

Hillsborough emergency preparedness program, the Hillsborough Neighborhood Network, an outdoor movie night, adult classes at Town Hall and the first ever Hillsborough Memorial Day Parade.

Her remarkable contributions to the Town have been matched by her generous support of many important community organizations. Christine serves as president and board member of Innvision/Shelter Network providing transitional housing to homeless families, veterans and single adults. She is past president and present board member of Hillbarn Theatre providing valuable cultural programming in the county.

A native of Philadelphia, Christine earned her BA in Theater from Arcadia University, and she is a graduate of the conservatory at Circle-in-the-Square School of Theatre in New York. She is an accomplished actress in amateur productions and has played memorable roles such as Adelaide in *Guys and Dolls* and *Dolly in Hello, Dolly*.

The vitality, creativity and enthusiasm that Christine has brought to the city council for eight years will certainly be missed. She has created a standard of community engagement which will be an inspiration to her successors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor one of the finest local elected officials of San Mateo County, Christine Krollek. I am honored to call her one of my best friends. She has dedicated herself to the betterment of her fellow residents and our beautiful town. At a white elephant Christmas party a year ago, Christine fought for a superman costume—a fitting symbol of a person who has committed her life to helping other survive and thrive.

BARONA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS LAND TRANSFER CLARIFICATION ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 3193, which amends the Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2004 to revise the description of the land to be held in trust for the Barona Band of Mission Indians of California. This noncontroversial bill states that the parcel of private, non-Indian land that is excluded from the revised description was not intended to be held in trust for the Band or considered to be part of its reservation.

As a member of the Native American Caucus, I have worked with my colleagues in Congress to address the needs of Native Americans. California is home to nearly one hundred federally recognized tribes. I have made it a priority of mine in Congress to safeguard the interests of our tribes.

After thousands of years of peaceful life in the region, known today as San Diego County, Native American life was abruptly changed in the late 1700s. More than 200 years of hardship for Native Americans began with the arrival of the Spanish military and the establishment of the first presidio and mission in 1769.

In 1875, the Federal Government established the Capitan Grande Reservation for the

native people living in the area at that time. About 40 years later in 1932, the city literally bought the Capitan Grande Reservation to build a reservoir and the people were removed from their land.

In 1932, without a homeland but with some Federal monies allotted from the sale, a group of the Capitan Grande tribal members purchased the Barona Ranch which today is the Barona Indian Reservation near Lakeside, about 30 miles northeast of San Diego. For many years living without electricity and other services, the tribal members tried to create a living through the ranch and farming.

Until the early 1990s, the Barona Tribe was still struggling economically in the backwoods of San Diego County. In 1994, the tribe, with the consulting guidance of Venture Catalyst, opened the Barona Casino "Big Top", and this property eventually became the world-class Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino.

The casino has become the means to a restoration of self-sufficiency, prosperity and renewed hope. Unemployment and welfare dependency have dropped from 70 percent to zero on the Barona reservation.

Mr. Speaker, the Barona Band of Mission Indians has a long and strong tradition that continues to this day. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY BROWN

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to Hood River County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jerry Brown. Chief Deputy Brown joins Sheriff Joe Wampler in retirement from the Hood River County Sheriff's Office on January 1, 2013, capping a career in law enforcement and public service going back to the 1970's. Chief Deputy Brown has dedicated his life to duty, honor, and service to the citizens and visitors of Hood River County, Oregon.

Jerry Brown has served his country and his community for decades. He is not only a long time veteran of law enforcement, but also he is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps who served our country in Vietnam. In 1978 he took the reins of "The Next Door," a non-profit organization in Hood River that provides care and support for children and families in the area. During his time with The Next Door, Jerry coordinated week-long hikes and camping trips for youth, diligently fundraised, and secured accreditation through the Youth Care Association. His efforts helped form the program into a model for other areas to follow that endures to this day.

The pull to serve and protect citizens of my home town, Hood River, Oregon, drew Jerry to his full-time career in law enforcement. He started as a patrolman with Hood River Police Department and spent 20 years working to ensuring the community's safety. During his career with Hood River Police Department, Jerry also served as a detective, sergeant, and attained the rank of lieutenant before joining the sheriff's office in 2006.

For the past six years, Jerry has served as Sheriff Wampler's chief deputy, lending his knowledge and experience to the position. The

positive impact Chief Deputy Brown has made on the sheriff's office, and his community, will continue to inspire others to serve their nation, state, and community long into the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in recognizing Jerry Brown. He has earned the thanks of a grateful nation for his service and the thanks of our community for his unwavering commitment. Please join me in wishing Chief Deputy Sheriff Jerry Brown a very long and happy retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF GINNY SILVA JAQUITH

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Ginny Silva Jaquith, a close friend, former colleague and remarkable public servant who is retiring today from serving an interim term on the Pacifica City Council. When the city needed her, Ginny stepped up to the plate and brought her professionalism and experience to the council. In the 30 plus years I have known Ginny, she has always risen to the occasion.

Ginny is no stranger to the Pacifica City Council. She served on it from 1980–1992, including three terms as mayor. The highlights from her tenure were the creation of the city's best known event, the Pacifica Fog Fest, and the Community Center, both of which greatly enhanced the wonderful sense of community in Pacifica. Ginny served on the Pacifica Coast Fog Fest founding board from 1985 to 1992 and after she left the council, she was on the Fog Fest Organizing Group from 2000–2010.

She worked closely with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to acquire Sweeney Ridge, a spectacular hiking area of ridges and ravines between Pacifica and San Bruno that slope down to the San Francisco Bay on one side and the Pacific Ocean on the other. She helped turn the Sanchez Art Center into reality. The city worked closely with local artists and residents to purchase an abandoned elementary school and transform it into the invaluable art and educational center it is now.

Ginny was also instrumental in the establishment of the Redevelopment Agency in Rockaway Beach and a Commercial Development Task Force and Plan. She served on the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury and on the Pacifica Task Force for Sharp Park Golf Course.

Today she continues to give her time and energy to the Board of Directors of Pacificans Care, the Rotary Club of Pacifica, the Presidio Golf Club and the City of Pacifica Beautification Task Force.

Ginny was born in Gustine, California and grew up in the Sunnyvale, Cupertino area. She earned her BS in Recreation from San Jose State University, her MS in Recreation Administration from San Francisco State University, and her EdD in Education from the University of San Francisco.

She taught in SFSU's Recreation and Leisure Department for 27 years, was the department chair for three years and is a Professor Emerita.

She and her husband Robin of 38 years live on Pedro Point. In her spare time she enjoys the arts, playing golf, cooking and traveling.