

HONORING THE CAREER OF MR.
KEN OSBORN

HON. DAVID SCHWEIKERT

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of Mr. Ken Osborn. During his 45 years at the Paradise Valley Country Club, Ken has provided joy and excellent service to the Paradise Valley community as the Valet Parking Supervisor. I am incredibly proud of the work and leadership Ken demonstrated over the past 45 years and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING CHAD HILDEBRANDT

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a great Marine and a valuable asset to our civilian workforce. Since 2013, Chad Hildebrandt has been the Rail Operations Supervisor and subject matter expert on rail transportation for the Marine Corps Logistics Base—Barstow.

Not only has Chad overseen the rail, truck, and air shipments of equipment for rotational training units, he has improved efficiency and streamlined logistics for the Marine Corps, saving millions of dollars in transportation costs and directly contributing to increased military readiness. More importantly, he has taken the time to train the next generation of our military logisticians, developing over 500 Marines, soldiers, and civilians to follow his example at logistics bases worldwide.

Today, Chad will be named the 2015 Civilian Marine Logistician of the Year as the top civilian logistician in the nation. Later this year, Chad will also be named the Marine Corps Installations Command's Civilian of the Year, as the Marine Corps top civilian employee. This recognition is well deserved, as the Marines would be unable to do the training that they do without the extraordinary efforts from extraordinary people like Chad Hildebrandt. You make the 8th District proud, Chad. Semper Fi.

RECOGNIZING THE ROTARY CLUB
OF COLONIAL PARK UPON THE
CELEBRATION OF ITS 65TH ANNI-
VERSARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize the Rotary Club of Colonial Park in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania upon the celebration of its 65th Anniversary. My district has benefited tremendously from the humanitarian service of the club and continued community involvement of its members.

Representing Rotary International's motto, "Service Above Self," the Colonial Park chapter contributes in the community, inspires in

the workplace, and engages throughout the world. Members of the Rotary Club represent the community's professionals, and they continue to promote high ethical standards in all vocations. The men and women of the club are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds—making their initiatives diverse and effective in elevating the community.

Through its fundraising efforts and the generosity of its members, the Rotary Club of Colonial Park contributes over \$17,000 per year to community organizations, such as hospitals, fire companies, senior centers, and youth clubs. The Rotary Club created a foundation to help meet the educational, charitable, and benevolent needs of organizations in their local area, as well as in areas recently affected by disasters. Understanding the important role that education plays in fostering a prosperous future, both the Rotary Club and Foundation have contributed over \$100,000 to scholarships for students attending Harrisburg Area Community College. Members have also served their community through the building and upkeep of Possibility Place Playground, installation of a beautiful clock in the town of St. Thomas to commemorate its 250th anniversary, and support of Shalom House in downtown Harrisburg. Cumulatively, these endeavors highlight the commitment to community building and fulfillment of duty that members of the club selflessly embody.

Mr. Speaker, the Rotary Club of Colonial Park is guided by core principles that resonate with each and every member. Their commitment to the community at large will continue to have profound effects in empowering those in need and enabling positive change. It is my honor to help celebrate the 65th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Colonial Park, and I wish all members the best in their future proceedings.

HONORING MR. PETER WINDREM

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Peter Windrem, who today retires after 45 years of practicing law in Lake County, California.

Throughout his career, Mr. Windrem mentored young lawyers and dedicated his time to supporting numerous community organizations. I wish him a happy retirement and hope he can spend more time with his wife, Kathleen Lyon Windrem; his children, Jessica and Matthew; and his grandchildren, Carson, Elliot, Ben, and Ellen.

Mr. Windrem graduated from Kelseyville High School and Raymond College at the University of the Pacific in California, before attending law school at the University of Virginia. After completing his law degree, Mr. Windrem served with the Peace Corps in Guatemala, reflecting his lifelong interest in community service.

An active citizen of Lake County, California, Mr. Windrem served as a key advisor to the Lake County Land Trust at the time of its formation in 1999, and continues to provide the group with advice and support to this day. He also participated in the successful campaign to

designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as a national monument, and spearheaded the efforts to create Konocti County Park and hiking trails in Lake County.

