

faithfulness in our Hoosier community. Having dedicated themselves to educational and cultural enrichment, they have touched the lives of countless people in our community. I am grateful for all they have done over the years to make South Bend a better place to live.

On behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, it is my honor to celebrate Claude and Mary on their golden anniversary and to help them ring in this milestone. I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to Claude, Mary, and their entire family. It is my hope that their love continues to grow stronger with each passing year.

HONORING THE 2018
TUNKHANNOCK TIGERS SOFT-
BALL TEAM

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Tunkhannock Tigers Little League Softball Team for their outstanding performance in the 2018 Little League Softball World Series.

The Tunkhannock Tigers had an impressive run in this year's tournament. They were the No. 1 seed in the quarterfinal game and ultimately advanced to the championship, where they fought hard but suffered a loss to a team from Wheelersburg, Ohio. Throughout the entire series, they showed an impressive level of poise and determination.

These exceptional athletes serve as an example for not only aspiring female athletes, but for all Pennsylvania youths. Their talent and dedication are a great source of pride for the community and state at large, as they were the only team from Pennsylvania in the tournament. I am honored to represent the Tunkhannock Tigers. I know these young women have bright futures ahead of them and will go on to accomplish great things.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Tunkhannock Tigers Little League Softball Team and congratulating these athletes on their hard fought second place finish in the 2018 Little League Softball World Series.

TRIBUTE TO JO AND DELMAR
SOUTH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Jo and Delmar South of Cumberland, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on July 7, 1968.

Jo and Delmar's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the

United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

HONORING MS. SHELLEY UNSER

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Shelley Unser, who passed away last week at the age of 59. Shelley was one of our community's most prominent philanthropists who touched the lives of countless individuals with her warmth and generosity.

Born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona, Shelley moved to New Mexico in the 1980s and raised her children there, quickly becoming a fixture in the Albuquerque community. When one of her children, Cody, became paralyzed from Transverse Myelitis, Shelley established the Cody Unser First Step Foundation to fund research, public awareness campaigns, and other assistance for people suffering from spinal cord-related paralysis. One of the many ways the foundation helps people suffering from paralysis is by giving them access to scuba diving. A passionate diver herself, Shelley established Cody's Great Scuba Adventure, which allows paralyzed individuals to go on diving excursions as a therapeutic tool.

In addition to her work with the foundation, Shelley was also an active member of the IndyCar community, hosting segments for various television networks. She also volunteered extensively with the Championship Auto Racing Auxiliary, a philanthropic group associated with the racing circuit.

Mr. Speaker, I want to express my sincere condolences to all of Shelley's loved ones including her children, Al, Cody, Shannon, and Joey, as well as her brother, Scott. I hope they are comforted by cherished memories of Shelley and by the fact that so many in our community mourn her loss and celebrate her life with them.

STEVEN CALOCA MOVES ON FROM
THE UCLA LAKE ARROWHEAD
CONFERENCE CENTER

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary contributions and impact of Steve Caloca, Director of the University of California, Los Angeles Lake Arrowhead Conference Center. After a decade of service at the center, Steve will resign his position to take on a new role as the Executive Director of Food Services and Events at Warner Brothers Entertainment.

Since Steve joined the UCLA Conference Center in 2008, Steve has overseen numerous renovations, improvements, and expansions at the facility. He leaves behind a legacy of vision and leadership that resulted in the employment of hundreds of local mountain residents, and he was instrumental in providing higher education opportunities for students

through alumni scholarships. Under his leadership, the conference center team hosted many executive level retreats, won numerous recognition awards from industry publications, and orchestrated the construction of the scenic Zen Deck. Steve delivered a first-class experience to conference center guests while also building lasting relationships within the local community.

Steve also served as the Chairman of the Board for the Lake Arrowhead Chamber of Commerce and was active with the local Rotary Club. His dedication to our local mountain community was unparalleled. However, I know that he will excel in his newest pursuit. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I thank him for his many years of service to the constituents of the 8th Congressional District of California.

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING
ROY ABRAHAM ON HIS RETIRE-
MENT FROM THE GUAM HOTEL
AND TOURISM INDUSTRY

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and thank Roy Abraham for his years of service and contributions to Guam's tourism industry. Roy graduated from Madras Christian College in 1977 and began his career shortly after. Roy has worked in the hotel industry since 1978 as a management trainee with Marriott hotels in Kuwait. Roy opened four hotels for Marriott over the span of 35 years. He served in six countries with Marriott International, and was eventually brought to Guam. Most recently, Roy worked as the Director of Operations with the Guam Marriott Resort and Spa from 2010 to 2014, and then as General Director of Pacific Star Resort and Spa from 2014 to 2018.

Roy has been a pillar of Guam's tourism industry since coming to Guam in 2010. He has served the island as an active supporter of the Guam Visitors Bureau. Roy has contributed his wealth of knowledge of the tourism industry through fruitful discussion and direction on several marketing committees of the Guam Visitors Bureau. He was most recently the Vice Chairman for the Russia and Greater Markets committee.

Roy has supported the Guam Visitors Bureau's mission by participating in travel trade and consumer shows and key partnerships. He's used his talents as a photographer to capture images of the island and promote Guam as a travel blogger. Roy gave his time freely as a trainer for the Pacific Asia Travel Association Micronesia Chapter. He provided training in hospitality and customer service to residents of Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Palau to improve the tourism offerings of the islands. Additionally, Roy has also supported those who have served our country by hosting World War II veterans and liberators of the island of Guam for the last three years. Roy has made countless positive contributions to the development and sustainability of Guam's tourism industry.

