

taxpayers a good return on investment at MISD.

While overseeing the 46-campus MISD, Dr. Henrie has somehow found time to be involved in other professional groups and organizations. The Texas Association of School Administrators, Mesquite Education Association, Texas Staff Development Council, Texas ASCD, UIL Legislative Council, and the National Federation of State High School Associations and Equity Center have all benefited from Dr. Henrie's wisdom and leadership.

During her tenure, MISD was a recognized district in 2010 and 2011, received the Texas Award for Performance Excellence from Quality Texas, gained membership in the Comptroller's Gold Leadership Circle, and was a large-district finalist in the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards for three consecutive years. MISD is also one of only 11 public school districts to earn the highest rating of five stars on the Financial Allocation Study for Texas (FAST) for three consecutive years.

Dr. Henrie received personal recognition as the recipient of Mesquite Social Services' Women in Service and Enterprise Award, Texas ASCD's Brownlee Leadership Award, the ATPE's 2011 Administrator Educator of the Year honor, and City of Mesquite Pillar of the Community Award.

This year Dr. Henrie will retire. Though her time as an educator has come to an end, the results of her hard work will no doubt continue to be seen for generations to come. While she may be giving up the title of superintendent, I have no doubt her role as one of MISD's biggest fans will continue.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Fifth District of Texas, I am honored to recognize Dr. Linda Henrie for her devotion to education and for helping to shape a brighter future for our community and our country.

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month, an opportunity to raise awareness and continue a national conversation about this debilitating disease, which is the nation's sixth leading cause of death.

Worldwide, there are 47 million people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias, and without a change, these numbers are expected to grow to 76 million by 2030. Not only will this affect individuals and families with an unmeasurable toll of physical and emotional pain, it will also cost our entire economy and health care system billions. Just this year alone, the disease is estimated to cost us \$226 billion.

Even more concerning, Mr. Speaker, is the fact that Alzheimer's disease is not treatable and its progression cannot be slowed down. However, I am encouraged by the important work that researchers are doing at the National Institute of Health regarding this deadly disease. Furthermore, I am glad that my colleagues and I in the House came together in a responsible and bi-partisan manner to not only increase funding to \$31.2 billion for the NIH (\$1.1 billion above fiscal year 2015 and

\$100 million above the President's request); but within that allocation provided \$886 million for the Alzheimer's disease research initiative, a \$300 million increase. I am hopeful that these research dollars will go a long way to treating, and ultimately curing this disease.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONEY POT VOLUNTEER ACTIVE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to help commemorate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of The Honey Pot Volunteer Active Fire Department in Honey Pot, Pennsylvania, which continually works to ensure public safety within my congressional district. Out of seven fire departments in the City of Nanticoke, it is the only independent station supported solely from fundraisers and the State fire grant.

After a devastating fire consumed three houses, a group of Honey Pot residents chartered the department in April of 1965. Under the leadership of the department's first chief, Theodore Zdiarski, the organization raised sufficient funds to purchase a \$32,000 1965 FWD pumper through the sale of rags, metals, and other miscellaneous items; an impressive feat in and of itself.

Throughout the years, the department has responded to calls in neighboring municipalities such as Nanticoke, Wilkes Barre, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Shickshinny, and Dupont; service that has greatly enhanced public safety across Northeastern Pennsylvania. In 1992, the company created a junior firefighter program. In doing so, the company not only successfully increased their membership, but also engaged with local youths.

In addition to their stellar record of public service, the company has repeatedly used fundraising efforts as a way to positively influence the community. For example, when the department needed to replace its aged pumper truck in 2000, the members organized a "cabbage roll," a fundraiser where participants compete in rolling heads of cabbage down a hill. The cabbage roll made local headlines across Northeastern Pennsylvania, and such an event is testament to the integral role the company plays in the local community outside of the fire station.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize The Honey Pot Volunteer Active Fire Department as it celebrates its 50th anniversary. On behalf of a grateful community, I wish to thank the department and its members for their tireless service and unwavering commitment to increasing public safety.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. DUANE M. FORD

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of the career of Dr. Duane M. Ford, President

of Southwest Wisconsin Technical College. He served as the fifth president of the College for the past four years.

