

I commend them for their years of admirable service to the Hazleton Lions Club, our community and country, and I wish them continued success in the future.

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IN RECOGNITION OF EDWARD  
SONNY NAKISO

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Police Sergeant Edward Sonny Nakiso for his 29 years of service at the Burlingame Police Department.

Sergeant Nakiso has worked in multiple positions during his long career in law enforcement. He started out as an officer in 1983 and quickly rose through the ranks of the department. He was appointed inspector and responsible for the investigation of juvenile crime. Other duties included patrol, investigations, traffic enforcement and tactical training. From 1989 to 1997 he was an operator with the SWAT team. As the department's first school resource officer, Officer Nakiso taught 3rd-graders about the dangers of gangs and drugs. He was promoted to sergeant in 1997.

Sergeant Nakiso has demonstrated exemplary dedication, loyalty, integrity and work ethic. He is well-liked by citizens from whom he has received hundreds of letters of appreciation for his service. His colleagues describe him as heroic, compassionate, professional, efficient and a problem solver. For example, Sergeant Nakiso was part of a law enforcement contingent that traveled to Tonga to learn about the relationship between the

Tongan police and the local residents. He used that experience back here at home to improve the relationship between police and our Tongan community.

Edward Nakiso was born in San Francisco in 1957 and graduated from Crestmoor High School in San Bruno in 1975.

In his well-deserved retirement, he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife Kim and their two sons, Chris and Kevin. He will also enjoy having extra time to play basketball, bowl and ride his motorcycle.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Sergeant Edward Sonny Nakiso—or “Eddie”—for keeping the residents of Burlingame safe for almost three decades and for making our community a better place.

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A TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF  
BETTY PIA

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2012*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Betty Pia, who passed away on September 24, 2012 at the age of 95. Betty will always be remembered for her kind heart, intelligent mind, and go-getter attitude.

Betty was born on May 29, 1917 in the beautiful state of Georgia. She moved to Southern California for a period of time, and in 1965, Betty and her husband Joe settled in Madera, California. Together they raised their daughter, Nancy.

To say Betty led an exciting and fulfilling life is an understatement. She served as President Franklin D. Roosevelt's nurse, was close friends with President Jimmy Carter, served on Congressman George Radanovich's Education Committee, and owned and operated Magic Heart Guest Home for almost 40 years. It is evident that serving others was a key focus of Betty's life.

Betty Pia paved the way and opened doors for thousands of women in America, and it was easy for her to do so because her morals and principles always led her in the right direction. She was a lifelong Democrat, but her party affiliation never interfered with her respect for people. Compromise and hard work were values that she taught by example to those that had the privilege of working with her.

Betty's efforts in politics were complemented by her deep commitment to community organizations. A natural leader, she was involved in the Local Women's Improvement Club, Kiwanis Club, and the Madera Chamber of Commerce. As a resident of Madera for over 49 years, she was always a strong advocate for the Central Valley. Up until the day she passed, Betty never slowed down, and the citizens of Madera and the Central Valley will be forever thankful for her work ethic and her contributions to her community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Betty Pia, one of Madera's most distinguished public servants and a true champion for the people of the San Joaquin Valley. Her leadership and community service made her a role model and a source of pride for our community. Betty's caring nature and vibrant spirit will be sorely missed.