with Bud and Michele and changed the course of their lives.

This tireless couple went on to found Saint Paul-based Global Volunteers. This non-profit sends as many as 1,500 volunteers each year to 100 communities in 20 countries around the world. Bud and Michele understood that for programs like theirs to work, change had to come from within the developing communities. By building local partnerships, Global Volunteers have made strides in agriculture, education, and public health care, impacting thousands of lives.

Before Bud co-founded Global Volunteers, he was already acting as a community leader in his home state of Minnesota. His role was in the campaigns of Senators Eugene McCarthy and George McGovern. After law school, Bud represented the people of Minnesota in the State Legislature, where he served on the education, agriculture, and financial institutions committees. Later, he became the Assistant Commissioner for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

In 2009, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack appointed Bud as the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (FFAS). In this role, Bud coordinated the international elements of the FFAS mission. Keeping with his past international development work, the USDA FD was also able to provide food aid as well as technical assistance to foreign countries in times of need.

In his 70 years, Bud has come to exemplify the term "global citizen." From his leadership at home in Minnesota to the countless lives Bud and Michele have improved around the world, Bud represents the positive change a person can make in the world. Here is to a happy birthday for Bud, and for many more years of family, health, and happiness.

THE CENTENNIAL OF THE CREATION OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN
OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the centennial of the creation of the United States International Trade Commission. As Ranking Member of the Committee on Ways and Means, the committee that oversees the Commission, I want to congratulate the Commission on this anniversary and the Commission’s staff who do important work.

Congress has tasked the Commission with a number of important roles, including administering U.S. trade remedies laws in a neutral and objective fashion, maintaining the harmonized tariff schedule, and determining whether foreign goods violate U.S. intellectual property laws or are otherwise unfairly traded.

Congress has also called upon the Commission to independently investigate and analyze a wide range of issues related to international economics. The Commission’s role in this regard is highlighted by the lack of detailed analysis on many international economic issues that impact the lives of American workers and families. The impact of U.S. trade agreements is not a hypothetical issue; and we cannot simply assume that the benefits of trade will outweigh its costs or that those who benefit will compensate those who lose. We need new models and new thinking regarding how we analyze the impact of international trade, and it is important that the Commission be a leader in that regard.

I look forward to working with the Commission, as it begins its second century of work, to ensure that the analysis of international trade addresses 21st century economic issues.

MR. GEORGE PIRO
HON. LEE M. ZELDIN
OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a special tribute to Mr. George Piro, who passed away on July 23, 2016, at the age of 95.

George’s story is unlike any other. When he answered his country’s call to duty and enlisted in the U.S. Army in January of 1942 during World War II, he could have never envisioned the trials and tribulations that would await him just a year later. In September 1943, on his ninth combat mission, George was forced to parachute from a B-24 Liberator after it was shot down in the mountains about 80 miles east of Rome. When they made landfall, they were unfortunately taken by the local police and found themselves continually on the move from one POW camp to the next until they arrived at Stalag Luft I, where they would spend the remainder of the war as prisoners.

George and his fellow service members were finally liberated on April 30, 1945, the same year he returned to Bellport, NY. In 1946, he married Madeleine Myers, whom he had met prior to enlisting, and started working at the local post office. In addition to all he managed to accomplish as a service member and in his personal life, he was also a charter member of the VFW in East Patchogue, NY. George is survived by his brother, daughter, two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank George for his years of dedication and service to our country and community. What he had to endure as a POW cannot be summarized in a few words; however, it is important we honor these types of individuals as best we can. It is my hope that many will follow in his footsteps and give back to our country as graciously as he did. People like him are a rare breed and they help make not only our country, but our world a much safer and better place.

HON. ROBERT HURT
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks to recognize the service and dedication of the members and volunteers at Gleaning for the World, Inc.

Gleaning for the World is a non-profit, humanitarian aid organization that provides life-saving supplies and equipment to those in need at home and abroad. From its beginnings in the basement of its founder, Reverend Ronald Davidson, the organization expanded to an ever-growing facility in Concord, Virginia and now serves more than 55 countries. Gleaning for the World currently serves over 2,100 local volunteers and expects that number to increase to over 4,000 with the recent addition of its new Volunteer Center.

The organization prides itself on operating innovatively and efficiently. Forbes Magazine recognized Gleaning for the World four of the last five years as "The Most Efficient Large Charity in America." Rather than serving as a stand-alone charity, it partners with churches and other charitable organizations to coordinate and maximize the strengths of all for the common good. Over the course of 17 years, Gleaning for the World saved over 35 acres of land from destruction and repurposed to humanitarian purposes. For every dollar donated, it places $103 worth of supplies domestically and $212 worth of supplies internationally.

Gleaning for the World continues to respond non-profit for emergencies in the United States and provides water and other critical supplies within hours of natural disasters at home. Recently, the organization served as a critical resource to its own backyard following devastating tornado damage in Appomattox County. Gleaning for the World continues that role to this day as a long-term relief coordinator for Appomattox County.

I ask the Members of this House of Representatives to join with me in thanking Gleaning for the World, Reverend Ronald Davidson, and all of its members and volunteers, for its unwavering, dedicated service at home and abroad.

IN TRIBUTE TO RICHARD MASLOWSKI

HON. GWEN MOORE
OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard Maslowski who has served as the City of Glendale, Wisconsin’s City Administrator since 1980. After 36 years of exemplary service to the City of Glendale, he retired effective on August 31, 2016. Richard Maslowski may well be the longest-serving city administrator in the State of Wisconsin and is a native of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He held similar positions in West Bend and Butler prior to assuming the Glendale City Administrator position.

Richard Maslowski has been a transformative figure for the City of Glendale, Wisconsin. He leaves behind a city that has undergone major positive changes due in large part to his broad influence and great leadership. When Richard Maslowski started working as Glendale’s City Administrator, the community’s most visible properties were Bayshore Mall and Jos. Schlitz Brewing Co’s massive grain elevator. More than three decades later, the mall has been redeveloped as the mixed-use Bayshore Town Center, while a business park has replaced the grain elevator.