Dr. Ford grew up on a family farm outside of Tonica, Illinois. He spent much of his childhood doing chores and helping out with the farm work. He eventually went on to University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy with Highest and University Honors in 1977. After farming with his father and brother for two years, he studied at Iowa State University, where he received an M.S. and a Ph.D. He then served as a Post-Doctorate Fellow in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

In 1986, he began his career in teaching and academic leadership at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, where he first discovered his passion for teaching. While at Truman State, he served as Convener of the Agricultural Science Discipline, as Associate Division Head for the Division of Science, received a fellowship in the W.K. Kellogg National Leadership Program (1991–1994), and studied for a sabbatical year at the Center for Biotechnology Policy and Ethics at Texas A&M University (1993–1994). In 1996, Dr. Ford became the Chairperson of the Department of Agriculture at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. From 1999–2011 he was Dean of the College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, where he also served as Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor before becoming President of Southwest Tech in 2011.

Under President Ford's leadership, Southwest Tech has become a premiere place for high-quality, affordable education and training. Dr. Ford has a strong relationship with businesses in the area, and he has adapted the curriculum to reflect the needs of the nearly 12,000 students per year attending Southwest Tech. Throughout his career, he has stayed true to his Midwest roots. He was a creative thinker and tireless advocate for education. I personally have enjoyed working with Duane, first at UW-Platteville, then as President of Southwest Tech, where his pursuit of quality educational opportunities for his students was inspirational. He will be missed.

Duane and his wife Sheri currently live in Platteville, Wisconsin. They have two adult children, Hollie and Simon, a grandson, Matt, and a cat named Dusty. In his retirement, Duane looks forward to pursuing his hobbies of running, bicycling, baking and disc golf. Dr. Ford will continue to serve on the Board of Directors for Southwest Health Center.

IN HONOR OF HUGO TOTTINO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the agricultural and public service career of a great American. Mr. Hugo Tottino is being honored this month by the Grower Shipper Association of Central California with the E.E. Gene Harden Award for Lifetime Achievement in Central Coast Agriculture. Known to many as the "Artichoke King" and to his friends and family at Ocean Mist Farms as

simply Hugo, he is one of the pioneers of modern agriculture on the Central Coast. So while you may have never heard of him, I can guarantee that every member of this House has eaten something grown by Hugo and his family.

Hugo's lifelong love and passion for farming undoubtedly began while working closely with his father on the family farm while growing up. Upon graduation from Salinas High in 1944, Hugo gave up a Saint Mary's College football scholarship to enlist in the Navy. After returning home to Castroville in 1946, Hugo joined California Artichoke and Vegetable Growers Corporation now known as Ocean Mist Farms. Once at work, Hugo turned his boundless energy toward helping to grow this family owned business into the dynamic industry leader that it is today. His signature work ethic is well known. He still drives to the office six days a week. And his leadership has extended beyond Ocean Mist Farms to the broader agricultural community. Hugo has been instrumental in championing the development of the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project, helping to slow the rate of sea water intrusion into fresh water aquifers. He helped rally support to utilize alternative sources of water to save thousands of crop acres, and has been actively involved in the efforts of soil conservation and water reclamation.

Hugo also turned his passion towards family and community. In 1951, Hugo married the love of his life, Doris Bei from Santa Cruz. Together they raised five children: Michele, Les, Karen, Cathy, David and are the loving grandparents of Amy, Brian, Katie, Jeff, Kevin, Sarah, Lisa, Glen, and Mary. He and Doris have also been active leaders or contributors to numerous community endeavors, including Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, the Monterey County Food Bank, Our Lady of Refuge Catholic Church, the Ausonio Library, and North Monterey County High School, to name just a few.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak on behalf of the entire House in thanking Mr. Tottino for his decades of service to this nation and its agriculture industry. I wish him nothing but success wherever this next chapter of life takes him, and we are proud that he calls Castroville and California's Central Coast his home.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MR.
RICHARD A. MARSICO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Richard A. Marsico who passed away on June 6th, 2015. Richard was born to his loving parents Anthony and Mary Marsico on October 5th, 1934. Mr. Marsico was raised on the south side of Youngstown, Ohio. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1953 and was inducted into the Woodrow Wilson Hall of Fame for his successful high school football career. Richard later graduated from the Ohio State University in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering.

Richard was later commissioned second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserves in 1958 and obtained the rank of captain during his

service. He was honorably discharged in 1969. Mr. Marsico continued to work in the field of engineering with Engelhardt & Associates until 1968 when he formed his own firm, Richard A. Marsico & Associates. His firm helped expand prominent businesses, like General Motors and Packard Electric Plants which made our community more economically prosperous. Richard used his talents to contribute to the growth and prosperity of Youngstown by serving as the director of public works, the city engineer, as well as the chief building official and plan examiner. In 1997, he was elected to the office of Mahoning County Engineer and served for four terms. He also served as the president of the County Engineers Association of Ohio, and won the Mahoning County Township Association's "Excellence in Service" Award.

