

and ethnic cleansing by Serb forces during the Bosnian War as genocide in 2005, and again in 2015. Yet the denial and diminishing of what happened persists in some populations.

During my time in Congress, I have had the opportunity to meet the mothers of the boys and men killed during the war and have heard their stories of grief and sorrow.

As a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Bosnia, I have also seen how the country of Bosnia and Herzegovina has overcome many obstacles and developed since declaring independence. Though significant progress has been achieved, there is more work left to be done. Peace is fragile in this region and the International community must continue its efforts to ensure that Bosnia and Herzegovina remains a peaceful and inclusive country.

Earlier this week, I introduced a Resolution honoring those who lost their lives during the worst atrocity on European soil since World War II. The Resolution is also a testament of support for the Bosnian people's aspiration for greater Euro-Atlantic integration.

Madam Speaker, the genocide at Srebrenica serves as a reminder of the consequences that occur when the international community fails to react to actions of military force. I stand with the victims and survivors of the Srebrenica genocide and believe this tragedy should never be forgotten.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the centennial year of a tremendous university in my district, Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU). IWU is a private university that was founded in 1920 on three basic pillars: academic excellence, Christ-centered education and global worldview.

It is a testament to the academic excellence of a school to achieve the success that IWU has for one hundred years. Indiana Wesleyan University is a Christian comprehensive university of The Wesleyan Church. The University was founded in 1920 as Marion College before changing its name to Indiana Wesleyan University in 1988. IWU committed to liberal arts and professional education. Nearly 3,000 students are enrolled in traditional programs on the University's 350-acre residential campus in Marion. Most buildings on the Marion campus have been built in the past 25 years, so students live and learn in a visually striking environment with well-appointed residence halls and academic facilities, all on a campus that is only an hour away from both Fort Wayne and Indianapolis.

IWU offers more than 80 undergraduate degrees, 38 graduate degrees and 5 doctorate degrees and students represent more than 80 Christian denominations and 10 foreign countries. Indiana Wesleyan has received national attention for its innovative adult education program, which began in 1985. Over 10,000 adult learners attend classes at education centers in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio, and online.

In its first one hundred years, IWU has produced over 80,000 degreed alumni. IWU has

a 78 percent retention rate for those starting as college freshmen. The Indiana Wesleyan Wildcats have won 5 national championship titles in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), including 2 NAIA national championships from the record-setting 2006 to 2007 women's basketball team that went 38–0 and the 2012–2013 women's basketball team. IWU has won an additional 3 NAIA national championships in 2014, 2016 and 2018 in men's basketball.

Congratulations to Indiana Wesleyan University for a century of success thanks to the hard working and dedicated faculty, staff, administration, board members, students and alumni. Hoosiers of the Fifth District and beyond are grateful and look forward to another century of extraordinary leadership and educational opportunities.

IN HONOR OF STEPHANIE BARON

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephanie A. Baron, who is being honored for her work as the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) New Hampshire State President over the past year. VFW works to ensure that all veterans are recognized for their service and sacrifice on behalf of our nation. President Baron served during an unprecedented year. Faced with the COVID–19 pandemic, she helped VFW continue fulfilling its mission by facilitating the organization's transition to online programming and even helped conduct their first Virtual Convention.

A resident of Merrimack, President Baron is a devoted mother and grandmother who is deeply committed to supporting veterans in her community. When she is not busy improving the lives of veterans in our state, President Baron works for herself as a nail technician.

Her grandfather, Adam P. Plynkofsky, served in the United States Army in World War II from 1941 to 1944, receiving the three Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart. His sacrifices shaped President Baron's passion for giving back to veterans and their families.

Since joining the VFW Auxiliary, President Baron has diligently served the organization in many capacities. She has held roles as Senior Vice President, Department Scholarship Chairman, Youth Activities chair, and Auxiliary Chaplain. She is a Life member of the VFW National Home for Children and a member of the American Legion.

On behalf of all of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Stephanie Baron for her longstanding devotion to our state and our Veterans. I congratulate her on a successful term as State President and thank her for all that she has done, and will continue to do, to support Granite State veterans.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF DEANDREE WATSON

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of the late DeAndree Watson, a young public servant and community advocate for the city of Detroit.

