

decade, Mr. Goldman has led the Sacramento AECOM office with an increased focus on sustainability, climate mitigation, adaptation, and community resilience. Mr. Goldman has become a leader in coordinating climate action planning documents for local jurisdictions and has furthered sustainability through his numerous environmentally conscious development plans for the Sacramento region, as well as his community-based housing and restoration projects.

Mr. Speaker, as these leaders are being recognized for their forward-thinking contributions to the Sacramento community, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the impact they have made in the Sacramento region.

TUESDAYS IN TEXAS: SUSANA
DICKINSON

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the year was 1836. To many, this year does not signify much. For Texans everywhere, 1836 shaped the course of our history and spirit.

In February of 1836, the troops of General Santa Anna invaded the Alamo where many Texians gave their lives in the struggle for independence. General Santa Anna and his troops numbered between 1,800 and 6,000 men. The 200 Texians occupying the Alamo stood ready to defend their country. All of the men in the Alamo would give their lives for Texan independence that night. General Santa Anna had ordered his men to take no prisoners.

Among the few that survived were Susana Dickinson and her daughter, Angelina. Susana Dickinson and her daughter had moved to San Antonio because her husband, Almeron Dickinson, had wanted them close to him. When the Mexican troops arrived in San Antonio, Almeron Dickinson moved his family into the Alamo. Although Susana and Angelina survived the siege of the Alamo, Almeron and the rest of the men did not.

Susana was found hiding in the powder magazine by General Juan Almonte and sent to General Santa Anna, where she found her daughter sitting on his lap. General Santa Anna released her with the condition that she go to Camp Gonzalez and warn the Texas troops that he would kill them as he had killed the men in the Alamo. However, in accordance with true Texas spirit, it is believed that instead of delivering a threat, she delivered a war cry for the Texans.

As a result of the siege and her husband's death, Susana was forced to live in poverty for years. She faced multiple unsuccessful marriages and a difficult life but her spirit remained strong. As a survivor of the Alamo, she lived to tell about the heroic fight for freedom against an oppressive and cruel dictator. The Alamo stands as a pillar of hope and is the single most significant structure in Texas history. Susana Dickinson's story of the brave, heroic men who drew a line in the sand and fought for Texas's freedom will live in the history books, reminding future generations of Texans just what this great state stands for. Her spirit and bravery will live on in Texas history.

And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. SHETAL
SHAH AND HIS EXPERTISE IN
CHILD HEALTH POLICY

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent, physician and researcher, Dr. Shetal I. Shah, MD, FAAP for his vigorous advocacy efforts in support of child and newborn health. For over 10 years, Dr. Shah has been an engaged physician-advocate in his roles as Legislative Chairman and Executive Committee member of the Long Island Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. A lifelong member of New York's Third Congressional District, Dr. Shah's medical expertise—coupled with his policy insights and practical, first-hand knowledge of how pediatric and neonatal medicine are practiced in the region—have been a vital resource for my office in interpreting child health legislation. His work has provided practice insights into how national policy will directly affect newborns, children, pediatricians and health-care systems across my congressional district and across Long Island.

Throughout my tenure in the United States Congress, Dr. Shah has volunteered his time to work with my office to increase pediatric medication safety, support pediatric stem cell research, improve rates of life-saving immunizations, expand access for children to pediatricians, and reduce the effects of gun violence and tobacco on children. His work to promote increased funding for pediatric research, international vaccination funding and healthcare for children has also been helpful to my work in Congress.

I was particularly grateful to receive Dr. Shah's assistance during the debate regarding passage of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. He was a vocal proponent of how Medicaid Expansion, partnered with Health Insurance Exchanges and the State Child Health Insurance Program—would significantly increase health care access and preventive care for children on Long Island and across the nation. These meetings helped me to critically evaluate this signature legislative achievement.