Richard was very hardworking and dedicated; he achieved many successes and was well-respected among his colleagues and throughout the community. On June 19, 1954 Richard married his high school sweetheart Shirlee Eckerle. After Shirlee's passing, Richard married Patricia DePizzo-Como on July 27, 2007. Richard is preceded in death by parents Anthony and Mary Marsico; wife, Shirlee; and his son Richard Phillip Marsico. He leaves behind his wife Patricia; sons, Martin and David; daughter-in-law, Nita; stepchildren, Michelle and Bryan; his wonderful grandchildren; and great-granddaughter, Mia. He is also survived by his brother, Dr. Robert Marsico and numerous nieces and nephews. Richard will be remembered for being a noble man of valor as well as for his professional accomplishments. I extend my condolences to his entire family. Our community is a better place to call home due to his great contributions and he will be dearly missed.

THE MICHIGAN CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION CONGRATULATING
QUICKEN LOANS ON 30 YEARS OF
EXCELLENCE

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleagues Reps. JOHN CONYERS, CANDICE MILLER, JOHN MOOLENAAR, BRENDA LAWRENCE, MIKE BISHOP, DAN BENISHEK, TIM WALBERG, DAVID TROTT, DEBBIE DINGELL, FRED UPTON, DAN KILDEE, and SANDER LEVIN, to congratulate Quicken Loans Inc. on its 30th year in business and recognize its pivotal role in revitalizing Detroit as well as its impact on Michigan's economy. Quicken Loans has helped more than 2 million American families achieve their dream of home ownership.

Originally founded as Rock Financial in 1985 by Detroit native Dan Gilbert, Quicken Loans Inc. has grown to become America's largest online lender and the 2nd largest lender in the United States. From 2013–2014 alone, Quicken closed \$140 billion of mortgage volume across all 50 states.

As the largest FHA lender, Quicken has helped lower income Americans borrow money for the purchase of a home that they would likely otherwise not have been able to afford. Quicken Loans' commitment to its cus-

tomers is commendable, as Quicken has maintained the best loan quality score and lowest default rate among the largest 30 FHA lenders.

Because of its commitment to its customers, Quicken Loans Inc. has been awarded the J.D. Power awards for Highest in Customer Satisfaction for Primary Mortgage Origination for five straight years, their award for Highest in Customer Satisfaction among home loan servicers in 2014, and their award for Customer Service Champion—making Quicken Loans Inc. one of only 40 companies in the United States to receive this prestigious award.

Over the past 30 years, Quicken has taken civic engagement to a new level by establishing itself as a leader and innovator in community engagement by developing a culture that encourages its 12,000 team members to volunteer in communities surrounding Detroit, Michigan; Cleveland, Ohio; North Scottsdale, Arizona; San Diego, California, and Charlotte, North Carolina, where the team members work and live.

Last year alone, Quicken Loans Inc. donated more than \$16 million to local charities and its team members volunteered over 75,000 hours to charity work including: assisting local veterans, community development, and helping in the downtown revitalization process in Detroit. It's for reasons like these that Quicken has ranked in the Top 30 of FORTUNE Magazine's Best Places to Work in America for 12 years.

The leadership of Quicken Loans Inc. in restoring Detroit cannot be understated.

On December 3, 2013, the City of Detroit was declared bankrupt. Since that time, Quicken Loans Inc. founder and Chairman Dan Gilbert was named co-chair of the Blight Removal Task Force which continues to focus on the revitalization of Detroit through the removal of all blighted structures and lots within the city. Additionally, Mr. Gilbert serves as Vice Chairman of the M-1 RAIL initiative which began construction in July 2014. The 6.6 mile light rail system is designed to spur economic development and improve downtown and midtown Detroit's transportation infrastructure.

As of midnight on December 11, 2014, Detroit successfully left Chapter 9 municipal bankruptcy. This transition would not have been possible without key players, one of which was Quicken Loans Inc., and their commitment to Michigan and the city of Detroit.

Congratulations to Quicken Loans Inc. on your 30th anniversary and thank you for leading by example in communities here in Michigan and across the nation.

HONORING LOCAL VETERAN
EDWARD HENDERSON

HON. MIKE BISHOP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Vietnam War veteran from Rochester Hills, Michigan, Mr. Edward Henderson.

Mr. Henderson spent several years in Thailand and Vietnam during the late 1960's and early 1970's. He served with the U.S. Army