

Vance, Michael Nyari, Keller Taylor, Zuri Kalix, Darren Carroll.

Christopher A. Horner, John Thomas, Jim Snock, Mark Potent, Scott Martin, Jessica Leal, Kevin Murphy, Michael Ray, Nancy Mayers, Pat Mattes.

Mr. Speaker, again, I thank these men and women for their service to our community.

HONORING WASHINGTON PHOTO SAFARI

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the District of Columbia-based Washington Photo Safari, which has just hosted the 35,000th participant in its amateur photographers training program.

Founded by professional architectural photographer E. David Luria, Washington Photo Safari was the first community-based field photography training program in the country. With 11 instructors, the program provides more than 40 photography skill sets in 140 different venues throughout the District.

Most of Washington Photo Safari's participants come from the D.C.-area. The 'participants' skill levels range from people who have just bought their first camera to seasoned professional photographers who value Mr. Luria's knowledge of when, where and how to capture the best images in the District.

Averaging just six to seven participants per training session, the "photo safaris" take place at some of the District's most iconic landmarks, including the National Mall, Washington National Cathedral, Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, Tidal Basin, Capitol Hill, Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, Smithsonian National Zoo, National Gallery of Art and National Museum of American History.

The Washington Photo Safari has received Trip Advisor's Certificate of Excellence Award for the past five years due to dozens of five-star reviews from its customers, solidifying its place on Trip Advisor's list of top 10 outdoor activities in the District. In addition, with its success, similar programs have been implemented in 20 other U.S. cities with guidance provided by Washington Photo Safari.

Therefore, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Washington Photo Safari for its achievements and contributions to the District of Columbia tourism industry, as well as for serving as a member organization of Destination DC, Cultural Tourism of DC and the National Cherry Blossom Festival.

INTRODUCING THE RECIDIVISM REDUCTION ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring the Recidivism Reduction Act to

help streamline our Social Security system and reinstate fairness for ex-offenders who have served their time.

The Recidivism Reduction Act will quickly restore federal disability benefits for eligible individuals after incarceration. Access to federal disability and health care benefits is a critical component of successful re-entry into the community when individuals are released from prison or jail, especially among the mentally ill.

Typically, federal disability benefits are either suspended or terminated depending on the length of incarceration. However, upon release these benefits should be reinstated promptly to help provide access to essential treatment services and supports, housing and necessary income. Currently, due to barriers in federal law, it often takes several months to reinstate benefits. Addressing this delay will help foster successful transitions into the community and reduce the likelihood of recidivism.

The bill does not grant individuals new benefits; rather it removes bureaucratic hurdles to ensure that individuals promptly receive the benefits to which they are entitled in order to break the cycle of recidivism.

When individuals have prompt access to disability and medical benefits after incarceration, they are better equipped to transition successfully into the community, which would help reduce prison overcrowding and save taxpayer money. By cosponsoring the Recidivism Reduction Act, we can make the technical corrections to current law that will make a real difference.

WENDY AND JEFF MAURER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, this year, the Hebrew Home at Riverdale is celebrating its incredible 100th anniversary, and on that special occasion they have chosen to honor two individuals who have given so much back to the community, Wendy and Jeff Maurer.

For Wendy and Jeff, philanthropy comes from the heart and is an integral part of their lives. They have devoted their time and resources to a select group of meaningful not-for-profit organizations, focusing predominately on Jewish and health causes that truly make a difference in countless lives. Wendy and Jeff's ties to the Hebrew Home are strong and deep rooted. Jeff's great grandparents were among the initial families who founded the Hebrew Home in 1917; his grandparents and parents, and Wendy's parents were all residents at the Home. In 1991 Jeff joined the Board of the Hebrew Home and became Chairman of the Board in 2004.

Under Jeff's leadership, and in collaboration with the Home's executive management and Board, the Hebrew Home has expanded significantly, evolving into RiverSpring Health. The organization has grown from 1,000 older adults in its care, to 12,000 throughout New York City, continuing its great legacy.

Wendy served as Sisterhood President and Board member of Temple Israel of Great Neck, and has held a number of roles with the Manhattan chapter of the UJA Federation, most recently as co-chair of Connections, an arm of women's philanthropy. She left teach-

ing in 1975 to raise their two children and to concentrate on the family's charitable interests, as well as to further her own education. She earned her Masters in Social Work in 1991.

Wendy and Jeff have done so much for our community, and have helped countless individuals along the way. They are most deserving of this wonderful recognition from the Hebrew Home and I want to congratulate them both on this great honor.

IN HONOR OF BARBARA BUSH MIDDLE SCHOOL, IRVING, TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Barbara Bush Middle School located in the Valley Ranch area of Irving, Texas. This prestigious school was named after America's former First Lady, Barbara Bush, in honor of her commitment to public education and the good of all children. Barbara Bush Middle School opened its doors during the fall of 1998 as the sixth middle school in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District. In 2010, the campus was authorized as an International Baccalaureate World School offering the Middle Years Program. This institution serves and celebrates a wonderfully diverse community and student body.

As they soon celebrate their twenty year anniversary, Barbara Bush Middle School, home of the Broncos, has accrued numerous accolades in Academics, Fine Arts, Athletics, and individual accomplishments at both the local and state levels. Students participate and compete in a wide array of activities within the University Interscholastic League: orchestra, band, choir, theatre, basketball, cheerleading, football, track and field, volleyball, soccer, art, writing, oral reading, and spelling. The awards that the school has earned includes medals from the Special Olympics Competition in bowling and track and field, progression belts in the Kick Start Karate Program, and even the awarding of "Ambassador of the Year" by the Friends of Texas Public Schools to Principal Matthew Warnock in 2012.

Barbara Bush Middle School is fortunate to receive significant and ongoing support from the community's civic organizations, churches, businesses and their own Parent-Teacher Association in the form of scholarships, grants, volunteer hours and donations. The school, on average, has about eighty students each year take part in a mentorship program made possible by local churches and Big Hope, as well as gifts of school supplies and other necessities often given to students by local businesses. To help foster global caring and responsibility, and to show appreciation for all that is done on behalf of the school, the Barbara Bush Middle School Broncos have enthusiastically contributed thousands of dollars and other items to numerous local, national and international charities such as: The Pulsera Project-Color the World, Limbs International, Operation Kindness, UNICEF, North Texas Food Bank, Metrocrest Services, American Heart Association, Children Cancer Fund, and victims of natural disasters such as Hurricanes Katrina and Harvey.