

Ms. Craven's family has been in Lake County since the 1800's, and it's these strong Lake County roots that helped to form her impressive commitment to serving her neighbors. Ms. Craven is a retired Senior Deputy Probation Officer for Lake County, and for 14 years, she has served as a volunteer firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician with the Lucerne Fire Department.

Ms. Craven has a long history of ensuring service members, veterans and their families receive the care and services they need. For the past 13 years, she has led Operation Tango Mike, an all-volunteer non-profit organization that has sent over 16,000 care packages to troops serving overseas.

Locally, Ms. Craven serves as an honorary member on the United Veterans Council of Lake County, the Military Funeral Honors Team of Lake County, and the Pearl Harbor Survivors of Lake County. Ms. Craven serves as a liaison for local Gold Star families and Operation Homefront, and provides publicity, fundraising, and social media expertise for multiple veteran organizations. Furthermore, Ms. Craven has put her organizational talents and volunteer connections to work in California to assist her community during and after the Rocky and Valley Fires, coordinating with the U.S. Army to bring an engineer battalion to Lake County for flood prevention operations.

In recognition of her numerous contributions to her community, Ms. Craven was named as the 2007 Lake County Friend of the Veteran, the 2008 Stars of Lake County Woman of the Year, and the Grand Marshal of the Lake County Fair in 2011. For her contributions to the United States Army, Ms. Craven received the U.S. Army Freedom Team Salute in 2010, and for her dedication to community service, she received the Byron Whipple Award from the Lake County Association of Realtors in 2012.

Mr. Speaker, Ginny Craven has dedicated countless hours to improving the welfare of deployed troops, veterans, and her neighbors, and it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING HARRISON BEFFA

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Harrison Beffa of Troop 586 from St. Louis, Missouri for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. The Eagle Scout Award is the highest honor attainable in Boy Scouts. Only a small percentage of Boy Scouts reach the level of Eagle Scout, which requires years of dedicated effort.

Community service, leadership, and family values are the most important aspects of scouting, and are essential to becoming an Eagle Scout. After overcoming a difficult battle with brain tumor, Harrison grew from this struggle into the exceptional young man he is today. He is a proud American, a helpful, honorable citizen, a strong Christian, and a leader by example.

A native of Hillsboro, MO, Harrison's Eagle Scout project involved building wagons for summer campers at Camp Rainbow, a foundation that provides camping experiences free

of charge to children undergoing cancer treatment as well as to survivors. Throughout his career as a Boy Scout, Harrison has earned 25 merit badges, camped for over 76 nights, completed over 75 hours of community service, was elected into the Order of the Arrow, and served in a number of leadership roles such as Patrol Leader, Scribe, and Order of the Arrow Representative.

It is my great pleasure to congratulate Harrison Beffa on his accomplishment of becoming an Eagle Scout before the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING UPPER KUTZ BARBER
& STYLE COLLEGE

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 a remarkable business, Upper Kutz Barber & Style College.

Upper Kutz Barber & Style College maintains the philosophy that their students come to them for; education, skill development, and career advancement. They believe in equal opportunity for all students, reinforced with training. Placement assistance has helped their students to become enterprising professionals.

The school has an orderly, purposeful, businesslike atmosphere which is free from threat of physical harm. The school climate is not oppressive and is conducive to teaching and learning. The school has an atmosphere of expectation in which the staff believes and demonstrates that all students can attain mastery of the essential barber cultural skills and that they have the capability to help all students attain that mastery.

The mission of Upper Kutz Barber & Style College is to train men and women: (1) To familiarize and instruct students in the proper and most current methods in all phases of barbering; (2) To make a living in the business world; (3) To become good citizens on both local and national levels; (4) To be able to recognize problems and procedures in business and industry from the view-point of both producer and consumer; (5) To assist students in suitable job placement; (6) To provide assistance and counseling to graduates; (7) To develop self-discipline, self-reliance, and self-direction and; (8) To enter the national work force as productive individuals.