For many years, Mr. Windrem has served on the Sutter Lakeside Hospital board and the board for People Services, Inc., a group that advocates for and provides services for disabled residents of Lake County. He is a founding member of many local organizations, including the Lake County Sierra Club, the Lake County Energy Council, and the Lake County Vintners.

Mr. Speaker, throughout his career, Mr. Windrem has generously offered his time and energy to support his mentees and staff, as well as the needs of Lake County residents. He contributed greatly to the legal community of California with his passion, high standards, and strong dedication to fairness. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

COMMEMORATING THE THIRTY-
SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the thirty-seventh anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act. Congress enacted the TRA as a way to increase trade and investment opportunities with Taiwan while also strengthening regional security efforts. The TRA is the bedrock of our relationship with Taiwan and has served both countries well. Our friendship stretches back decades and remains as important as ever in these challenging times.

Having recently visited, I can attest to how special and close our two countries are. Nationally, Taiwan is our ninth largest trading partner. They are also our seventh largest source of international students; a group that contributed almost a billion dollars to the U.S. economy in 2014 alone. The impact to my home state Oregon is even larger. Taiwan is Oregon's sixth largest export market with over \$1 billion in Oregon products annually. These numbers show how vital Taiwan is to the United States, especially given the importance of the Asia-Pacific region.

As that region of the world continues to grow, it is vital that we maintain our key relationships. The Congressional Taiwan Caucus recognizes the importance of this relationship and the need to continue to build upon the strong ties between our two countries. I am proud to join with over 200 members of the House as a part of that caucus. This bipartisan support is a testament to the strength of our friendship with Taiwan.

These facts help to show the importance of the U.S.-Taiwan friendship. I join with my colleagues to renew our support between the government and people of Taiwan. Let us always remember the strong bond between us and move towards another thirty-seven years of success.

HONORING HOSKINS LEARNING
CENTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Hoskins Learning Center of Batesville, MS.

Mrs. Lillie L. Hoskins, a woman of favor and faith, is a native of Batesville, MS. She has been an educator and Daycare Provider for over 35 years and is currently the owner and operator of the Hoskins Learning Center.

She graduated from South Panola High School in 1973 and later obtained a secretarial degree from Northwest Community College. In 2000, she obtained State credentials as an Early Childhood Education Director.

Mrs. Hoskins was born into a family where she was rooted in her faith in Christ. She is the daughter of the late George and Audrey Leland and the youngest girl of eight (8) children, but even as a young girl she knew, she would someday spend her life working with children.

Mrs. Hoskins is the mother of two children, a daughter-in-law and has two grandchildren. Over the course of forty-two (42) years of marriage, Lawrence and Lillie have traveled and touched the lives of many people.

In 1979, Mrs. Hoskins prayed to God through faith and opened the first daycare, Magnolia Kindergarten, which she owned and operated until 2003. In 2003, she expanded her business to include infants and early toddlers. At this time she also changed the operating name to Hoskins Learning Center, as it is known today.

Mrs. Hoskins has touched the community and the lives of children in the city of Batesville in many ways, by opening her house and heart to train and tutor our children.

As owner and operator of Hoskins Learning Center, her goal has been to serve the children of Batesville and Panola County, preparing them all to be productive and responsible adults in a rapidly changing world. Since 1979, the daycare has had a 96 percent high school graduation rate, including several valedictorians, salutatorians and honor roll students, one of which went on to play football in the NFL.

For all of her outstanding accomplishments, Mrs. Hoskins is recognized as a trailblazer in Early Childhood Education, in the great State of Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Hoskins Learning Center for their commitment and dedication to the community.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the achievements of an outstanding faith community, the Union Baptist Church, who are celebrating their ministry's 80th Anniversary of successful service to the community of Passaic on Sunday, April 3, 2016.

