

bystander, but tragically, both Justin and the other woman succumbed to the frigid, unpredictable waters.

A graduate of Antigo High School, Mr. Schroepfer was recruited to play baseball at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point. He transferred to Northern Michigan University in Marquette after two years and earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. With his degree, Mr. Schroepfer pursued a career at Wipfli CPA's and Consultants in Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

Along with his talents on the baseball field, Mr. Schroepfer was also an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed fly-fishing, downhill skiing, and hunting. Mr. Schroepfer was dedicated to his Christian faith and family, and was planning his wedding with the love of his life, Suzy Solin, at his untimely passing.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today to recognize Mr. Schroepfer for his courageous action and ultimate sacrifice; we pray that in knowing of his heroic effort, his family and beloved fiancé may find comfort and peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, my flight, US 1782, was delayed by 90 minutes because of thunderstorms, so I arrived after votes were over. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 557, and YEA on Roll Call No. 558.

RECOGNIZING HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR AND BARBER BEN SCHEINKOPF

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ben Scheinkopf, an outstanding community member in Chicago's West Ridge neighborhood. At 96 years old, Mr. Scheinkopf closed his barbershop just last month after more than six decades in business.

A long journey brought Mr. Scheinkopf to the North Side of Chicago. He was born in Poland on October 16, 1919 and was one of nine children. In 1939, the Nazi army invaded his hometown of Plonsk and forced the Jews into a ghetto. The Nazis arrested the roughly 6,000 Jews remaining and sent them to Auschwitz in 1942.

After three years in Auschwitz, Mr. Scheinkopf and his brother, Josef were among the Jews forced to walk in the dead of winter from Auschwitz to Mauthausen. At one point, Josef kept his sick, frail brother alive by hiding him on a cart of dead bodies. Only 30 Jews from Plonsk survived the concentration camps to be liberated by American troops. Ben and Josef Scheinkopf were two of the survivors.

Ben Scheinkopf moved to Munich, Germany after the war and worked as a barber for the troops. In 1954, he relocated to Chicago and continued cutting hair. At the time, he was one

of seven Jewish barbers working on the North Side. He continued running that barbershop at Touhy and California until this past August.

"Benny the Barber" wrote a letter to his customers and neighbors upon the barbershop's closure, and I would like to share an excerpt: "I have been fortunate to have had a marvelous, long career giving hair cuts to generations of customers who have become my friends. . . . It has been my distinct pleasure to serve and be part of the community for so many years. I will miss you all and I will not forget you."

We will not forget him either. Ben Scheinkopf is a remarkable man—a Holocaust survivor and a neighborhood institution. I wish him all the best as he devotes his retirement to spending more time with family and cheering the Chicago Cubs to the World Series.

HONORING DAISAKU IKEDA

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Daisaku Ikeda, President of the Soka Gakkai International who is celebrating the anniversary of his first visit to New York. Mr. Ikeda is a leader who has served New York's community—indeed our entire City—with distinction.

Daisaku Ikeda's first visit to New York was October 2nd, 1960, to introduce America to the compassionate and enlightening teachings of Buddhism as a practical way for individuals to create harmonious families and communities in order to create a peaceful and sustainable world for all humanity. Dr. Ikeda's lifetime has been focused on striving for peace in New York City and around the world.

Since his arrival, the New York SGI organization has grown significantly—today New York City is home to some 13,500 active members of SGI-USA, with 33 Chapters hosting over 200 monthly neighborhood discussion meetings. New York City enjoys two SGI Buddhist Culture Centers, in Queens and Manhattan, with a third center currently under construction in the heart of the 7th Congressional District in Brooklyn—which will be completed in 2017.

Dr. Ikeda continues, with tremendous youthful energy and passion, to be a constant inspiration to thousands of New Yorkers as well as millions around the world. His thoughts are best expressed through a passage in his book, *The Human Revolution* "a great revolution of character in just a single individual will help achieve a change in the destiny of a nation, and further, will cause a change in the destiny of mankind."

Dr. Ikeda has demonstrated a steadfast desire for peace and is a testament that a single person can make a difference not only in a community, but in the world. In recognition of his efforts in support of the United Nations, as well as public information and education activities on such issues as disarmament, the environment and human rights, Ikeda was conferred the UN Peace Award in 1983.

