Since its founding, the MASFAP has and continues to be a dynamic association dedicated to serving and advocating for practitioners, users, and providers of student financial aid programs. Many students depend on financial aid programs to assist them through their post-secondary education, providing many with the means to continue their education. Missouri is home to many institutions of post-secondary education that serve students from Missouri and abroad. Obtaining a higher education opens doors for students, develops their individual skills and knowledge, and makes them invaluable resources to our communities, state, and nation.

MASFAP is ready and willing to assist students who need help or information. The financial aid programs provided to students assist with tuition, fees, housing, food, books and supplies, transportation and personal expenses. Additionally, millions of dollars in grants, scholarships, and student loans allow students to continue pursuing their professional goals.

Every day, student financial aid administrators throughout Missouri do their best to assist students in identifying the resources and options they have regarding the cost of their education. These administrators work at removing barriers so students can be successful in choosing the appropriate assistance program. The dedication these administrators show to the students and their future is appreciated.

I ask you to join me in recognizing the Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel on their 50th Anniversary Celebration.

HONORING MARY “EDITH” LOCKARD

HON. ELIO T. ENGEL
NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, communities thrive when hard work, dedication, and sacrifice are set as the example of its residents. In Yonkers, no one has set that example better than Mary “Edith” Lockard.

Edith was born in Yonkers in 1924 to Andrew and Mary Lena Deloatch. She was the youngest of 6 and the only girl. After graduated from Yonkers High School, Edith earned her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Development from Pace University.

Edith has been the life-blood of Messiah Baptist Church for over 76 years. In April of 1940 she was baptized on Easter Sunday at the church, and has remained an active member serving the parish in any capacity needed.

Following high school, Edith focused on raising her family with her husband, Wilfred Lockard. She got involved volunteering in the Yonkers school district and eventually served as the Vice President of the Parents Teachers Association (PTA). She also served at the South Yonkers Youth Council, an organization dedicated to fostering growth and development for the youth in the community through after school care and activities. They also held summer day camps which exposed the youth to cultural and sporting events, positive role models, and educational opportunities.

After her beloved husband Wilfred passed away, Edith began volunteering at St. John’s Hospital. She faithfully served in the mailroom on Thursdays from 1995 to 2001. In 1995 she also became a member of the Nepperhan Senior Center—Senior Group No. 15—located on Warburton Avenue. For over a decade, Edith has faithfully worked for the Yonkers Parks and Recreation Department.

For as long as Edith is in the community, her true passion has always been her family. She is the proud mother of four children: Juanita, Tyrone, Lindsay, and Lila, she has eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and, remarkably, 9 great-great-grandchildren.

Edith’s commitment to helping others has been an inspiration to those in her community and beyond. I want to congratulate Edith for all her hard, selfless work, and I want to wish her a very happy 93rd birthday on September 9, 2017.

BERT HACK
HON. MIMI WALTERS OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, September 18, 2017

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, on March 24, 1999, Laguna Woods, California officially became Orange County’s 32nd city.

A great deal has changed in the last 18 years, but Laguna Woods Councilman Bert Hack has remained a constant in our community.

Since taking office in 1999, Bert served as Mayor five times and sat on numerous boards throughout Southern California.

Bert’s deep knowledge of local history and passion for service to others has made him a beloved fixture in Laguna Woods.

Bert’s presence on the City Council will surely be missed, but he will undoubtedly continue to serve as an inspiration for all who follow in his footsteps.

I wish Bert well in retirement, and thank him for his many years of service to Laguna Woods and Orange County.

HONORING SADIE M. MACCHIA

HON. LEE M. ZELDIN
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sadie Macchia, who celebrated her 100th birthday on July 6th.

Born on July 6, 1917, in the Bronx, New York, Sadie came into this world with a remarkably low birth weight, and was the surviving child of a set of twins, the other of whom was born prematurely and sadly passed away shortly afterward. Sadie was so small that her mother used a shoebox as a cradle, and could not even properly wear a bonnet. With such a low birthweight, her chances for survival seemed slim. Yet, with incredible strength, this miracle baby pulled through infancy and is still here with us today, 100 years later.

As an adult, Sadie spent many years working as a seamstress in the Bronx while living in her own apartment above her brother, Dominick, and his wife, Angelina. In those days, Sadie was renowned for her hospitality and insatiable laughter, always happy to have friends and family over to share a meal, reminisce over old photos, or simply spend time with those dearest to her. A kind and generous soul, she is truly loved by all who know her.

To commemorate her 100th birthday, two of her brothers, Guy and Nick, threw her a birthday party where she was able to celebrate with her extended family. The look on her face to see so many loved ones gathered together to celebrate her birthday was said to be that of pure joy.

This miracle baby fought all the odds and is now one of America’s great centenarians. It is a privilege to honor Sadie Macchia, who has brought joy and laughter into the hearts of so many others.

HONORING MARY “EDITH” LOCKARD

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, September 18, 2017

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Moy Family Association U.S.A. National Convention.

The Moy Family Association has played a key role in community building efforts, particularly in the vibrant Chinatown communities I represent.
In particular, I congratulate Mr. Robin Mui for his public service. His accomplishments and contributions to the Asian community I represent is immeasurable. Mr. Mui has been instrumental in increasing awareness and dialogue about issues and concerns that impact Asian Americans. Through their leadership, the Moy Family Association has championed numerous community causes and relief efforts for families impacted by tragedy. This includes raising millions of dollars for the American Red Cross during Hurricane Katrina and for the families of slain NYPD Officers Wenjian Liu and Officer Rafael Ramos in 2014.

As a nation, we must embrace the diverse cultures and organizations that have worked to advance the needs of all citizens and have helped to define what it means to be American. I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating the Moy's Family Association U.S.A. National Convention on this special occasion. I commend their public service and shared goal of enriching the lives of the constituents of my district. My best wishes for a successful event.

REMARKS BY STEPHEN W. CAMP
HON. JOHN B. LARSON
OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, September 18, 2017

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include in the Record remarks made at the Be the Light Interfaith Candle Lighting Vigil at Congregation Beth Israel in West Hartford, CT on August 23, 2017.

Mr. REICHERT of Washington. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the City of Maple Valley, in light of its designation as a Purple Heart City, the City of Maple Valley will be the first in Washington’s Eighth Congressional District to become a Purple Heart, as well as the third city in the State of Washington. Additionally, the designation falls on the anniversary of 9/11, an event that will forever be seen in our hearts as a symbol of strength, hope, and freedom.

The Purple Heart is awarded to wounded members of the armed forces of the United States as a combat decoration for their commitment to our great country. As you visit the City of Maple Valley, you will find a road sign explaining the Purple Heart significance, which reminds all those visiting, of the sacrifice made for a just and free civilization. Furthermore, I would like to also thank the Boy Scout Troop 711 for building the display case for the plaques and other Purple Heart memorabilia, for the public to observe, learn and enjoy.

I thank the City of Maple Valley for its dedication to our armed forces who’ve served the lives of ours. The City of Maple Valley is only known as a beautiful place for wilderness, recreation and to raise a family; but one as an allegiance to our public servants.