

“Let not today be like most days” as on
bended knee we now so pray
Let us find peace,
let us find love,
let us unite for all of those Who Stand in
harm’s way above

TRIBUTE TO INDIAN ROCKS BEACH
DEPUTIES AND FIREFIGHTERS

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Indian Rocks Beach deputies and firefighters for their efforts in locating a missing girl, Emma, who was four years old.

On April 23, 2016, Indian Rock Beach City Commissioner Cookie Kennedy and her family were enjoying themselves on the beach, when a man approached them asking for help looking for a little girl named Emma who was in town to visit and who was lost. No one knew where Emma had gone, but it was not long before the whole town joined in the search for her.

The police and fire department worked tirelessly to find Emma, and with the help of the whole town, Emma was eventually found unharmed. Emma’s mother, Jennifer Lewis, is extremely grateful to all of the residents of Indian Rocks Beach, and especially, the fast response of the police and fire departments.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the residents of Indian Rocks Beach for actively responding to their call for action. I am proud to serve as the Representative for this community and request that this body join me in recognizing their heroic actions.

REMARKS HONORING MR. BRIAN
LEIGH DUNNIGAN

HON. CHRIS COLLINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. COLLINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished resident of New York’s 27th District, Mr. Brian Leigh Dunnigan. Mr. Dunnigan served as Executive Director of Old Fort Niagara from 1979 to 1996. During his 17-year tenure, he greatly improved operations and programs at the site, and conducted groundbreaking research that made the Fort a leader in historical interpretation. He researched and authored numerous books and articles on the history of the Fort and the region, setting new standards for historical accuracy. His works include the definitive history of the Siege of Fort Niagara in 1759 and seminal works on the history of the French Castle and the North and South Redoubts. He also authored the Fort’s guidebook, which is currently used as guidance for visitors to the historic site.

His proudest achievements include the creation of professional interpretive programming focused on the British occupation of the Fort in 1779, the organization of a series of special events based on events of the Fort’s history, the inception of a collections storage facility and archaeology lab, and the acquisition of the Fort’s most-prized artifact, the 1812 Garri-

son Flag. Mr. Dunnigan’s research on the Battle of la Belle Famille determined the true location of this historic engagement, which will be dedicated this year in a special ceremony. For his scholarship, leadership, and dedication to historical accuracy and authenticity, we honor him today.

REMARKS HONORING THE LIFE OF
COLONEL THOMAS SCHAEFER

HON. CHRIS COLLINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLLINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished Colonel Thomas Schaefer, an American hero. Colonel Schaefer was born in Western New York and spent much of his childhood at his parents’ cottage, “The Cottonwood,” on Honeoye Lake. Colonel Schaefer eventually joined the military and was the highest-ranking United States military officer at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran when it was seized by a group of Iranian students on November 4, 1979. During the next 444 days in captivity, Colonel Schaefer bore the brunt of the Iranian hostile actions and intimidation due to his senior position. During his captivity, his Iranian captors frequently threatened to execute him. Despite these dire conditions, Colonel Schaefer displayed tremendous leadership and bravery. Colonel Schaefer was among the last hostages to be released, finally returning to his family on January 20, 1981.

Two years after he was released from Iran, Colonel Schaefer retired from the Air Force to undertake a new mission. Described by his family as enduringly positive, Schaefer turned to a career as a motivational speaker, focusing on the importance of never giving up in the face of hardship. As a professional speaker, he spoke to more than 250,000 people about his own experiences with adversity.

Colonel Thomas Schaefer recently passed away at the age of 85 in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he has lived with his wife, Anita, for the past 30 years. His family is exceptionally proud of the thousands of lives he impacted and his actions as a leader, father, and husband. In describing how he wanted to be remembered, Schaefer remarked, “for being a good guy.” It’s safe to say he achieved his goal.

Colonel Schaefer will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. I want to thank Colonel Schaefer for his brave service to our nation, and remember the thousands of lives he has positively impacted.

HONORING CALVIN LANGEJANS ON
HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Calvin Langejans on his retirement from serving as a chorale director and music instructor in Holland, Michigan for 57 years.

Cal is well known in the Holland community because he embraced his God-given musical

talents and used them to serve those around him. In 1959, Mr. Langejans founded the Holland Chorale for which he served as director for 40 years. He also served as the music chair, the band director, and the orchestra director in West Ottawa Schools, demonstrating his commitment to students and the community by fostering young talent. Today, he continues to conduct the Evergreen Chorale, an ensemble of more than 100 voices.

Throughout his career, Cal never ceased to put his students and those in his community before himself. Many of his students remember his policy of charging \$500 if a student was found without a pencil to record instructions in their notes. The singers and musicians who performed under Mr. Langejans always appreciated his dedication to teaching the importance of knowledge, creativity, and loyalty. Cal was also able to travel and perform around the country, giving students the ability to share their talents in communities throughout the United States.

As a member of his community in West Michigan, I am one of many who thank Cal for his outstanding achievements. From his dedicated leadership in our schools to his work in Tulip Time, Mr. Langejans has had an immeasurable impact on so many lives. He will be greatly missed and I wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Calvin Langejans for his passionate teachings and service to his students and community.

TRIBUTE TO TAMPA LOWRY PARK
ZOO

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Tampa Lowry Park Zoo for celebrating their 25 years in service on June 15, 2016.

In 1991, the zoo opened up the David A. Straz, Jr. Manatee Hospital to provide for sick and wounded manatees. In the last 25 years, more than 400 of the endangered species have come through to receive treatment for boat strikes, red tide sickness, cold stress, or entanglement.

The non-profit Lowry Park Zoo hospital is one of the three federally permitted rehabilitation facilities in the state and the Zoo also serves to educate the public on how to better protect manatees.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Lowry Park Zoo for their efforts to help save and protect these endangered species. Not only do they provide exceptional care, but also an invaluable education in preserving wildlife. I ask that this body join me in recognizing and thanking them for their efforts.

CONGRATULATING AGA KHAN ON
HIS 59TH YEAR AS IMAM OF THE
ISMAILI MUSLIMS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent one of the most diverse districts in