I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting Mr. Ikeda and paying tribute to his many achievements.

HONORING THE FIRST RESPONDERS OF THE SEASIDE PARK TERRORIST ATTACK

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the quick and efficient response of the first responders during the terrorist attack in Seaside Park, New Jersey on Sept. 17th, 2016. A bomb was detonated at the starting point of a charitable race for our veterans. Starting at the local level, the Seaside Park Police Department took control, and kept civilians out of harm's way as they assessed the situation. The Seaside Park Police Department was joined by the Ocean County Sheriff's Department along with representatives of other Federal, State, County, and Local agencies who responded to the call of duty. I am proud of the work our first responders do and am grateful for the efforts carried out by those who apprehended the suspect in the bombing in Seaside Park, as well as in New York.

National security is a constant concern in an age when terror attacks are increasing in frequency. Now more than ever, we should all thank the men and women that defend us, provide guidance in times of severe uncertainty, and apprehend the terrorists that seek to spread hate and destruction.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously honored to have the men and women who responded on this day as selfless and dedicated members of their community. It is with the highest level of gratitude and appreciation that I commend them for their service following the bombing in Seaside Park, New Jersey, and recognize their outstanding service and protection of their community, before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING FISK UNIVERSITY

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to pay tribute to Fisk University on its 150th anniversary.

Fisk is a national treasure with a deep history and sense of purpose. Established months after the end of the Civil War, Fisk was founded to educate all students, regardless of color.

Over the last 150 years, Fisk has become one of the top Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the nation and is synonymous with academic excellence. Fisk's alumni, leaders, and scholars have played prominent roles in the civil rights movement, changed how we think about science, landed in Hollywood and on Broadway, and sat on the Supreme Court. Notable alumni include NAACP founder W.E.B. Du Bois, celebrated dancer and choreographer Judith Jamison, and Nikki Giovanni, an award-winning poet. And, of course, our good friend and civil rights hero, Congressman JOHN LEWIS, is also a Fisk alumnus.

From the world-renowned Fisk Jubilee singers, to the countless contributions made by

scholars and leaders, to the many students with bright futures ahead, Fisk has always been committed to excellence and remained at the forefront of making the world a better place. I join my fellow Tennesseans in honoring Fisk University for the indelible mark it has left over the past 150 years, and for what it has in store in the years to come.

INTERNATIONAL PLASMA
AWARENESS WEEK

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, International Plasma Awareness Week will occur October 9 to 15, 2016. Around the world, there will be observances to raise global awareness of the crucial need for plasma to create lifesaving therapies, recognize that plasma donors contribute greatly in saving and improving lives, and increase understanding of the many rare diseases and plasma protein therapies that help to treat them.

Plasma-derived therapies and recombinant blood clotting factors, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique, biologic medicines that are either infused or injected to treat a variety of rare, life-threatening, chronic, and genetic diseases including bleeding disorders, immune deficiencies, pulmonary disorders, neurological disorders, shock and trauma, liver cirrhosis, and infectious diseases such as tetanus, hepatitis, and rabies.

Plasma-derived therapies save and improve lives of individuals throughout the world, including in emergency and surgical medicine. Plasma protein therapies have significantly improved the quality of life, markedly improved patient outcomes, and extended the life expectancy of individuals with rare, chronic diseases and conditions.

Healthy, committed donors provide the plasma essential to manufacture these lifesaving therapies; and there are more than 450 plasma collection centers in the U.S. that have demonstrated their commitment to plasma donor and patient safety and quality by earning International Quality Plasma Program (IQPP) certification.

I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives, join me and rise in commemoration of International Plasma Awareness Week, honoring those committed donors and collection centers who make and collect needed and lifesaving contributions.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF DR.
BRUCE HARTER

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many accomplishments of Dr. Bruce Harter as West Contra Costa Unified School District's (WCCUSD) Superintendent.

As the second longest serving superintendent in the history of WCCUSD, Dr. Harter has played a large role in the district both in and out of the classroom. During his

tenure, WCCUSD experienced significant increases in the success of English Language Learners, increases in graduation rates, decreases in drop-out rates, and a significant increase in the proportion of graduates attending postsecondary education.

