

survey of every residence in the area, including over 3,000 documented architecturally significant homes. The association is deeply committed to community beautification, and coordinates local clean-up efforts and cares for the celebrated Deodar Cedars that were originally planted in 1922 lining Los Feliz Boulevard. In addition, the LFIA steadfastly advocates for strict enforcement of zoning and community development ordinances that limit noise pollution and traffic congestion in the Los Feliz Area.

With the straightforward goal of making the Los Feliz area in the City of Los Angeles a better place to live, this remarkable organization has made extraordinary contributions to the Los Angeles community for over 100 years.

I ask all members to join me in commending the Los Feliz Improvement Association for their unparalleled dedication to service.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF STE. GENEVIEVE

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 50th anniversary of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri's Jour de Fete. Held each August since 1966, this outdoor arts and crafts fair celebrates the city's rich heritage and honors its French and German roots.

The Jour de Fete is held in the National Historic Landmark District of Ste. Genevieve and features almost 200 arts and crafts booths, historic home tours, 25 local shops and art galleries, skill demonstrations, food, live music, beer and wine. Hundreds of visitors flock to the 2-day event each year.

As the first European settlement in Missouri, Ste. Genevieve has long been home to talented artisans and craftsmen. Its French Colonial atmosphere provides a perfect setting for the Jour de Fete, which was twice named a 'Midwest Travel Treasure' by AAA Magazine and selected as the People's Choice for 'Best Festival' by the readers of Rural Missouri Magazine.

For the innovative way they honor their heritage and enhance tourism through Jour de Fete, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the Jour de Fete Planning Committee and the City of Ste. Genevieve before the United States House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. WILLIAM LYNCH

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. William Lynch for his service to the Kings County Fire Department and to congratulate him on his retirement after thirty one years of dedicated service.

Mr. Lynch was born on August 26, 1959 in Hanford, California. After attending local schools, Mr. Lynch would go on to graduate from Hanford High School and later the Col-

lege of the Sequoias with an Associates of Arts Degree. His commitment to higher education did not stop there, as Mr. Lynch is currently attending Columbia Southern University.

Mr. Lynch's career in emergency services began in 1984 when he served as a Volunteer Firefighter for the Kings County Fire Department. In 1987, he was hired as a full-time Firefighter by the Hanford Fire Department where his hard work and dedication to emergency services would soon pay off. Due to his strong work ethic and strength of character, Mr. Lynch was promoted to Captain in 1995, Fire Marshal in 2004, and Deputy Chief in 2008. In 2011, Mr. Lynch's career culminated when he was named the Kings County Fire Chief.

During his tenure as Fire Chief, Mr. Lynch has oversaw a reorganization of the department management staff, successfully implemented an automatic aid agreement with the Hanford Fire Department, and renewed the mutual aid agreement with the Lemoore Fire Department. These accomplishments will allow the Kings County Fire Department to continue efficiently serving our community for years to come.

In his personal time, Mr. Lynch enjoys spending time with his wife, Kathleen, and their children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. William Lynch for his dedicated service to the Kings County Fire Department and to wish him well as he begins his retirement.

HONORING STATE REPRESENTATIVE KEVIN PARKER

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a good friend and public servant, State Representative Kevin Parker, who is retiring as the representative for Washington State's 6th District in the state legislature.

Kevin has represented parts of Spokane, Cheney, Medical Lake and Airway Heights in my congressional district for four terms in the state legislature. Kevin also is an entrepreneur who manages 80 employees at his six coffee shops and teaches in the Whitworth University and Gonzaga University MBA programs.

During his time in the legislature, Kevin became known as a compassionate conservative who focused on solutions to help the less fortunate in his district and around the state. He said his most memorable achievements were legislation providing temporary IDs to the homeless to enable them to find work and this year's Cancer Can't bill allowing certain cancer drugs to be included in the state's charitable pharmacy program.

Kevin also was chosen by his peers to serve as Assistant Ranking Member on the House Appropriations Committee where he was intricately involved in budget negotiations. His experiences in the private sector and in the higher education classroom as an instructor helped lead to one of the most successful and widely accepted state budgets in recent legislative history.

In May, Kevin announced that he will not seek reelection to a fifth term. He has said

that "serving the citizens of Spokane and the 6th District has truly been one of the highest honors of my life. Engaging with people and finding solutions to their problems is an abundantly rewarding occupation." He emphasized, however, that "what I do as an elected official needs to take a back seat to my role as a father and husband." I certainly understand the challenges associated with raising children as a public official, and commend Kevin for balancing his public and private responsibilities extraordinarily well.

Mr. Speaker, Kevin has said that he hopes he's remembered as a hard worker whose door was always open to anyone and any ideas. That's a model all public officials should emulate. I can say without hesitation that he has served his constituents and his community diligently and effectively. Although the legislature will miss his insight and expertise on matters important to our state, I know Kevin will carry on his service to Eastern Washington in many other ways. I wish him and his wife, Kerry, and their three children the best in the next chapter in their lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF SETH LEVENTHAL OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the tremendous work of my constituent Mr. Seth Leventhal of Sterling, Virginia. Mr. Leventhal has served his nation proudly at the Department of the Navy for over 35 years, and for this I wish to acknowledge his service.

Following the completion of his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Syracuse University, Mr. Leventhal began his civilian service to the Department of the Navy in August 1982. For the next 22 years, Mr. Leventhal worked with the Naval Seas Systems Command (NAVSEA) before taking the position of Budget Policy Officer at the Commander, Naval Installations Command (CNIC) in 2004.

He was furthermore an educator who taught numerous classes for the Navy on financial management and policy. His expertise and willingness to mentor others without a doubt positively impacted the lives of countless co-workers. More notably still, Mr. Leventhal is a recognized expert in the financial policy arena, speaking at numerous forums and publishing a weekly naval newsletter on this issue.

Mr. Leventhal has been an integral member of the Department of the Navy throughout his career, eventually being recognized in 2007 with the Assistant Secretary of the Navy award for Individual Achievement in Human Capital for his role in establishing a command-wide leadership training program at CNIC. This is a man who deserves all our thanks and gratitude for all that he has done for this great nation.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Mr. Seth Leventhal for the outstanding services he provided to the United States throughout his 35 year long career at the Department of the Navy. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.