

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION AND HONORABLE SERVICE OF CAPTAIN GREGORY M. "MARK" BEAVERS, UNITED STATES NAVY

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 2015*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Captain Gregory M. "Mark" Beavers, for his nearly three decades of honorable service in the United States Navy Medical Service Corps and to our great Nation on the occasion of his retirement as Director of the Armed Forces Pest Management Board, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Energy, Installations, and Environment, U.S. Army Garrison Forest Glen, Silver Spring, Maryland, August 1, 2015.

Upon receiving his Bachelor of Science in Biology in 1980 from James Madison University and a Master of Science in Entomology from the University of Florida in 1983, Captain Beavers served the State of Florida as a Biological Technician at the Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred. In 1985, he answered the call to serve our Nation and received his direct commission in the United States Navy.

As a naval officer and entomologist, his military duty stations spanned the globe and included the Navy Disease Vector Ecology and Control Center, Alameda, California, and Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit Number Five, San Diego, California. In 1990, he was transferred to U.S. Naval Hospital in Subic Bay, Philippines, where he served in a vital role as Head of the Preventive Medicine Department and the Entomology Division.

Following his tour of duty in the Philippines, which saw the volcanic eruption of Mount Pinatubo, he was selected for the Navy's Duty Under Instruction program, and in 1996, received his Doctor of Philosophy in Entomology at the University of Kentucky. From there, Captain Beavers reported to Naval Medical Research Unit Number Three in Cairo, Egypt, where he served for nearly four years as a research entomologist and then assumed the position of Officer in Charge, Navy Disease Vector Ecology and Control Center in Jacksonville, Florida. In 2002, Captain Beavers was assigned to Pensacola, Florida, where he would establish his roots as a resident of the greater Gulf Coast, and served as the Executive Officer of Naval Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory and as the Navy Surgeon General's Specialty Leader for Navy Entomology. In 2005, he reported to Maryland's Naval Medical Research Center where he was tasked as the Navy Medical Research and Development Liaison to the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Research and Materiel Command at Fort Detrick, Maryland. Due to his extensive experience and proven leadership, he was appointed by the Commanding General of U.S. Army Medical Materiel Research and Materiel Command as Director of the Department of Defense's Military Infectious Diseases Research Program. In 2009, Captain Beavers reported to the Armed Forces Pest Management Board as Chief of the Information Services Division, and in 2012, he was appointed the 16th Director of the Armed Forces Pest Management Board.

According to those who were fortunate to have served with him throughout his pres-

tigious and impressive military career and as evidenced by his numerous awards and accolades, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2 awards), and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (4 awards), in addition to other individual and unit service awards, Captain Beavers served with honor and distinction, and as a grateful Nation, we owe him our gratitude.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I sincerely thank Captain Beavers, the proud son of William Julian and Betty Jean Beavers and brother to Stephen Michael and Paul David Beavers, for his admirable military service. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing him continued success as he turns to the next chapter in his life. We also want to recognize and thank his wife Carol and sons, James and Michael for their many sacrifices and support as a dedicated and loving Navy Family. May God continue to bless the entire Beavers family and all of our men and women in uniform who have bravely answered the call to defend our great Nation.

TRIBUTE TO KEN TYLER

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ken Tyler of Council Bluffs, Iowa, who recently retired from the Pottawattamie County Attorney's office after over 40 years of service.

Ken served as an assistant county attorney and was the longest-serving member in the County Attorney's office. He started his career in 1973 and helped prosecute cases during five different decades. Ken attended Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs and Creighton University Law School in Omaha, Nebraska.

Mr. Speaker, Ken made a difference by helping and serving others. It is truly an honor to represent Iowans like Ken who have dedicated their lives to improving our great state. I know that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in honoring his accomplishments. I thank him for his service to Pottawattamie County, Iowa, and wish him and his family all the best moving forward.

HONORING GLORIA FLAHERTY

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 2015*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Gloria Flaherty, a child and family advocate, and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the Year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Gloria Flaherty was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the Year.

Whereas, Gloria is the founding Director of the Lake Family Resource Center. Lake FRC is a family resource, referral, and support center that has grown to serve 1,400 families and

4,500 individuals annually. Under Gloria's leadership, it has acquired independent facilities and expanded programs.

Whereas, as a member of the Kelseyville School Board, Gloria helped establish the first Education Foundation in Lake County. She also assisted with the development and operation of a Domestic Violence Shelter in Lake County.

Whereas, Gloria has also served many years on First 5 and helped to secure funding for the Early Head Start program.

Whereas, two winters ago, Lake County experienced a severe drop in temperature that was adversely affecting the homeless population in Clearlake. Gloria responded without delay and opened a "Warming Center" at one of the Lake FRC locations to provide shelter and respite. Gloria had no budget or supplies at the time, but she opened the doors of the center immediately, secured food donations, cots, and volunteer staff. She pulled it together, because it was the right thing to do. The Warming Center remained open for 2 months until the weather abated and homeless families were spared additional suffering because of her Can Do spirit and responsive action.

*Resolved*, That I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Gloria Flaherty.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DUNN LORING WOODS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 25, 2015*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Dunn Loring Woods Civic Association on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

Located in the heart of Fairfax County and the 11th Congressional District of Virginia, the Dunn Loring Woods neighborhood consists of approximately 550 homes situated on about 300 acres. By the summer of 1964, construction of the homes was complete. The next spring, residents formed the Dunn Loring Woods Civic Association (DLWCA) to enable the community to speak with one voice on local issues and seek improvements in the neighborhood. DLWCA also operates an active Neighborhood Watch program which helps to ensure the area remains safe and that neighbors stay connected. Neighbors can communicate with each other through DLWCA's website, blog, and social media platforms.

Dunn Loring Woods is known as an exceptionally warm, friendly, and welcoming neighborhood. Many of the original owners still reside there, and those who have moved often return to attend community events such as block parties. Residents tell stories of young residents helping their elderly neighbors, and civic association meetings that more closely resemble friends stopping in to chat.

Each year, the DLWCA presents the Edward P. Day Citizenship Award to an individual in recognition of his or her service to Dunn Loring Woods and the surrounding community. I am pleased to congratulate Joe Murphy for receiving this honor for 2015. Joe is an