

friend, whose depth of commitment to improving the San Joaquin Valley can be matched only by his depth of commitment to those he loved.

Born on April 21st, 1921 to Jesse Areias and Genevieve Silva Areias, John J. Areias was a first generation Portuguese-American from Volta, California. His family moved from Portugal's Azore Islands to California to begin a dairy, and to support a family. John's father put \$10 down on 640 acres of land in western Merced County, where John spent much of his youth learning how to be a dairyman alongside his eight siblings. He was the valedictorian of Volta elementary, and moved on to graduate from Los Banos high school in 1940.

John had an insatiable hunger for community involvement, which began with his high school's student government, and the Future Farmers of America. His leadership position in the FFA granted him many opportunities early on, one of which called on him to present cattle at the California State Fair. This is also where he would meet the love of his life, Mary, whom he married shortly thereafter. John and his brother Jesse then moved on to begin their own dairy, which quickly became the first grade A dairy in the Los Banos Dairy-men's Association. Eventually their dairy became one of the biggest and most successful in California, but they never lost sight of the role family should play in their business. John's children played the same part that he did when he was younger, lending a hand in day to day dairy operations to support the family business.

John was also very politically connected with Central California Democratic circles. He served as Chairman of the Merced County Democratic Central Committee and had been a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1960, where John F. Kennedy earned the nomination of his party as candidate for President of the United States. John was also a devout Catholic, serving as the Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus.

John is survived by his four children, Marcia, Lucia, Kathleen, and Rusty, all of whom left John immensely proud of their success. He is also succeeded by his five grandchildren, Eva, Nina, Bianca, Alexis, and Austin.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate John Areias Sr.'s life for his outstanding character as an entrepreneur, public servant, family man, and friend. His life is a testament to the power of the American dream, and the joy that can accompany it. He was a powerful role model for the people of the Central Valley, and will be deeply missed by everyone that had the pleasure of knowing him. I join John's family in honoring his life, and love for our community.

HONORING THE CONNECTICUT
MENTAL HEALTH CENTER ON
THE OCCASION OF THEIR 50TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with my sincere thanks and appreciation that I rise today to join the many who have gathered to

mark the 50th Anniversary of the Connecticut Mental Health Center—a remarkable milestone for this exceptional institution.

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy signed into law the Community Mental Health Act, a pioneering piece of legislation that sought to transform the way in which we, as a society, approached mental health treatment. It was from this legislation that the Connecticut Mental Health Center, a unique partnership between the State of Connecticut and Yale University, was inspired and conceived. Opening its doors in 1966, CMHC has been an invaluable resource to our community for half a century, not only as a service provider but as a leader in research, education, and community.

Each year, more than five thousand of our most vulnerable citizens count on the Center for comprehensive clinical, addiction, and rehabilitative services. For fifty years, the Connecticut Mental Health Center has been transforming the lives of those with mental illness and addiction issues by providing a safe space where they can find the services they need to live, work, learn, and participate fully in their community.

Their outreach programs for the homeless, those who are at serious risk for mental illness, or involved with the criminal justice system have helped to ensure that those most at risk are able to find the care they need. CMHC's community education programs have helped community leaders better understand mental illness and addiction and their professional education programs have trained hundreds in Psychiatry, Neuropharmacology, Psychology, Psychiatric Nursing, as well as Pastoral and Social Work. In addition, CMHC is a national leader in cutting-edge research and innovation.

CMHC's mission statement concludes with a message to which they have strived for fifty years: "Continued success means transforming our systems of care to be suitable to the new environment, while preserving our fundamental commitment to excellent culturally sensitive, clinical, rehabilitative, and preventative services, linked to nationally recognized research and educational programs." It is their dedication to continually ensuring that the care they are providing is meeting the changing needs of their clients and community that has been their greatest gift.

I have had the privilege to work with the Connecticut Mental Health Center on a variety of issues over my tenure in Congress and have always been in awe of the outstanding work that they do. Today, as administrators, staff, supporters, and community leaders gather to mark this golden milestone, I am honored to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Connecticut Mental Health Center on their 50th Anniversary. I have no doubt that they will continue their invaluable work for many more years to come.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL E. SCHICKLER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paul E. Schickler, President of DuPont Pioneer, ahead of his retirement on January 1, 2017. Paul began his ten-

ure with Pioneer as an accountant back in 1974. His 42 years of dedicated service has produced enduring success, and with his leadership, the company has experienced some of its most prosperous and successful years of operation.