Furthermore, the school has at least 1200 square feet of floor space, composed of two separate areas: The classroom and lecture area and the clinical/lab area, where services are practiced on school patrons. The clinical area is equipped with at least 10 modern built in-stations, 10 mirrors, 10 hydraulic chairs, 3 sinks, 3 dryer chairs, a dispensing area, and a reception area. This salon environment prepares students for professional operation in the career field.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Upper Kutz Barber & Style College for its dedication to serving and giving back to the community.

HONORING DANIEL H. LOPEZ

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the President of New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NM Tech), Dr. Daniel "Dan" H. Lopez, on his retirement after serving as President for the past 23 years. Dan is a leader in education and a dedicated public servant, whose contributions to our state will last generations.

Throughout his career, Dan made serving our state his priority. Before entering academia, Dan had a long and distinguished career in public policy. He served as the Secretary of Employment and Security from January 1983 to August 1984 where he worked diligently to reduce unemployment in our state. Next, Dan served as the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration until December 1986, where he oversaw all the cabinet agency budgets. From January 1987 through March 1993, he served as the Chief of Staff of the New Mexico State Senate Finance Committee.

In July 1993, Dan became the 16th President of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology where he has served ever since. As President of a world class institution, he is responsible for overseeing roughly 2,000 students, more than 100 tenured faculty as well as 1,000 employees, and a yearly budget of approximately \$170 million. Dan has worn this responsibility well and has served as President longer than any other President in NM Tech's history.

During his tenure, NM Tech's federal funding for research programs has grown from \$20 million to over \$123 million. Additionally, Dan secured \$200 million for construction projects including the Altamirano Apartments and the Joseph A. Fidel Student Center, which will serve students for generations to come. Dan has also worked hard to recruit minority and female students to NM Tech. Before he became President, the school was only 10 percent Hispanic. Today, the Hispanic population has risen to 26 percent. Furthermore, over the past 20 years, NM Tech has witnessed a 33 percent increase in its female student population.

We need more leaders like Dan at our universities and colleges to educate and empower future leaders. John Steinbeck once said, "I have come to believe that a great teacher is a great artist and that there are as few as there are any other great artists. Teaching might even be the greatest of the arts since the medium is the human mind and spirit." Without a doubt, Dan is such a teacher.

On June 30, 2016, Dan will retire after 23 years at the helm of NM Tech. Mr. Speaker, I wish Dan all the best in retirement and know that he will stay busy working hard to help others as he always has. Dan's dedication to his community and insistence on providing the best possible educational experience for his students is a manifestation of his outstanding character and desire to serve others. His accomplishments have touched thousands and will be felt for generations to come. Congratulations Dan.

RECOGNIZING DR. SEONG-HWAN KIM UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Dr. Seong-Hwan Kim on the occasion of his retirement from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture after 43 years of dedicated service. Dr. Kim's countless contributions to preserving and fortifying the agriculture, landscape, and environment in my district and state have enabled all Pennsylvanians to enjoy a pristine natural landscape and reliable food supply for years to come. His selfless donation of time to students in my district has fostered excitement in education and laid the foundation for the next generation of scientific breakthroughs.

Dr. Kim has dedicated his life's work to botany and plant pathology, having started as a research assistant in 1965 performing fungicide evaluation at the University of Delaware. Since then, he has gone on to become an adjunct professor at The Pennsylvania State University where he works in the Department of Plant Pathology helping mold the next generation of great scientists. Dr. Kim's profound effects on the plant biology community have not gone without recognition. As a member of the American Phytopathological Society since 1965, he has received the Distinguished Service Award and held numerous advisory and chairmanship positions within the organization.

Beyond his formal positions in academia, Dr. Kim has always understood the value of community engagement. High school, undergraduate, and post-graduate students in Dauphin County have all benefited from his selfless role as a mentor and advisor in various fields of study. He has also served as an interpreter for hospitals, emergency responders, and international professional exchange programs over the years in my district and beyond. Whether volunteering in his local congregation or spending valuable time with his family, Dr. Kim's values and principles permeate all aspects of his life.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Dr. Seong-Hwan Kim for his tireless dedication and scientific excellence with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Dr. Kim's career achievements have helped shaped regulatory plant pathology into a science-based discipline that forged the foundations of nationally and internationally recognized programs. It is with gratitude and appreciation that I recognize Dr. Kim on the occasion of his retirement and wish him all the best in his next endeavor.

