

Alto. I am proud to represent the 28,000 residents of this city in the 14th Congressional District of California. The small community, which has a land area of only 2.5 square miles, was incorporated on July 1, 1983 and became the 20th city of San Mateo County. Voters elected the first city council of Barbara Mouton—the first mayor—Gertrude Wilks, Frank Omowale Satterwhite, Ruben Abrica—the current mayor—and James Blakely, Jr.

I remember the days when the creation of the city was quite uncertain. I was on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors at the time and supported incorporation. We had events in East Palo Alto to educate the public in advance of the vote. We had rallies and voter registration drives. The election's outcome is testament to the work of hundreds who went into their neighborhoods to explain why creating a city would help the residents of East Palo Alto to improve their lives.

East Palo Alto has made great progress in the three decades since its residents choose to create their own path to a better future. The town has many wonderful institutions such as its improving schools, social service agencies, churches, and an outstanding public medical clinic, the Ravenswood Family Health Center. Residents are very engaged in street improvement, school safety and beautification projects. The wisdom of residents, local officials, and law enforcement helped the city overcome a spike in crime in the 1980s and 90s.

What has not changed in the past 30 years is the fact that people are attracted to the area because of its centralized location, its proximity to San Francisco Bay, its desirable weather and its family-centered churches and schools.

For centuries, the original inhabitants were Ohlone Native Americans who lived along the coast from San Francisco to Monterey Bay. In 1849, when the town was founded as Ravenswood, Isaiah Woods tried to make it a major shipping town. In 1868 he sold his operation to Lester Cooley who built a brick factory. After the brick factory, the city became a farming community, largely based upon growing flowers. A large Japanese population dominated the flower growing market until the shameful World War II decision that forced 120,000 Japanese-Americans into internment camps.

After the war, many African-Americans moved to East Palo Alto and made it the largest African American community on the peninsula. In fact, during the civil rights movement in 1968, the city was almost renamed Nairobi. Today, the city has a multi-ethnic population that is over 60% Hispanic, about 15% African American, 7% Asian, 7% Caucasian and 11% Pacific Islander.

Since the late 1990s, East Palo Alto has experienced significant economic development. A quarter of the city's buildings have been replaced with new housing and retail space. This development is what the founders of the city hoped for—a chance to create jobs for residents within the community. In 2008, another step was taken as residents and local businesses established the East Palo Alto Community Farmers Market. The market is allied with the health center, providing wholesome food for residents at affordable prices. In 2009, the first full service supermarket opened in the Ravenswood 101 shopping center. Once again, the residents of East Palo Alto

demonstrated that theirs is a community that knows how to get things done.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor the 30th anniversary of East Palo Alto as the city is celebrating this occasion with a parade, community festival and fireworks. This diverse Bay Area community welcomes all residents and neighbors with warmth and optimism—today and every day.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE ATTACK AT THE OAK CREEK SIKH GURDWARA ON AUGUST 5, 2012

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today, my colleagues and I introduced a House Resolution condemning the attack that occurred at the Oak Creek Sikh Gurdwara on August 5, 2012, and honoring the memory of those who died in the attack. We remember all those affected by the senseless act of violence that occurred one year ago in Oak Creek, Wisconsin. We call to mind the heroic efforts of Lieutenant Brian Murphy and all the medical and law-enforcement officials who responded to the scene. We also recognize the public servants who helped our community heal during this trying time.

Since that fateful day, the people of Oak Creek have come together. They refuse to let violence shake their community. My thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families, and I'm committed to continuing to help the community overcome this tragedy.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

HON. DON YOUNG

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following exchange of correspondence between myself and Agriculture Committee Chairman FRANK LUCAS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, August 1, 2013.

HON. FRANK LUCAS,

*Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture,
Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN LUCAS, I write today to highlight a program of significance to rural Alaska and many of our Alaska Native villages. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), through the Rural Utilities Service, helps provide financing for the construction of water and waste water systems in remote Alaska villages that face unique, significant obstacles to providing residents with potable water and safe sanitation systems. These obstacles include Alaska's extreme climate and geography as well as the fact that most villages are not connected to the road system and are only accessible by air. The water systems assisted by the program are not a matter of convenience for these communities, but meet a critical public health need.

Currently, more than 30 villages in Alaska still use "honeybuckets" as their method of

waste collection. A honeybucket is a five gallon bucket used as a toilet by everyone in a household and emptied by the family on a daily basis. Honeybuckets are a reality for many communities in my state and pose serious health risks for residents, particularly children. Thankfully USDA, the State of Alaska, and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium are working together through the program to create better sanitation facilities in rural Alaska and help make honeybuckets a relic of the past.

I would like to bring this issue to your attention and would greatly appreciate your assistance in Farm Bill conference negotiations with the Senate to help reauthorize this important program.

Thank You,

DON YOUNG,

Congressman for all Alaska.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,

Washington, DC, August 1, 2013.

Hon. DON YOUNG,

*Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN YOUNG, Thank you for your letter regarding the United States Department of Agriculture program that helps provide financing for water and waste water systems in remote Alaska villages. I appreciate you bringing this issue to my attention. Given the urgency that you describe in your letter, I would be happy to work with you during the Farm Bill conference regarding this public health need.

Sincerely,

FRANK D. LUCAS,

Chairman, House Committee on Agriculture.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DESERT VISTA H.S. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA CLUB

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Desert Vista High School's Health Occupations Students of America Club for their achievement in the HOSA-Future Health Professionals National Leadership conference.

Desert Vista students won first place in three events and two national service awards, and took home numerous other top ten finishes. Their record is astonishing for one school, and is a testament to their school's leadership and the students' effort. Katelyn Miyaski and Gen Fitzgerald won national championships in pharmacology and medical terminology, respectively, and the team of Jing Liang, Anshuman Bakshi, Sung Kwon Park, and Sanjeev Murty were national champions in biomedical debate. Alex Burton won the Barbara James Service Gold Award and the President's Volunteer Service Award.