Paul joined Pioneer after receiving an undergraduate degree from Drake University. He displayed a tireless work ethic as he pursued his MBA while working full-time at Pioneer. It was apparent from the start that he was destined for excellence within the company. Throughout his years at Pioneer, Paul has served in a number of roles, including: Controller; Vice President of Human Resources, Learning and Development, Communications and Real Estate Management; Vice President, Director, Latin America Operations, later expanding to include Mexico and Africa; Vice President, International Operations; Agriculture and Nutrition Business Development Director; and finally, in 2007, DuPont Vice President and the 11th President of Pioneer.

Paul's commitment to global agriculture and the fight against world hunger goes even beyond his work at Pioneer. He and his wife Claudia have used their own personal success to benefit the World Food Prize, donating resources to expand the foundation's Global Youth Institute to every Iowa high school. For the last several years Paul has shared his vision for global agriculture with the delegation of youth in attendance of the World Food Prize Week.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Paul on his upcoming retirement. He will now be able to spend his well-deserved time off sharing his love of golfing and skiing with his daughters, their husbands, and six grandchildren. It is with great honor that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in recognizing Paul's accomplishments and service and in wishing him and his family nothing but the best.

CHARITY DOES NOT COME FROM
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, the best, most effective charity does not come from government agencies, which mainly help those who work for the agencies. The best, kindest charity comes from one individual helping another. I often tell young people to try to pull themselves away from their very addictive screens (computer, iPads, television) and go out and help a live human being. Their lives will mean more if they do. That is why I was so impressed by Bob Hunt's column in the November 25 Knoxville News-Sentinel by the work started by Christine Maentz, and carried on now by her, her husband Scott, and others helping feed Knoxville's homeless. I would like to call this column to the attention of my colleagues and other readers.

DROPS OF CHARITY BETTER THAN DROUGHT

(By Bob Hunt)

"In the first centuries of Christianity, the hungry were fed at a personal sacrifice, the naked were clothed at a personal sacrifice, the homeless were sheltered at a personal

sacrifice. And because the poor were fed, clothed and sheltered at a personal sacrifice, the pagans used to say about the Christians 'See how they love each other.'

"In our own day the poor are no longer fed, clothed and sheltered at a personal sacrifice, but at the expense of the taxpayers. And because the poor are no longer fed, clothed and sheltered, the pagans say about the Christians 'See how they pass the buck.'"—Feeding the Poor at a Sacrifice, by Peter Maurin (1877-1949)

Peter Maurin was a Catholic philosopher in the tradition of Christian personalism. He, along with Dorothy Day, founded the Catholic Worker movement, which today is represented by over 200 houses of hospitality that offer food, clothing and shelter to the poor. Not willing to wait for the government or church to organize official relief efforts, Maurin believed that it was the personal responsibility of Christians to commit themselves to serving those in need by way of personal sacrifice through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Maurin pointed to St. Francis of Assisi as the inspiration for Christian personalism. Today, another Francis is inspiring many with his message that the Church is a field hospital for the wounded, and that Christians must leave the confines of the church building and, "go outside and look for people where they live, where they suffer, and where they hope."

Christine Maentz saw a need last December. She was concerned that the poor who often gather under the bridge at Broadway and Magnolia would have nothing to eat on Christmas. She convinced her husband, Scott, to make dozens of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with her and take them downtown. They passed them out to the homeless under the bridge while a rainstorm poured down around them. Christine and Scott have been back every month since, now bringing bunches of friends with them along with items of clothing and hygiene packs, in what they call their Bridge Ministry. It's an example of Christian personalism. The Maentz' didn't ask permission from their pastor or the City Council. The money spent in the effort was their own. They saw the need, took personal responsibility and made a personal sacrifice to meet it. Will it solve all the problems of the homeless? No. Will it feed every hungry person in the city? No. But, it's a drop.

A journalist once asked Mother Teresa, "Mother, all that you do here amounts to nothing more than a drop in the bucket. Why do you bother?" Mother replied, "It's a drop." The question to ask, I think, isn't, "Why bother?" The question to ask is, "Where are all the other drops? Why isn't that bucket full yet? Where's your drop? Where's mine?"

Christine and Scott Maentz, and the others who now join them, offer their drops. They would like to eventually expand the Bridge Ministry to every Saturday. But, that will require more people willing to offer their drops. There are other needs in the city waiting to be filled, waiting for others to offer their drops. The bucket is very large. But, each drop is one more drop toward filling that bucket. Perhaps another rainstorm can be started. It all begins with one person taking personal responsibility and making a personal sacrifice. So, what's your Saturday look like?