HONORING MR. PATRICK GARCIA

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 Mr. Patrick Garcia, who has served the citizens of Sonoma County

with distinction in various volunteer efforts since he moved to the county in 1971.

Every December, the town of Sonoma selects an Alcalde, or honorary mayor, for the year. For 2016, the city has chosen Mr. Garcia for his unflinching efforts to improve the lives of those around him, particularly those who are less fortunate. Mr. Garcia has a long list of achievements in the community. In 1972, just a year after moving to Sonoma County, he established a tutoring and mentoring program for the children of migrant farmworkers, which he operated out of an office at Sonoma State University.

Mr. Garcia also championed and helped establish a low-income housing project in Sonoma County in 1979 that was the first of its kind. The project was funded two years later by Burbank Housing, and in 1985 residents moved into 12 new homes. More recently, Mr. Garcia served as the director of the local State Historical Parks Association. He can also be found on occasion at the Basque Bakery, giving away free bread to those less fortunate in the community.

Throughout his life, Mr. Garcia has been known for aiming high and getting it done. These attributes, when paired with Mr. Garcia's passion for charity work, have made him a highly effective force for good in Sonoma County.

Mr. Garcia's charitable spirit, tireless attitude, and love for his community are all traits to be admired. Mr. Speaker, Patrick Garcia has served the Sonoma County community with dedication and compassion for over thirty years, and it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING JANE GOLDEN

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of outstanding contributions to the arts, Jane Golden, founder and executive director of the City of Philadelphia's Mural Arts Program is this year's recipient of the Pearl S. Buck International 2016 Woman of Influence Award. Established in 1978, the award honors women who, like Pearl Buck, the Nobel and Pulitzer prize-winning author and humanitarian, distinguished themselves in their career, devotion to family and pursuit of humanitarian goals. Inspired by her example and direction, the city's Mural Arts Program created more than 3,800 works of public art through collaborations with community and city agencies, non-profit organizations, schools, the private sector and philanthropies. Known nationally and internationally as an expert on urban transportation through art, Jane Golden is recognized for overseeing award-winning public art projects. She developed innovative and rigorous programs in youth art, education, restorative justice and behavioral health that have made it possible for thousands to experience the power of art. Heartiest congratulations to Jane Golden upon receipt of this prestigious award and for a distinguished career and the creative vision and spirit that made it possible.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the Illinois Association of REALTORS on their 100-year anniversary of steadfast advocacy for the real estate industry and homeowners of Illinois.

The Illinois Association of REALTORS was founded in 1916 under the principle, as declared in their mission statement, "To concern itself in all matters for the betterment and protection of real estate interests." Today, Illinois REALTORS has grown to become one of the largest trade associations in the state of Illinois representing more than 44,000 realtors. The association has significantly shaped the state's real estate industry with grassroots advocacy efforts such as the "RVOICE" program, fighting local mandates, and lobbying state legislative proposals that encourage and protect homeownership.

Their leadership and advocacy throughout Illinois has grown and become a model for other REALTOR associations in the country. Illinois REALTORS is the first to centralize the Local Governmental Affairs Director program under the state association providing professional development and resources to ensure statewide coverage. Among other accomplishments, Illinois REALTORS is credited with advocating for the first real estate license law that went into effect in 1922 and the Association continues to shape the law to best uphold industry professionalism.

The Illinois Association of REALTORS has become an important resource for realtors throughout the state of Illinois and the communities they serve. I extend my sincere congratulations to the Illinois Association of REALTORS for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions to Illinois. I hope the organization continues to grow and prosper for the next 100 years.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE NORMAN MINETA, RECIPIENT OF THE TOMODACHI AWARD

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Norman Mineta—former U.S. Secretary of Commerce and Transportation—for being honored with the prestigious Tomodachi Award from the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington in recognition of his lifelong dedication to growing and supporting the Japanese-American community.

The Japanese word "Tomodachi" translates to "friend" in English, therefore it is fitting that the award seeks to recognize individuals or groups who have, through their work, demonstrated a commitment to celebrate Japanese and Japanese-American culture and to strengthen cultural ties between the United States and Japan.