The students, many of whom hope to pursue higher education in the medical, healthcare, and biotechnology industries, are to be commended and encouraged in their pursuit of science and service, as well as for their comprehensive knowledge in their fields of interest. Their dedication is reason for faith in our country's future, guided by such innovators and leaders. They represent their state and school well, and I am proud to represent them in Congress.

Given their record of accomplishment, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Desert Vista High School's Health Occupations Students of America Club for their dedication and achievement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 435 I was unavoidably detained in a meeting at the White House with the President.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

ENERGY CONSUMERS RELIEF ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1582) to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules that are estimated to cost more than \$1 billion and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy, with Ms. Ros-Lehtinen in the chair.

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Chair, this bill leads me to ask a question.

Who are we here to protect? The American people, or big business?

If we don't stand up to protect public health, who will? Are we going to trust big oil, gas, and coal companies to look out for the public's health?

This bill is just another give-away to big polluters.

As we just saw with the coal ash bill, this bill would further harm human health by tearing down the EPA. The EPA—not big business—is trying to protect Americans' health.

Take the Clean Air Act, for example. In its first 20 years, it prevented 205,000 premature deaths and 18 million child respiratory illnesses.

The result? Billions of dollars in economic savings from prevented diseases and greater worker productivity.

This bill is yet another attempt to tear down the EPA. It's immoral. I urge my colleague to oppose this bill.

A TRIBUTE TO MARGARET BORGEN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Margaret Borgen for being named a 2013 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Each year, Business Record undertakes an exhaustive review to identify a standout group of women in the Greater Des Moines area who, as the publication notes, "have made a difference." An impressive group of inspiring female leaders are selected annually for this prestigious distinction, which is based on combined criteria of community involvement, career success, and being a role model for other women to emulate. The 2013 Women of Influence honorees join an impressive roster of more than 130 women who have changed and are continuing to change our communities for the better.

Mrs. Borgen is part owner of Borgen Systems, a family-owned small business that manufactures display cases for a variety of products—but her professional pursuits hardly end there. Her lifelong passion, improving education, has led her to be a teacher, an administrator and a school board member, and in addition to holding state and national leadership positions in education, she currently is president of the Des Moines Public Schools Foundation. She also founded the FINE Education Research Foundation in 2003, which leveraged \$100,000 into \$3 million of state funding and matching private contributions for education research. In the community, she has served on the boards for the Des Moines A.M. Rotary Club, Employee & Family Resources Foundation and the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Margaret Borgen in the United States Congress, and I am pleased to recognize her for working to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating her on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2013 Women of Influence class continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. GREGORY LUKASZEWICZ

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Gregory Lukaszewicz for his service as president of the San Mateo County Medical Association, which represents and educates physicians and promotes quality medical care for the people of San Mateo County. Throughout his career, Dr. Lukaszewicz has been a staunch advocate for preventative care and patients' access to care.

Gregory Lukaszewicz grew up near Buffalo, New York. He earned his BA at Dartmouth College and his medical degree at Harvard Medical School. After completing his General Surgery Residency at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, he was awarded a Fellowship in Vascular Surgery at UCSF.

Dr. Lukaszewicz then joined Kaiser Permanente in South San Francisco where he is a vascular and general surgeon. He is also the smoking cessation champion at the hospital. Three years ago he became a part-time specialist in venous and lymphatic disorders, a change he calls transformative. He says his experience has shown him just how complex

these diseases are and how much the medical knowledge lags behind patients' needs. Determined to close this gap, he launched a pilot program to detect Peripheral Arterial Disease in its earliest stages.

It was Dr. Lukaszewicz's strong interest in public policy that got him involved in the San Mateo County and California Medical Associations. He works closely with county and state health care leaders to find remedies to public health issues that affect patients beyond his individual clinical practice. For example, he is committed to the Association's active role in eradicating Hepatitis B in the Asian and Pacific Islander communities by providing regular screenings and vaccinations.

Dr. Lukaszewicz is married to Nicole Moayeri, a neurosurgeon at Kaiser's Redwood City facility. They have two children, Leila, 12, and Gabriel, 10. As a devoted family man, he works part-time so that he can remain involved in his children's scholastic and athletic activities. To stay physically and mentally healthy, he enjoys hiking, cycling, sailing, kayaking, gardening, cooking and reading.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor an exceptional physician and human being. Dr. Lukaszewicz's work continues to benefit thousands of people in San Mateo County and beyond and sets an admirable example of innovative, patient-centered care.

RETIREMENT OF FBI DIRECTOR ROBERT MUELLER

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and thank Robert Mueller for his service to our country. Mr. Mueller has served as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) since September 4, 2001, and will be retiring before the Congress returns in September. I have had the privilege of working with Director Mueller as the chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee that funds the FBI and firmly believe he is the best director in the more than hundred-year history of the Bureau.

I want to also recognize his wife, Ann, and his two daughters, Melissa and Cynthia, for their sacrifice in countless nights and weekends their husband and father spent serving our country over the last twelve years.

Director Mueller deserves much credit for skillfully responding to the 9/11 terrorist attacks after just a week on the job and leading the FBI's transformation into an intelligence-driven and threat-focused national security organization. The FBI today is a remarkably different agency than the one the director inherited in 2001. The changes made during his tenure have made our country safer and stronger, while also upholding and respecting our Constitution. He has always been honest and forthright with the Congress and the American people.

It is hard to quantify the many lives that have been saved thanks to FBI actions that disrupted terror plots and other threats against the American people. I want to recognize the