

Research Division, Personnel and Wellness, and the CMS Healthcare Innovation Grant. During her time as assistant fire chief, the department received numerous health care innovation awards and built five new fire stations.

Mary is a tremendous leader who works well with rank and file members, other city departments, and community groups. Her work is a testament to her dedication to her fellow firefighters, emergency personnel, and the State of Arizona. We are lucky she will continue to serve our community as fire chief.

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IN HONOR OF SHERIFF EARL  
BUTLER

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 12, 2016*

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Earl "Moose" Butler for his 22 years of service as Sheriff of Cumberland County, North Carolina.

Growing up in Cumberland County, Sheriff Butler has always had a profound sense of duty to his community and fellow man. In 1964, he began his career of public service as a teacher, followed by his service as a probation and parole officer for the state. He remained at his post at N.C. Probation and Parole until 1994 when he was first elected as Sheriff of Cumberland County.

Throughout his career, Sheriff Butler has exhibited his deep dedication to this community and we are fortunate to have had him as a

leader for all these years. Among his accomplishments during his time in office was earning the designation as an accredited office by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. This distinction recognizes departments that have established professional standards and policies that help promote accountability to the community they protect. Cumberland County was one of the first two sheriff's offices in the state to earn this title.

Aside from his professional career, Sheriff Butler has remained an active member of the community, volunteering his time to give back to others. He is a member of several civic organizations, including Masons, and hosts the annual "Shop with the Sheriff" event that seeks to assist families in need during the holidays. It is my hope that Sheriff Butler will enjoy his retirement and remain a role model for all of those he has helped over the years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me today in honoring the career of Sheriff Earl "Moose" Butler for his service to our community and wishing him well as he begins the next chapter of his life in retirement.

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CONGRESSMAN MIKE HONDA

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 12, 2016*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and honor a truly dedicated public servant and friend, Congressman MIKE HONDA.

As a passionate and tireless leader, Congressman HONDA has spent the last 15 years as an active representative for California's 17th district.

Raised in an internment camp, Congressman HONDA has witnessed firsthand the dangers of hate, fear, and injustice. Through these experiences, he has dedicated his life to protecting those who are underrepresented and advocating for global peace and security.

Before coming to Congress, Congressman HONDA served in the Peace Corps and was a dedicated teacher and principal to all students.

Congressman HONDA has never shied away from what is right and what is just. As a long-time champion for LGBT rights, he has fought to ensure equal rights for all. His courage reminds us all of what it means to truly represent the people of America, no matter where they come from or who they love.

I know that Congressman HONDA will be missed in his district, in the California Delegation, and throughout the halls of Congress.

He has served his district with heart and pride each and every day.

I hope that as we begin our next Congress, we work to protect the progress that Congressman HONDA has made and provide patience, kindness, and care as he did.

Thank you, Representative HONDA, for your work to advance our shared progressive values and for your friendship.

I look forward to preserving and continuing your work in the upcoming years.