HONORING CRAIG RAPPOPORT

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of our community, Craig Rappoport, who is also being recognized by the Northeast Jewish Center at their Annual Gala Dinner Dance.

Craig was born in the Bronx in 1966 to Herman and Shirley Rappoport. The family quickly moved to Yonkers and he has lived at his house on Minerva Drive since he was a year old. Craig attended Westchester Day School and attended high school at Mesivta Ohr Torah. He majored in both accounting and economics at Queens College and graduated Magna Cum laude with an award for highest grade point average in economics. He worked for the CPA firm Miller Ellin & Co. located in Manhattan until 1995.

Craig and his family joined Midchester Jewish Center when Craig was a youngster, and they quickly became active members. Craig later joined and was very active in the newly formed Yonkers Orthodox Minyan in 1989.

In 2005, Craig came to Northeast Jewish Center and continued his active involvement. He first served as finance committee chair and then Vice President, in addition to a 2 year stint as housing committee chair. Craig then became Treasurer of the Men's Club and then Treasurer of the Synagogue. He is still instrumental in the synagogue's finances today and helps run the office. He maintains the synagogue's mailing list of members and nonmembers and updates the yahrtzeit lists, and he helps chair the Book of Remembrance and New Years' Greetings fundraisers.

Craig is also very active in other aspects of the synagogue's operations. He helps prepare for the high holidays by selling seats, helping to set up for the services, ushering at the services, and he even buys the wine and grape juice for the weekly kiddush and davens pesukei d'zimrah on Shabbat mornings.

It is no surprise why Craig has been selected as one of two honorees this year by the Center, as he has made so many tremendous contributions to its community. It is an honor to present Craig Rappoport with a CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and I wish to congratulate him on receiving this wonderful recognition. He is certainly most deserving of this great honor.

HONORING THE CAREER OF SERGEANT JIM PACHECO

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and achievements of Sergeant Jim Pacheco in honor of his retirement from the Merced County Sheriff's Department. Jim Pacheco's wide ranging engagements in law enforcement have provided the Merced Sheriff's Department with a well-rounded law enforcement officer that will be deeply missed by those who had the pleasure to serve by his side.

Sergeant Pacheco has served for the Merced Sheriff's Department for nearly 30

years. He was first hired as a reserve deputy sheriff in 1987, and was sworn in as a deputy sheriff only two years later in 1989. He then served for 14 years until he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2003. During the progression of his career, Sergeant Pacheco had a wide sampling of the many duties performed by the Merced Sheriff's Department. From the Sheriff's Dive Team, to numerous narcotics task forces, and as a SWAT negotiator, Jim Pacheco has served in many capacities to ensure public safety.

In 1999, Sergeant Pacheco was recognized with the Officer of the Year award. His colleagues overwhelmingly recall his willingness to rise above the call of duty to serve his community well beyond the normal scope of expectations. Jim Pacheco's heroism has been resoundingly felt and heard by the people of Merced County, and we hope that his retirement can bring him the solace and relaxation that he has so rightly earned.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sergeant Jim Pacheco's career in the Merced Sheriff's Department over the course of the last 30 years. The retirement of distinguished officers like Sergeant Pacheco leave a tangibly positive mark on law enforcement agencies that can be seen and felt by communities in both the immediate, and future. We honor Jim Pacheco's commitment to the County of Merced, and hope that future law enforcement agents can take reference from such a fine officer's career.

H. CON. RES. 165

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the House of Representatives passed unanimously H. Con. Res. 165, a resolution reaffirming the longstanding United States policy in support of a bilaterally-negotiated settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and our continued opposition to United Nations Security Council resolutions imposing a solution to the conflict.

To be clear, though only the parties themselves can agree to end the conflict, the United States has engaged in efforts to create better conditions for peace, beyond bilateral negotiations. The United Nations Security Council has also played a useful role in acknowledging harmful actions, rhetoric or policies of both parties to the conflict. The December 2000 parameters under President Bill Clinton, the 2002 Road Map under President George W. Bush and the United Nations Security Council non-binding resolutions 242 and 338 all provided suggestions for bridging differences between the parties, without imposing a solution to the conflict.

There is a nuanced role for the international community to play in fostering the context for peace and enabling the parties to directly negotiate a two-state solution. We should not lose sight of this critical objective.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all