

also served as the Executive Board Member of the Anaheim Secondary Teachers Association Political Action Committee.

Mr. Shimogawa was worldly and broke down barriers for teachers in Orange County. He always said that although he loved being a teacher of history and politics, his proudest accomplishment was being the husband of Teresa Shimogawa and father of his four beloved children.

Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Mr. Shimogawa demonstrated selflessness in the way he assisted the community. His passing is a great loss for Orange County, but his passionate spirit will forever live on.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

**HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lakewood High School for winning the Division II Ohio High School Softball State Championship.

An achievement such as this certainly deserves recognition. The Ohio High School Athletic Association has enabled talented teams and individuals to earn state titles since its founding in 1907. Throughout this time, the champions of OHSAA state level competitions have represented the highest achieving and most talented athletes in Ohio. Each year these elite competitors join the ranks of those who embody Ohio's proud history of athletic success.

Lakewood's victory caps a tremendous season. This sort of achievement is earned only through many hours of practice, perspiration and hard work. They have set a new standard for future athletes to reach. Everyone at Lakewood High School can be extremely proud of their performance.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Lakewood Softball on their state championship. I wish their team continued success in their future athletic endeavors.

CONGRATULATING MITCH HERRICK ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of Mitch Herrick, who I have been privileged to work with for many years.

Mitch Herrick began his career in aviation as an air traffic controller in Albany County, NY. Since 2005, he has served as an air traffic controller at Miami Air Traffic Control Tower and Terminal Radar Approach. In addition to the substantial responsibilities of his job, Mitch has also represented the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) as its local facility vice president and legislative representative.

Mitch's career has had several notable highlights, including serving as the chair of NATCA's Realignment Committee, which works jointly with the Federal Aviation Administration to ensure that all air traffic control centers are working as efficiently as possible and serving the appropriate regions. Additionally, Mitch was the NATCA's lead representative in implementing a sweeping safety program, the Standard Terminal Automation Replacement System (STARS). Mitch worked with the FAA and Raytheon, a defense contractor, to upgrade the equipment that will keep passengers and our airspace safe.

In recognition of his invaluable contributions to the air traffic controller profession, NATCA awarded Mitch with its highest legislative awards honor, the Trish Gilbert Legislative Activism Award, in 2013.

In my work with Mitch, he has always proven to be straightforward, dependable, and honest. It is clear he has a true passion for his profession, and he has prioritized safety over politics and worked tirelessly to advance the interest of NATCA members. I am proud to be able to call Mitch a friend. I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to Mitch on his illustrious and productive career, and thank him for his service both in the United States Marine Corps and as an air traffic controller.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mitch Herrick for his tremendous service to the Miami community, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH—BOWLING GREEN, VA

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Shiloh Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Virginia on its 150th Anniversary. During its 35 years of selfless service to the Kingdom of God and to the community, this church has proven itself to be a congregation full of energy, conviction, and action.

Shiloh Baptist Church was formed in 1866 in the Bowling Green historic district located in Caroline County, Virginia. The Mattaponi Baptist Association, an association consisting of 72 local churches established to enhance fellowship, resolve issues, pool resources, and assist local churches further their mission, was formed in 1879 in Shiloh Baptist Church.

Shiloh Baptist Church, led by Pastor Rogiers, has played a pivotal role in the community for the past 150 years. Shiloh Baptist Church has drawn members, both new and old, to Bowling Green, Virginia to celebrate the life of their church; occasions such as these illustrate to us that love combined with grace and trust will always stand the test of time.

Mr. Speaker, it is with heartfelt gratitude that I congratulate Heritage Baptist Church on their 35th anniversary. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless and prosper this congregation for many years to come.

MARY MAREK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADVANCES TO NATIONAL SEAPERCH CHALLENGE

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Pearland, TX Mary Marek Elementary School Aqua Tigers, for placing third in Open Class at the National SeaPerch Challenge at Louisiana State University.

The U.S. Navy National SeaPerch Challenge is an underwater robotics competition. Mary Marek Elementary School qualified for nationals by finishing in the top seven overall teams at the regional competition. The team built and operated their own remotely-operated vehicles that function underwater and are designed to complete an obstacle course. The SeaPerch Challenge competition judges the students' underwater vehicles in poster and interview first, and then two underwater challenges follow. The first being an obstacle course and the second being an orbs challenge where the students move different sized balls into submerged containers. The students develop problem-solving, teamwork and technical skills through this competition. The Aqua Tigers were awarded 3rd Place over in Open Class and 3rd Place Obstacle Course for Open Class. We are very proud of what these bright young students have accomplished.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Mary Marek Elementary School Aqua Tigers for placing third at the National SeaPerch Challenge. We look forward to following the competition. Keep up the great work.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL JASON KATHERMAN

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 6, 2016*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Officer Michael Jason Katherman who died tragically and honorably while serving his community on June 14, 2016, at the age of 34, in San Jose, California.

Officer Katherman, was born on October 18, 1981, and attended Valley Christian High School and Simpson University in Redding, California. For 11 years he served with distinction on the San Jose Police force. For the past two years he was a well-respected motorcycle officer.

Officer Katherman was eulogized in superlatives. He was described as a moral person, a man of deep Christian values, a hero, a man willing to put others before himself, and someone who always dreamed of becoming a police officer. He was also described as an excellent athlete and a lover of ice cream.

Officer Katherman was devoted to his parents, his brother, his wife and his entire family, particularly to his sons Josh and Jason. He loved coaching them in basketball and passed on to them his love for dirt-biking and fishing. For him, they always came first.