

Rep. Spartz hopes to make difference

By Ed Breen

Rep. Victoria Spartz, the Noblesville Republican who is in her fourth month as a member of the U. S. House of Representatives, seems to be woman of singular determination.

Consider: She announced last week – a year-and-a-half early — that she intends to run for re-election to the Fifth District House seat that she won last fall.

Consider: She wants to continue to serve in a legislative assembly that she describes as “completely broken.”

Consider: She is the first member of the United States Congress to have been born in what was then the Soviet Union, emigrated to the United States from Ukraine as a teenager, became an American citizen, was employed in the Indiana Attorney General’s office, and was selected by Republican caucus to succeed longtime Sen. Luke Kenley in the Indiana General Assembly when he chose to step down.

“If I can’t make a difference I’m just wasting my time,” the 38-year-old freshman Congresswoman said as she made the rounds of the multi-county district that elected her,



Rep. Victoria Spartz

first from a primary field of 15 candidates and then in a three-way race with Democrat Christina Hale and Libertarian Ken Tucker last November. She succeeds Susan Brooks, a four-term Republican from Carmel who chose not to run for re-election.

Spartz waged a campaign in the time of COVID by saturating the district with signs of all sizes that simply focused on her name — Victoria — in large letters. Traditional retail campaigning through personal appearance and public speaking was all but eliminated by the response to the pandemic.

She forged a campaign in which she said, if elected, she would become “Nancy Pelosi’s worst nightmare.”

In her appearance in Marion last week she said she has yet to have a meeting with House Speaker Pelosi, “but I have run into her a few times and I was on an elevator with her. “

“Unfortunately the Speaker of the House has so much power anymore that people are afraid,” she said of the California Congresswoman. “She said she looked forward to working with me and I told her likewise, but I have not seen that.

“I have written her several letters and she never responded. I’m not sure that she wants to work with me too much. I am reaching out to both sides and trying to collaborate.”

Spartz said she was part of a bi-partisan Congressional delegation that went to the border area of Texas to see immigration conditions at the border.

“Working with the people makes me believe I am in the right place right now,” she said “In spite of all the drama, it makes you understand that you can make a difference in people’s lives.”

“People underestimate how one person can make a difference,” she said. “There should not be a dictatorship of any idea. The legislative branch is completely broken. “

“There is a lot at stake for our country and I believe I can be valuable to my constituents and fight for good policy solutions that are badly needed. “

Deaths — continued from Page 1

Laura E. Mattiello 1923-2021
At Ms. Mattiello’s request, there will be no public visitation or funeral service. Burial will take place at Gardens of Memory.

Stacy A. Hall 1964-2021
Funeral services were held at Needham-Storey-Wampner, Rybolt Chapel, on Thursday, May 13 at 11:30 a.m. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park.

Marcia Kay Clark 1941-2021
The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, May 14, at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Marion. Immediately following the time of visitation, a funeral service to celebrate Marcia’s life will begin at 12 noon with Rev. C. L. Adams officiating. Burial will take place at Estates of Serenity in Marion.

Mary Catherine McKenzie 1931-2021
Funeral services were held at the Woodland Hills Church of Christ, Marion, on Saturday, May 8 at 2:30 p.m. Burial followed at Marion National Cemetery.

Teresa D. Gilbert 1958-2021
In accordance with Ms. Gilbert’s wishes, there will be no services.

Rita K. Smoot 1939-2021
Arrangements have been entrusted to the Fairmount Chapel of Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation

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a/ Andrew Johnson
2. c/ Calvin Coolidge
3. b/ Ronald Reagan

Services, where a visitation will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2021, from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. A time for friends and family to share stories and memories will follow at 6:30 p.m. A private inurnment will follow at a later date at Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Mary Bova 1948-2021
In accordance with Bova’s wishes, no services will be held.

Jeremy Douglas Morgan 1981-2021
Funeral services were held at Armes-Hunt Funeral Home, Fairmount, on Wednesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Barbara E. Faulk 1938-2021
Funeral services were held at Raven-Choate Funeral

Home on Thursday, May 6 at 11 a.m. Burial followed at Gardens of Memory.

Bradley Jacob “Brad” Baker 1985-2021
Funeral services were held at St. James Lutheran Church, Marion, on Saturday, May 8 at 1 p.m. Burial followed at Grant Memorial Park.

Sharon J. Riddle 1936-2021
Funeral services were held at Raven-Choate Funeral Home on Monday, May 10 at noon. Burial followed at Marion National Cemetery.

Marilyn R. Brubaker 1937-2021
Funeral services were held at Raven-Choate Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 11 at 11 a.m. Burial followed at Gardens of Memory.

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