DeAndree was born and raised in Detroit, and product of Detroit Public Schools, graduating from Cass Technical High School in 2008. DeAndree went on to attend the University of Michigan, serving as Class President for the 2012 graduating class, graduating with the highest honors. DeAndree began his commitment to service and the city of Detroit as an intern for former councilman Charles Pugh before rising through the ranks to serve as Policy Analyst for Detroit City Council and District One Councilman James Tate for six years. Through this role, DeAndree helped lead critical legislation for the 13th Congressional District in Northwest Detroit and across the city.

DeAndree dedicated his life to serving residents, a priority that was reflected in his daily work. His commitment to serving residents went beyond policy, and included supporting numerous associations, block clubs, and organizations with critical services whenever he could. DeAndree held several roles in his young professional career, not only serving as a Policy Analyst, but also serving as the President and leader of the New Leaders Council, a young progressive coalition of talented rising leaders across Detroit. His planned journey back to the University of Michigan to pursue his Law Degree would have undoubtedly set him on a path to further his ongoing work to serve the city of Detroit and our district. DeAndree's hard work and dedication to working on behalf of the people of Detroit was unmatched. He was known for his professionalism, attention to details, and the love he held for the City of Detroit. DeAndree was a bright and affable rising star with limitless potential ahead of him. We are stunned and saddened by his sudden and tragic death.

DeAndree Watson embodied the spirit of community, leadership and Detroit. His presence will truly be missed. Please join me in honoring his memory and this great loss to our community.

DR. MARK JOHNSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Mark Johnson, Executive Director of the Jefferson County Public Health Department for receiving the American College of Preventive Medicine's Distinguished Service Award, recognizing his more than 30 years of service in the public health sector. Additionally, in September 2019, Dr. Johnson also received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Public Health in the Rockies. Both awards recognize Dr. Johnson's significant contributions and leadership in public health.

During his tenure at Jeffco Public Health, Dr. Johnson has been instrumental in improving the quality of life and health outcomes for local residents and communities. Among his notable accomplishments is his work to help write and pass the Colorado Public Health Act in 2008, which requires use of assessments to determine population health and systemwide capacity issues; develops a five-year state and local public health improvement plan based on assessment results; and engages communities to increase and improve the availability and quality of public health services. The goal of the bill is to ensure that core public health services are available to every person in Colorado.

Under Johnson's leadership, Jeffco has been one of the healthiest areas in the state with lower teen birth rates, lower sexually-transmitted infections, access to parks and recreation, safe food and access to healthcare. Jeffco is doing better in some areas than Colorado and the country.

Dr. Johnson also worked to establish the Colorado School of Public Health, comprised of the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Colorado State University and the University of Northern Colorado. It is the

first accredited and only collaborative school of public health in the region.

Dr. Johnson planned to retire in June 2020 but in an effort to maintain continuity for the public health workforce on the frontlines of the pandemic and a population facing a health crisis, announced he would delay his retirement to help see JCPH and Jefferson County residents through this unprecedented time. In retirement, Johnson was looking forward to spending time with grandchildren, and remaining active in his church. We appreciate his sacrifice and ongoing service to our community during this crisis and congratulate Dr. Mark Johnson on a lifetime of service to public health and to our community.

HONORING THE SERGEANT BENITO
ALANIZ POST 7473 VETERANS OF
FOREIGN WARS

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Honor Guard at Sergeant Benito Alaniz Post 7473 Veterans of

Foreign Wars, located in Elsa, Texas. The Honor Guard was established in the early 2000s.

Honor Guards volunteer to give proper ceremonial funerals to veterans who die. The term "Honor guard" is used because the veterans feel it is a great honor to provide their fellow veterans with military funeral services and pay their final respects. They feel they have been blessed to survive the horrors of war and give back to their fellow brothers and sisters.

Since its inception, Post 7473's Honor Guard has performed over 1,800 services. The majority of volunteers are Vietnam War era veterans, and they provide this service in any weather condition to give fellow veterans the final honors they earned. On average this post will have 8–15 members volunteer for a service.

Madam Speaker, I stand today to acknowledge the decades' long achievement of the Sergeant Benito Alaniz Post 7473 Veterans of Foreign Wars in volunteering to honor fallen veterans in Texas with a proper send-off. Each member of the Sergeant Benito Alaniz Post 7473 Veterans of Foreign Wars is an incredible leader in our community, and their legacy will no doubt inspire public service and volunteerism in future generations.