she and Joe raised their family. While a young mother, Sandra volunteered at her sons' school, Atwater Avenue Elementary School as a teacher's aide, and became involved in the Parent Teacher Association. When her youngest son was six years old, she took a part time job at the Los Angeles Convention and Visitors Bureau working as a registration supervisor at conventions, seminars and trade shows, where she remained for over two decades.

Well regarded in her community, Ms. Caravella is a passionate and dedicated volunteer. She is a founding member and current Board member of the Friends of Atwater Village (FAV), whose first venture was to successfully save the historic Van de Kamp Bakery building. As a FAV Board member, Sandra has been instrumental in attaining grants for community beautification projects that include murals illustrating the area's history, flower containers, and a decorative gate at the Los Angeles River and Acresite Street. With three other FAV Board members, she produced calendars featuring local history and a book entitled: Images of America: Atwater Village. Ms. Caravella is a member of the Atwater Village Chamber of Commerce, was the chamber's project manager of the sign committee, and serves on the Tree Lighting and River Committees for the Atwater Village Neighborhood Council.

Married for nearly half a century, Sandra and her husband, Joe, have two sons, Jeff and Brian, two grandsons, Vincenzo and Nico, all of whom live in Atwater Village.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Sandra Caravella.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for votes on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, due to my attendance at the funeral of my close friend, John Rainey. By any account he lived an extraordinary life based on the lives he touched, the difference he made and the degree to which he was a great friend to all those blessed to call him just that. I was one of those so fortunate, and accordingly I will miss him dearly. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Roll call no. 116: Previous Question on H. Res. 138—Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1029—EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015 and consideration of H.R. 1030—Secret Science Reform Act of 2015: Yea

Roll call no. 117: Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1029—EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015 and consideration of H.R. 1030—Secret Science Reform Act of 2015: Yea

Roll call no. 118: H.R. 1191—Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act: Yea

Roll call no. 119: McKinley Amendment: Yea

Roll call no. 120: Motion to recommit H.R. 1029 with instructions: Nay

Roll call no. 121: H.R. 1029—EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015: Yea

THE BATTLE WAGES ON: SECUR-
ING EQUAL VOTING RIGHTS IN
THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 16, 2015

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this year, we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. It is an historic piece of legislation that was signed with the pride, humility and blood of brave men and women whose courage has watered the soil of our nation's democracy. For decades, it has been revered as a pillar of America's transformative society. It represented the promise of our forefathers.

Yet, fifty years after its passage, the laws' promises are unfulfilled. And, reflective of the nation's climate during the civil rights era, we are witnessing divisive political forces rally to resurrect the abhorrent practices of racial discrimination and disenfranchisement.

Fifty years after the passage of the Voting Rights Act, minorities across the country are fighting against state voter i.d. laws for the right to vote. Despite the Supreme Court's erroneous holding that "[o]ur country has changed," and there is no longer a need for federal preclearance for changes in voting laws, minorities are facing increased barriers to the ballot box.

While there have certainly been great progress, we still have a long way to go. In the 1960's, our nation was marked by moments of crises, war, poverty and mass social