Dr. Shah has been well recognized for his advocacy efforts over the past decade and I am thankful to be able to extend my appreciation to him for his work. Dr. Shah is co-chairman of the Advocacy Committee of the Society for Pediatric Research, a selective organization consisting of the leading pediatric scientists, policy analysts and researchers in the nation. He is also an appointed member of the Pediatric Policy Council, a consortium of pediatric advocates from the leading medical organizations dedicated to child health. His work in health policy on behalf of children has been honored by the American Medical Association, the March of Dimes, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Institute for Medicine as a Professor at Columbia University. A former Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Shah is well prepared for his work. A 1996 graduate of Princeton University, Dr. Shah subsequently earned his medical degree—with honors in research—

from Cornell University Medical College. He completed a three-year residency in pediatrics at Duke University School of Medicine followed by a three-year fellowship in neonatal-perinatal medicine at New York University School of Medicine before returning to Long Island. Currently he is a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Neonatal Medicine at New York Medical College and a neonatologist at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital.

Mr. Speaker, as I prepare to leave the United States Congress, I wish to thank impactful and engaged citizens such as Dr. Shah for his work with my office on behalf of children. His expert child health care policy analysis has helped elevate and focus debate on our most important constituents—our children.

On behalf of New York's third congressional district, I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating Dr. Shetal Shah, MD FAAP and extend to him thanks on behalf of a grateful United States Congress.

REMEMBERING DAVE HUTTON

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Dave Hutton of Daufuskie Island, located in the First District of South Carolina. He died earlier this month doing what he loved—living life fully and at full speed. In this case, he was on a hunting trip with friends. He was only twenty-seven years old.

In that vein, Mark Twain once observed that the fear of death results from a fear of life, but someone whose life is well lived is prepared to die at any time. Dave was indeed an example of life robustly lived, and much of his time spent on this earth was in the service of others.

A man of large stature and spirit, his presence was one that welcomed you and that could not be ignored. As a native of Daufuskie Island, it comes as no surprise that Dave was among those who remained behind to watch over it when Hurricane Matthew hit back in October. A member of the so-called "Daufuskie 100"—the name for the number of residents who rode out the storm, he was someone that those on the island looked to as a leader. Indeed, when I last saw Dave, he was leading the cleanup effort from the driver's seat of his bulldozer.

That was par for the course for him. He couldn't help but lead. Even as a toddler, Dave encouraged his mother to give the change to charity whenever they went out to eat, an early indication that a life filled with service was to come. Dave's story is one of leading by example, one of both talking the talk and walking the walk, and I think there is a lesson that all of us can learn from within those pages.

In his memory, I would ask that we take a moment today for reflection, and pause in asking how we can live up to his example of leadership. For those of us who knew him, even in the briefest of life's moments, he will be missed. Accordingly, I want to offer my condolences to his mother, Martha, as well as to the other family and friends he leaves behind.

Daufuskie has lost one of its strongest spirits. But inasmuch as Daufuskie is a heavenly place for all who are called to its shores, I look forward to landing at the ultimate heavenly place that calls all of us one day home—and seeing him there. Dave will be more than just waiting for us. Perhaps on a shinier dozer, he will have cleared a path for islanders and non-islanders alike. He will be giving perhaps a touch too much direction and leadership—but this indeed is the Dave of Dave.

Until that reunion, Godspeed.

HONORING HARRIET SOL

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Congresswoman LOIS FRANKEL, rise today in memory of Harriet Sol, who passed away on November 20th. Her strength of character and her ever-outgoing and optimistic attitude is greatly missed by her loved ones and all who knew her.

From the man she met on a Northeast train who eventually became her husband to the many recipients of her charity work, Harriet made an impact on everyone she met.

Harriet never shied away from a new challenge to help others. Upon retirement, she and her husband Ed settled into life in Delray Beach, where her selfless efforts fundraising for the Andy Roddick Foundation for Children in Distress and for the local National Football League chapter charity earned her the “Volunteer of the Year” award at the Lakes of Delray.

As vice president of the United South County Democratic Club and an active volunteer for the Palm Beach County Democratic Club, Harriet was known as a passionate activist and outreach expert.

Harriet worked hard to better our community, and we have lost a great friend and mentor. It was an honor to have known her and to have represented her in the United States Congress.

