

us commit to honoring that history by continuing to work together for a prosperous future for south Texas.

I give congratulations to everyone in Victoria on this historic day, and may God continue to bless and keep us in the days and years ahead.

HONORING SCOTT GRAY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2024*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Scott Gray as he is awarded the Airport Professional of the Year Award by the Texas Department of Transportation. This prestigious accolade is a testament to Mr. Gray's exemplary leadership, dedication, and contributions to the aviation industry.

During his tenure as the airport manager of Denton Enterprise Airport from 2017 to 2023, Mr. Gray demonstrated exceptional proficiency in managing the day-to-day operations, planning, and development of one of Texas' busiest airports. Under his guidance, Denton Enterprise Airport grew significantly, rising from 7th busiest airport in Texas as he arrived, to become the 5th busiest airport in Texas and among the top 60 nationwide, with over 212,000 operations in 2023.

Mr. Gray's strategic vision and strong analytical skills have been instrumental in the airport's growth and success. He oversaw significant milestones, including the delivery of the airport's second runway in 2019 and the expansion of the main runway in 2021. These achievements not only enhanced the airport's operational capacity, but also contributed to its standing as a vital regional transportation hub and ensured its place as an economic generator into the future.

Furthermore, Mr. Gray's leadership extended beyond Denton Enterprise Airport. As the President of the Texas Airports Council, he tirelessly advocated for the betterment and benefit of general aviation airports across Texas. His commitment to advancing the interests of the aviation community has left a lasting impact and has been widely recognized and appreciated.

Despite his departure from Denton and return to Arizona as the Aviation Director at the Buckeye Municipal Airport, Mr. Gray has remained an invaluable resource and mentor to others in the aviation profession. His willingness to share his extensive knowledge and expertise reflects his genuine passion for the industry and his dedication to supporting his colleagues.

Mr. Gray possesses the wide range of knowledge and competence that exemplifies a top-notch general aviation airport manager. His remarkable achievements and unwavering commitment to excellence make him truly deserving of the Airport Professional of the Year Award. I am honored to commend Mr. Gray for his outstanding contributions to the aviation community and extend my warmest congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBBIE LESKO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2024*

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 119, H.R. 7888; YEA on Roll Call No. 114, Biggs Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 7888; and YEA on Roll Call No. 115, Roy Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 7888.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION CHURCH

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2024*

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Community Transformation Church on its centennial, which fell on April 14, 2024. Community Transformation Church is based in Houston, Texas, and has eight satellite campuses located across Texas and Arkansas.

The Community Transformation Church that exists today started with two different churches: Magnolia Park Assembly of God and Oaklawn Assembly of God. Magnolia Park Assembly of God was founded around 1924 by Rev. Jimmy McClellan. Two years later, in 1926, Rev. E.M. Yeats became the pastor and served until his retirement in 1976.

In addition to Magnolia Park, Rev. McClellan also organized the Oaklawn Assembly of God. During the years leading up to the 1976 merger, Revs. Worth Williams, Hardie Weathers, Cleddy Keith, and O.C. Bates all served as church pastors of Oaklawn.

After the two churches came together, they took on the name Christian Temple Assembly of God and met at the old Magnolia Park location. Thanks to the significant growth, a 10-acre plot was eventually purchased on Alameda Genoa Road, and the church began a million-dollar building campaign for a new sanctuary that opened on Easter Sunday 1983. Rev. Bates was the first pastor of Christian Temple, where he served for 25 years.

In June 2023, the church once again took on a new name: the Community Transformation Church. Pastors Don and Susan Nordin have led the church since November 4, 2001. Throughout the last 23 years, Community Transformation Church has started five campuses that were gifted away, given millions of dollars to mission efforts across the world, and much more to show the love of Christ across the region they serve. Community Transformation Church has also started eight residential drug and alcohol treatment centers and created a 38-acre ranch for rescued girls who have been trafficked.

Over the past century, it is evident the Lord has used this historic church to demonstrate the love, kindness, and generosity of Jesus Christ in the surrounding community and worldwide. May God continue to bless Community Transformation Church and its members for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. GREGORY ARMENIAN CHURCH

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2024*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to commemorate a milestone of profound significance—the 90th anniversary of St. Gregory Armenian Church in Indian Orchard, Massachusetts.

For nearly a century, St. Gregory has stood as a beacon of faith, unity, and community, enriching the lives of its members and serving as a cherished cornerstone of Armenian heritage throughout the Greater Springfield community. As the crossroads of New England, Springfield is home to a unique diaspora of different cultures and ethnicities, including a strong Armenian community with roots going back to the early 20th century.

As a great number of Armenian populations immigrated and settled in the Springfield area during the early 1900s, the need for a church and community center was quickly realized. Since its founding in 1934, St. Gregory has been a pillar of hope and support throughout our region, giving back not only to the community in western Massachusetts, but also providing humanitarian assistance to Armenians throughout the world. Their commitment to improving the lives of others is inspiring and has left an indelible mark on countless individuals and families.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate the members of the St. Gregory Armenian Church as they mark 90 years of upholding the sacred traditions, values, and teachings of the Armenian Apostolic Church. As we reflect on the countless blessings bestowed upon St. Gregory, and the blessings bestowed upon the community they serve, we look to the future with great optimism and renewed vigor. I wish them much growth, spiritual enlightenment, and enduring unity for the next 90 years and beyond. Congratulations from the United States of America.

HONORING RICHARD A. DUERR, SR.

HON. BRANDON WILLIAMS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2024*

Mr. WILLIAMS of New York. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize Richard A. Duerr, Sr., a Naval veteran and firefighter, for his many years of service to our community.

Richard began his career in the United States Navy, serving our country as a Communications Yeoman 2nd Class from 1965 to 1969. Following his military service, Richard embarked on careers in the private sector, working for more than 16 years at Revere Copper and Brass in Rome, NY, and also at Sanford Fire Equipment and Turning Stone Resort Casino.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Richard has engaged in many years of service to his community. For 51 years, he has been an integral member of the Camden Volunteer Fire Department, holding vital roles such as Assistant Chief and Fire Police Captain, a position