Eighty years ago the Union Baptist Church was established through the Merger of two parishes in the city of Passaic NJ; the Ebenezer Baptist Church and Greater St. Paul Baptist Church on April 4, 1936. The combined Church membership was approximately 150 parishioners. The Church and its members worshipped Christ for 28 years at its 315 Oak Street and 30 Ann Street location. Due to an increase in membership the Union Baptist Church purchased 221 Myrtle Ave on September 27, 1964 and began to worship there.

The Union Baptist Church is located in a welcoming neighborhood. Current ministries within the church include traditional Sunday morning worship service, Bible study, Sunday school, voluntary work such as feeding the homeless on Saturday afternoons, Camp Union for the youth, and the services provided to the senior citizens. Union Baptist has always focused on spiritual leadership accompanied by a strong sense of commitment to community involvement. I know that their dedication will continue to grow.

In fact, the church has been an integral part of Passaic and the surrounding area for more than three quarters of a century. Its hallowed grounds have witnessed the miracle of newborn baptism, the holy matrimony of marriage as well as the somber rituals of burial. But most importantly, many lives have been changed by the people that have called the Church home since 1936. Indeed, the ministry has been a major part of the Passaic community and continues to serve all.

In this sense, the Union Baptist Church clergy and organizers have worked passionately to build many bridges between different groups within the faith community. At the forefront of this cause has been the church's many leaders throughout its history. The first among several leaders to grace the halls of the church was Reverend O.D. Henry—who served from 1936–1942.

His work undoubtedly laid a strong foundation for the others to follow, such as Reverend T.H. Alexander—who continued his predecessor's work until 1932. Reverend Ronald W. Johnson was the next to answer God's calling, and he devoted himself to the Union Baptist Church until 2010. Indeed, the Union Baptist Church has had many leaders throughout its years. Today, it is led by Reverend Kortney L. Haigler, who has inspired many to follow the path of faith and kindness.

It gives me pride to recognize the excellence of the Union Baptist Church, as well as a deep sense of satisfaction for their service to the residents of Passaic. I am grateful to represent the Church and its congregation within the 9th Congressional District of New Jersey.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating the achievements of faith communities such as the Union Baptist Church.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, and the Union Baptist Church in celebrating their 80th Anniversary and recognizing their leadership, dedication and loyalty to serving the community.

RECOGNIZING TRI COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Tri County Community Action (TCCA) upon the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. The organization's decades of committed service have brought awareness to the issue of poverty and helped lessen its impact in Pennsylvania. Helping families to identify and achieve economic self-sufficiency has enabled TCCA to increase the standards of living for my constituents in Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry counties.

Founded in 1966 as a private, nonprofit, anti-poverty planning agency, TCCA has transformed into a dynamic organization with the mission of "creating and maximizing the resources necessary for individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency throughout a multi-county region." Over the course of the last 50 years, TCCA has evolved into a network of programs offering specialized assistance to at-risk youth, low income families, and poverty-stricken neighborhoods. Some of their services include providing credit counseling for families that are struggling financially, arranging self-sufficiency guidance, engaging with youth mentor programs, and leading neighborhood revitalization efforts. The organization strives to help those stricken by poverty and financial instability on an individual and family basis, with personalized action plans for socioeconomic advancement.

The lives of many in my district have been greatly improved by the work of TCCA since its inception 50 years ago. In 2014 alone, TCCA served 12,997 families representing 38,629 individuals across three counties. They have brought to light the root causes of poverty that otherwise may not have been exposed, and subsequently worked to empower members of our community to create better lives for themselves. Through strategic identification, TCCA works to empower existing community programs that can act as vessels for combating poverty and its consequences.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent a district that is home to such an impactful, successful, and benevolent organization. I commend Tri County Community Action for its accomplishments in improving the lives of my constituents, family by family, and I wish them all of the best in their continued efforts. No one chooses to live in poverty, and the pathway out can be painfully difficult, but the good work of organizations like theirs help families grow and see possibility, where before there was only despair.

HONORING MS. GINNY CRAVEN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Ginny Craven, founder of Operation Tango Mike, for her ongoing support for veterans, active duty troops, and her Lake County, California community.