HONORING CONTRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHANCELLOR HELEN BENJAMIN

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Congressmen MIKE THOMPSON, JERRY MCNERNEY, and ERIC SWALWELL, rise today to honor Helen Benjamin for her long commitment to the future of our youth and her belief in the power of education to improve our lives and our communities. Over the last 27 years,

Helen’s leadership has been instrumental to the vibrant academic culture of the Contra Costa Community College District, spending the past twelve years as Chancellor.

Helen was born in the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, and attended Bishop College in Texas and earned her Master’s and doctoral degrees from Texas Woman’s University. Helen began her professional career as a public school teacher before taking a position at a four-year institution and moving to a community college. Helen joined the Contra Costa Community College District in the early 1990s as the Los Medanos College Dean of Language Arts and Humanistic Studies and Related Occupations. She also participated in the inaugural class of the League for Innovation in the Community College’s Expanding Leadership Diversity program.

Helen has held several positions within the district over the years, including President of Contra Costa Community College, before becoming Chancellor in 2005. She leaves behind a legacy of passionate advocacy for higher education, cultural diversity, professional development, and expanding opportunities for the students and faculty at the district’s three main campuses of Diablo Valley College, Los Medanos College, and Contra Costa College. Helen has also been a guiding force in the expansion of the college district with a new campus in San Ramon and the consideration of a new campus in Brentwood.

Helen is highly respected throughout the Bay Area and beyond as an inspiring public servant. I, along with Congressmen MIKE THOMPSON, JERRY MCNERNEY, and ERIC SWALWELL, wish Helen and her family well in her retirement and thank her for her years of dedicated service to those seeking to improve their lives through education.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF ESPERANZA WORLEY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the deep and selfless commitment of a public servant who holds a special place in my heart. 2016 will mark the final year that Esperanza Worley works in my District office. We share that, a deep love for Dallas. I have known her since before I was elected into office, and she has worked on our team every single day of my Congressional career. Though my team and the constituents of Texas’ 30th District will lose an exceptional and caring advocate, they will gain a friend who will be rightfully enjoying some much-deserved retirement.

Her attention to detail and warm demeanor have made her an excellent congressional staffer, but an even better friend to all of us. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the selfless

dedication Esperanza Worley has given to the people she has worked with and for in Dallas and beyond. For this she deserves our utmost respect, admiration, and praise—though her humility will likely not allow her to accept it. But more than anything, I want to show how much we like her, and wish her the best.

ANNE OTTERSON

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, San Diego recently lost a giant presence in our community with the passing of Anne Otterson.

Anne was a beloved part of San Diego, and she concentrated so much of her life to giving back. Through her work as an activist and philanthropist with Project Concern International (PCI) and the University of California San Diego, she left behind an enormous impact on the community.

A former Fulbright scholar, she was very quick and intelligent, but in a way that was inclusive and encouraging of those around her. Anne had an ability to bring people in. She was always listening and wanted to learn about other people’s experiences.

She had a dedication to helping her community and used her resources and talents to do just that. Anne was a celebrated chef and teacher at the local culinary school Perfect Pan School of Cooking. She took that passion to the next level and used it for the good of others by establishing the annual Celebrity Chefs Cook Gala in 1981—this event has gone on for decades and has raised over \$9 million for cancer research and care at UCSD’s Moores Cancer Centers.

Anne had a wonderful sense of humor, she was engaging, and had a presence that made people feel good. People just liked being around her.

I was lucky enough to have spent time with Anne, and what always struck me about her was her strong sense of service. Her genuine interest was advancing PCI’s mission: spreading women’s empowerment, democracy and creating opportunity.

Of all her many accomplishments, Anne considered her children and grandchildren to be her greatest achievements. She leaves behind a proud legacy.

I also love what she described as her philosophy of life—I think it spells out the way she saw the world and how we can all learn from her. Anne said, “Laugh at yourself, be curious and care about others, and listen to the world about you—whether it is the babbling brook, the melodious sounds of a flute, or the plaintive cry of oppressed people.”

These are the words that Anne Otterson lived by and they are an inspiration that lives on.