I join the people of Guam in thanking Roy for his outstanding service to the people of Guam. I extend a sincere gratitude (Si Yu'os

Ma'âse') and congratulate Roy on his retirement. I wish him the best in this new chapter of his life.

TRIBUTE TO JOANN AND JACK POWERS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor JoAnn and Jack Powers of Council Bluffs, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on July 30, 1953 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ottumwa, Iowa.

JoAnn and Jack's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 65th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO ATWATER PARK CENTER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the hundreds of staff and volunteers who have helped to create and sustain the Atwater Park Center (APC) in Los Angeles as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

In 1968, volunteers from a local church organized one of the first early childhood engagement programs in Los Angeles County with the goal of helping local families maximize their young children's development by providing networking opportunities and support. From this endeavor, a secular, non-profit organization, Atwater Park Center (APC) was established, renting classrooms in Atwater Baptist Church, to provide a variety of family services, which continues to this day.

Now, 50 years later, the award-winning APC has served thousands of children throughout the Los Angeles region, providing developmentally sensitive childcare and education. The center also offers home and educational services and support programs for families in both English and Spanish, making it accessible to a wide variety of people. It is also a training site for numerous colleges whose students major in nursing, occupational therapy, child development, and early childhood education, giving hands-on experience to students who want to dedicate their careers to enriching the lives of others.

The staff and volunteers of the Atwater Park Center understand that nothing comes close to the relationship a child has with his or her parents but that group care with teachers and caregivers can add to a child's development,

helping them stay emotionally secure, confident, and involved in classroom activities. With this feeling of security, children are more likely to explore and make connections with others, and APC presents an atmosphere where children are encouraged to cooperatively live, work, and play. Play spurs communication, imagination, and the development of abstract thought, and children are encouraged to find the style of play that best suits them. The center recognizes the extent to which play is critical in a child's development and focuses on equipping them with as many tools and resources as possible to pave the way to a successful life.

I am honored to recognize the volunteers and staff of the Atwater Park Center for its remarkable achievements over the last five decades. I ask all Members to join me in congratulating the APC for their dedicated service to children and families in the greater Los Angeles area.

HONORING MUTHUVEL KARUNANITHI

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, some of my Tamil American constituents brought to my attention the passing of an extraordinary man: Muthuvel Karunanithi who was born June 3, 1924 and passed away August 7, 2018.

Muthuvel Karunanithi became involved in social justice issues at age of 14, publishing a handwritten journal that has been published as a weekly ever since. He wrote regularly until he fell ill at the age of 92.

Muthuvel Karunanithi was a poet, writer, publisher, orator, novelist, and literary critic in the Tamil language. His books sold millions of copies and his movie scripts shattered old boundaries of political possibility, articulating a new vision of human relationships.

He ran for political office thirteen times and never lost over a seventy year period. He was chief minister of the state of Tamil Nadu in southern India five times. His career was marked by a lifelong commitment to breaking the barriers of the caste system, especially for the lowest caste people who handle human waste. Karunanithi led a successful effort for an affirmative action program for their admittance to medical schools and subsequent admission to the practice of medicine. He visited Chicago in 1972.

Muthuvel Karunanithi was a man from the lowest rung of the social ladder who climbed the highest political mountains, but kept his lifestyle simple and his thoughts and actions fixed on the highest aspirations for all of his people.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE DEBRA WALTHALL

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exemplary work of Chief of Po-

lice Debra Walthall, who retired from the City of Corinth, Texas on August 21, 2018. Chief Walthall has spent her 35-year professional career in law enforcement as a committed leader to each community she has served.

Chief Walthall became the Chief of Police for the City of Corinth's Police Department in 2008. During her tenure as leader of the Corinth Police Department, she facilitated open communication and enhanced transparency with the citizenry through the Citizen's Police Academy, the Volunteer Policing Program, and the personal daily interaction of Corinth Officers within the community. Under her leadership, the department has been recognized for compliance with Texas Police Chief's Best Law Enforcement Practices through the Texas Police Chief's Association.

Before coming to Corinth, Chief Walthall began her career in law enforcement as a Detention Officer in the Collin County Sheriff's Department in 1978. She later joined the Allen Police Department to serve as a patrol officer, criminal investigator, narcotics investigator, field training officer, and SWAT member, rising through the ranks to Deputy Chief.

Chief Walthall graduated from the Regional Police Academy in Arlington, Texas in 1986, and holds a Master Police Officer Certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards. She also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in the Administration of Criminal Justice, and is a 2002 graduate of the FBI National Academy—Session 211, the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute, and the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration.

I am deeply grateful for Chief Walthall's dedicated public service and significant contributions to the City of Corinth and North Texas, and wish her the best in her retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FREDERICK QUINENE

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 24, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Mr. Frederick Quinene. Fred is a longtime friend who has spent his life serving our community, working for the government of Guam in different capacities and as a school teacher. Fred is most known on island for his poetry. Fred was named the Poet Laureate of Guam by my late husband, Governor Ricky Bordallo in 1986 by Executive Order No. 86-14. Fred was recognized for his ability to write beautiful, lyrical pieces that truly celebrated Guam's unique and rich cultural heritage. Fred was to be called upon to use his talents of writing whenever necessary.

Fred has been writing poetry since he was a young boy, and most recently published the book, "An Islander's Voice." His newest book is a compilation of poems about love and family, his home, politics, legends, the Chamorro people, and special occasions. Fred worked closely with the University of Guam Press to publish this compilation of his poetry as his gift to the island.

I join the people of Guam in recognizing the life and countless accomplishments of Frederick Quinene. I commend Fred for his gift to