As a testament to his emphasis on addressing the whole child, WCCUSD has made great strides during his service to incorporate additional student services to help students learn and grow. To that point, WCCUSD is now the only school district in the Bay Area to have health centers in every high school, providing greater physical and emotional safety, and implementing social emotion programs that substantially reduced disciplinary actions.

Dr. Harter's commitment to promoting the success and well-being of West Contra Costa's students is deeply appreciated by the community that he serves, and he should be proud of the clear and steady improvement in overall student achievement during his service.

I thank Dr. Harter for his service and wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALBERT
CAPOZUCCA, ITALIAN AMERICAN
ASSOCIATION OF LUZERNE
COUNTY'S 2016 PERSON OF THE
YEAR

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Albert Capozucca, who will be honored by the Italian American Association of Luzerne County as Person of the Year during the organization's 39th Annual Columbus Day Banquet on October 9, 2016.

Albert was born October 9, 1936 in Pittston Township, Pennsylvania to Raymond and Emma Capozucca. After the death of his father, Albert enrolled in the Hershey Industrial School for Orphan Boys, now known as Milton Hershey School. He graduated in 1954 with a degree in vocational plumbing and heating. Albert was drafted into the army and served from November 1959 to February 1962. When that service concluded, he returned to the plumbing business. He and his brother, Ray Capozucca, formed Capozucca Bros. Plumbing and Heating. They later expanded their business to add Capozucca Brothers Oil Company. Albert worked with his brother until they both retired in the early 2000s.

Albert remains active in his community and is involved in many organizations. He is a member of the St. Joseph Marello Parish in Pittston. He's served with Pittston Township Volunteer Fire Department for a whopping 59 years. He is the current president of Pittston Township Lions club and serves as the club's representative for the Upper Valley Eye Bank Association. He helped establish the Pittston Township Little League, where he served on the board of directors for many years. He also served on the Pittston Township Sewer Authority Committee. Finally, Albert is a former member of the Pittston Knights of Columbus and is a member of both the Italian American Association of Luzerne County and the Italian Citizens Enjoyment Club.

It is an honor to recognize Albert for being named Italian American Association of

Luzerne County's Person of the Year. I am deeply grateful for his military service and his many contributions to his community. I wish Albert and the Italian American Association all the best.

RECOGNIZING DEBBIE COTTON
FOR TWO DECADES OF SERVICE
TO THE SEMINOLE COUNTY RE-
GIONAL CHAMBER OF COM-
MERCE AND THE SEMINOLE
COUNTY COMMUNITY

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay recognition to a great community leader who has helped the Seminole County business community through her volunteer service and her role at the Seminole County Regional Chamber of Commerce: Mrs. Debbie Cotton.

Debbie is leaving the Seminole County Regional Chamber of Commerce as the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer after more than two decades as an employee and volunteer at the chamber. Her work over the years has helped Seminole County become one of Florida's best places for business with multiple major companies relocating to the county and thousands of businesses prospering in Seminole County.

Debbie Cotton started as a volunteer with the Chamber in 1995 and then joined the Chamber in 1998 as the receptionist. Over the years, she served in a wide variety of roles, serving as the communications and events director, business development director, interim president, chief operating officer and vice president.

In addition, she served as a board member on the Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools, participated in Leadership Seminole Class 2002 and was named Ambassador of the Year by the Chamber in 1996. She was named the COO of the Year by the Orlando Business Journal in 2014.

Over the years, Debbie Cotton has worked with thousands of businesses. She has helped them grow and prosper and thrive in Seminole County. Our business community is better because of Debbie Cotton.

Debbie Cotton will be leaving Seminole County on October 7 to become the President of the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce. I know that I am joined by my colleagues from Central Florida in thanking her for her service and wishing her well in the future.

Mr. Speaker, once again I congratulate Debbie Cotton on her many accomplishments in Seminole County and all of Central Florida.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on September 26, 2016, I joined U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and other U.S. leaders in Cartagena, Colombia, for the formal signing of the peace agreement between the Colombian