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Mr. PASCRELL of New Jersey. Mister Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the outstanding achievements of Dr. Donna Koch-Kapturski as she prepares to serve as the Grand Marshal of the 2016 Pulaski Day Parade on October 2nd.

Dr. Koch-Kapturski is the daughter of Polish immigrants. Her parents, Jozef and Jozefa emigrated from southern Poland in the late 1960's. She graduated as the valedictorian from the Adam Mickiewicz Polish Supplementary School in Passaic, which demonstrates she is a worthy role model for all Polish-American citizens.

She has participated in many of the Pulaski Day Parades and was given the honor of Miss Polonia by the Central of Polish Organizations. She has also taken part in the Polish festivals at the PNC Arts Center and continues to be a part of the General Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee located in New York City.

Previously, Dr. Koch-Kapturski has served as a member of the Garfield Board of Education and on the Garfield Planning Board. More recently, she has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Polish Cultural Home in Passaic. In addition to tirelessly serving her community, Dr. Koch-Kapturski is a practicing physician. She owns a medical practice in Garfield, which specializes in family and internal medicine.

Dr. Koch Kapturski is also a dedicated mother and wife. She and her husband, Mariusz, have three beautiful children together, Darren, Daniel and Audrey. I have the great honor of representing Dr. Donna Koch-Kapturski in Congress and it gives me great pride to recognize the occasion of her being elected as Grand Marshal of the Pulaski Day Parade.

Having served Grand Marshall myself, I know how important this honor is. Dr. Koch-Kapturski is only the ninth female to be named Grand Marshal in the parade's 79 year history and first in the past 13 years.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the achievements of extraordinary people such as Dr. Donna Koch-Kapturski.

Mister Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, denizens of Garfield, family and friends, all those whose lives she has touched, and me, in recognizing the work of Dr. Donna Koch-Kapturski's years of service, dedication, and excellence to her community and the honor of being elected Grand Marshal of the Pulaski Day Parade.

