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Congresswoman Susan Wild Honors Life of Lehigh Valley WWII Veteran

By Katie Smith

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Susan Wild spoke on the House floor to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Bert Winzer from Emmaus, Pennsylvania. Mr. Winzer, a veteran of the legendary World War II Army 1st Special Service Force, also known as the Devil's Brigade, recently passed away at the age of 101 after a long life of service and dedication to his community and country.

"For his heroism, Mr. Winzer was awarded a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, and a Congressional Gold Medal – the highest civilian honor awarded by Congress," said Congresswoman Susan Wild. "Let us remember Mr. Winzer for his remarkable legacy and impact on his community and this country. And let us thank all of our veterans this Veteran's Day."

"I rise to commemorate the life and legacy of Mr. Bert Winzer of Emmaus, Pennsylvania. During World War II, Mr. Winzer served with distinction in the legendary Army 1st Special Service Force.

"When a German artillery attack sent shrapnel within an inch of his heart, he overcame his wounds and returned to the battlefield a mere 10 days later. His grit and courageousness followed him to the Battle of the Bulge, where he held off the German advance during the Siege of Bastogne.

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"After the war, Mr. Winzer spent over 30 years working in the automobile industry, including at our own Mack Trucks. He was an active member in his church community and volunteered his time at local schools to share his experiences of the war.

"Mr. Winzer passed away last month, at the age of 101, in the care of his family. Let us remember Mr. Winzer for his remarkable legacy and impact on his community and this country. And let us thank all of our veterans this Veteran's Day."



The Slate Belt Chamber Is Pleased To Announce The 2023 Award Winners

By Beth Duyssen

MT BETHEL - On Thursday at Allegheny Creek Brewing Company in Mt Bethel, the Slate Belt Chamber announced their Businessperson and Volunteer of the Year.

SBCC president Nancy Kessler presented both recipients with plaques along with State Rep. Ann Flood who gave the citations from the house.

Businessperson of Year was Justin Huratiak from Huratiak Homes.

As a businessperson in the Slate Belt, Justin has shown exemplary commitment to the community in many ways. Huratiak Homes owns several properties in downtown Bangor and Justin strives to renovate in ways that work toward revitalization. Justin initiated the weekly Quarry Bites & Brews event and donated the space, which is also used for the weekly Bangor Farmers' Market.

His business donates to multiple charitable organizations and local youth sports. Justin is engaged in the community as a Washington Township Supervisor,



L-R President of SBCC Nancy Kessler, Justin Huratiak Businessperson of Year



L-R Karen Brewer Volunteer of the Year, President of SBCC Nancy Kessler

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