

IN APPRECIATION FOR RON GOLDWYN'S SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer words of appreciation for a departing member of my staff, Ron Goldwyn. Ron will be retiring after 7 years in my Philadelphia office as Press Secretary to enjoy the Philadelphia Mummies, baseball, the Southwest and lots of quality time with his family. I have no doubt that Ron will also continue to follow the workings of this body from a more distant place. His connection to the House began long before joining my team. In fact, when his wife Carol first came to Washington to meet his family, he brought her to sit in the House gallery!

Ron came to my office as a second career following years of success as a journalist. His stellar career began as editor of the "Family News" at age 10. It then took him to Woodrow Wilson High School's Beacon, the Washington Daily News Scholastic Sports Association, Fort Dix, the Dayton Journal Herald, Philadelphia Bulletin and the Philadelphia Daily News. In my office he has served as a drafter of press releases and proclamations, a photographer around town and resident comedian.

Ron is a proud (retired) member of Local 10 of the Newspaper Guild (now part of Communications Workers of America). He is former president of the Pen and Pencil Club, the journalists' after hours club. He is a founding member of Mishkan Shalom synagogue in Roxborough, Pennsylvania where he has held several lay leadership positions. Ron still plays on the Pen and Pencil softball team and for several years was the commissioner of the Center City softball league. He is currently the President of the Blue Bell Hill Civic Association.

From the first time he saw the parade in January, 1975, Ron has adored Philadelphia's Mummies Parade, even though many of the Mummies are a notoriously prickly and feuding bunch. For a few years, he and his wife were only spectators. Then, in 1980 or so, Ron began providing the Mummies research "book" to Larry Kane who anchored the Parade broadcast. From 1984 to 1994, a motley crew of family and friends dressed up as kazoo and marched as a group in the Comic Division of the parade. Known as the King Kazoo New Year Association—Ron was "King Kazoo," of course—the group finished as high as fourth in the division several times. About 17 years ago, Ron took on a new role, becoming the color commentator for the comic division part of Parade broadcast until this year, which was his first as a "marshall" with the Pennsport String Band.

Ron's absence will be deeply felt in my office. My staff and I have come to rely on his strong writing, attention to detail, knowledge of Philadelphia history and commitment to public engagement. While we celebrate his transition into retirement, we look forward to his visits and updates from The Land of Enchantment. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Ron for his service here and wish him well in his next adventure.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT AND SERVICE OF MAYOR ADDISON LARRY HARTWIG

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

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Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated public servant from the Sixth Congressional District of Illinois, Mayor Larry Hartwig of Addison. In May, he will conclude his loyal service as Mayor after four terms.

As a resident of the Village of Addison for over 40 years, Mr. Hartwig has served as a model citizen. He first entered public office in 1987 as Village Trustee, and in 1995, he was appointed Interim Mayor of Addison where he was elected thereafter.

During his tenure as Mayor, Mr. Hartwig has been an exemplary leader and public servant. After retiring as Principal of Wood Dale Junior High School, he devoted more time to other areas of service, including the DuPage Water Commission and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. His noble leadership led him to serve as President of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference and as Chairman of the Conference's Legislative Committee.

Mayor Hartwig has represented his community well and has been a strong voice for the Village of Addison throughout his time in office. His long service to the people of Addison and to DuPage County is truly commendable. Although retiring as Mayor, Addison will continue to benefit from his involvement as a member of the community.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in congratulating Mayor Hartwig on 26 years of public service and in wishing him all the best for the days ahead.

IN HONOR OF COMMANDER KIRK H. JOHNSON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Commander Kirk H. Johnson for his tireless advocacy efforts and leadership supporting veterans.

Kirk H. Johnson was born September 28, 1956 in Chestertown, Maryland. He enlisted in the Army in 1978 at Fort McClellan, Alabama as a Helicopter Repairman. Kirk was promoted to Sergeant in 1980 and in 1981, was appointed as Crew Chief for Army Chiefs of Staff.

Mr. Johnson was awarded the Humanitarian Service Award in 1982 for his role in a life saving rescue mission after a commercial jet crashed into the 14th Street Bridge in Washington DC and plunged into the Potomac River. In 1983, Kirk entered the Warrant Officer Program to receive further flight training and graduated as an Aero Scout Pilot in 1984. Mr. Johnson was then stationed at Ft. Ord, California and upon arriving served as a Line Pilot as well as a Survival Training Officer for the Aviator Brigade. In his time at Ft. Ord, Kirk carried out a multitude of different duties, from Pilot in Command to Income Tax Officer, be-

fore being involved in an accident that separated him from his two passions: aviating and being a soldier.

Kirk has been the Commander of the Department of California American Veterans since 2012 (DAV). He represents 101,133 members and 68 chapters throughout the state of California. This service organization provides free support to Veterans, their spouses, family members, and orphans. Services provided include filing claims to provide medical, educational, and compensation benefits to our wounded warriors.

Kirk coordinates volunteer hours and transportation activities as a representative for the Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (VAVS) DAV at Palo Alto Veterans Hospital and the Monterey VA clinic since 2006. In 2012, the volunteer programs logged over 700,000 hours of coordinated volunteer services and thousands of travel miles from this transportation network. Mr. Johnson further supports VAVs by serving as Executive Committee President since 2010.

Prior to assuming his current Commander role, Kirk was the Senior Vice Commander for Department of California DAV from 2011 to 2012 and Junior Vice Commander from 2010 to 2012. Kirk also acts as an Advisor to the Veterans Club at Monterey Peninsula Community College, which gives younger veterans an opportunity to help themselves and their community. Previously, Kirk served as the Club's President from 2009–2011.

Kirk's advocacy further includes his membership in the Veterans Focus Council from Palo Alto Health Care System and as the Judge Advocate and member of the Executive Committee from DAV Chapter 85, Seaside, California where he held previous positions. Kirk was the chaplain for DAV Chapter 85 from 2004 through 2007.

Mr. Speaker, I once again want to thank Mr. Johnson for his continual dedication to helping our veterans and for his service to our country.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the City of Tualatin, Oregon, on the occasion of its centennial anniversary.

This remarkable city, located just south of the State's largest metropolitan area, serves as a gateway to the fertile farmland of the Willamette Valley, which was formed by a series of cataclysmic floods some 12,000–17,000 years ago.

The Tualatin River Basin has provided sanctuary and sustenance for a litany of ancestral occupants. This wide range of early and distinguished inhabitants included the Atfalati Tribe and the historic Tualatin Mastadon, which was unearthed in 1962 after 13,000 years and subsequently displayed at the Tualatin Public Library for public edification.

In 1850 the U.S. Congress passed the Donation Land Claim Act, which granted title to American settlers committed to productive cultivation of the land. Shortly after, from 1850–1853, 30 families took up permanent residence in the area. Initially known as