

Ron's credit union career includes 23 years in senior management at Point Mugu Federal Credit Union (now Premier America CU) in Ventura, 19 of those as president and CEO. Since 2004, he has served as CEO of California Credit Union.

Ron has been a leader amongst his peers. He has served on the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Board of Directors and its Governmental Affairs Committee. He has also served on the California Credit Union League Board of Directors, where he served as board chairman and chairman of the Government Relations Committee. In these roles he helped shape the policy agenda for credit unions in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. and was called upon to testify on behalf of credit unions before the California Senate and Assembly.

In the days before credit unions were allowed to provide checking accounts, Ron participated in the National Credit Union Administration's (NCUA) pilot share draft program, which created the first checking accounts for credit union members. In 1979, Congress authorized credit unions to experiment with share drafts for a three-month period. Shortly after the successful pilot program began, the American Bankers Association sued NCUA arguing that it was illegal for credit unions to provide something that was so similar to a checking account. In 1978, a district court ruled that under the Federal Credit Union Act, the NCUA could authorize credit unions to offer share drafts. This new program became an instant success among credit union members.

From 1980 through 1982, Ron was part of the California Credit Union League's ATM Task Force. At the time, most credit unions did not have an ATM. Ron was part of the steering committee that developed the idea of creating a nationwide ATM network for credit unions, which ultimately led to the formation of the CO-OP Financial Services system and later into shared branching. Ron was actively involved in developing the corporate structure for CO-OP and helped shepherd the idea through its first turbulent (and unprofitable) years.

During the mid-1990s, the banking industry coordinated an attack on the community charter model of service for credit unions. At the time, Ron was CEO of Point Mugu Federal Credit Union. When the Navy dramatically reduced its operations at Point Mugu, the credit union's existence was threatened. Through Ron's leadership, Point Mugu decided to expand and become more of a community charter credit union to serve the needs of consumers throughout Ventura County. When the NCUA approved this expansion, the banking industry sued the NCUA. This lawsuit, along with a similar lawsuit filed by banks against the NCUA and AT&T Family Federal Credit Union, culminated in a Supreme Court decision that would have drastically limited consumer access to credit unions.

Ron worked tirelessly with the California League, CUNA, and the NCUA to develop a legislative solution. He was active in public and private advocacy on behalf of credit unions that relied on the existence of a robust community charter model. Ultimately, the efforts of Ron and others resulted in the enactment of the Credit Union Membership Access Act of 1998. It is not an exaggeration to say that this single piece of legislation saved the community charter model and has provided access to credit union services for millions of

consumers and allowed hundreds of credit unions to thrive throughout the country.

For his accomplishments and contributions to the credit union system, Ron received the League's Distinguished Service Award in 1999. For his advocacy efforts throughout the years, he received the League's Advocacy Lifetime Award in 2016.

In his community, Ron served for several years on the board of Cal Lutheran University's Alumni Association including one term as president. He also served on the University's Board of Regents, where his responsibilities included assignments on the Administration and Finance Committee; the Investment Committee that oversees the University's endowment; and on the Audit Committee. He was chairman of the Credit Unions for Kids Advisory Board for Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

Ron is an excellent ambassador for the credit union movement. I have enjoyed my many conversations with Ron over the years about how credit unions can better serve individuals and small businesses. I am pleased to join my friends and constituents in the credit union system in congratulating Ron McDaniel on his years of service and dedication to America's credit unions.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 27, 2017*

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, on February 27 through March 2, 2017, circumstances beyond my control necessitated my absence from the House and I, therefore, am requesting a leave of absence.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JUAN ORTIZ' PUBLIC SERVICE

#### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 27, 2017*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Juan Ortiz, who is leaving the City of Fort Worth after 18 years of service to assume a new position with the City of Austin. After graduating from the University of North Texas with a degree in Emergency Administration and Disaster Planning, he began his career as a Fort Worth Emergency Management Officer. After four years, he was hired as Emergency Management Coordinator with the City of Corpus Christi. Ortiz returned to Fort Worth in 2003 as Emergency Management Coordinator where he coordinates and supervises emergency management and homeland security operations during natural or man-made emergencies and disasters. One of his primary duties is overseeing a joint city and county Emergency Operations Center (EOC). He coordinated EOC operations in response to multiple natural disasters and large scale public events including Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, 2011's record setting winter storm and Super Bowl XLV. In addition to EOC operations, Mr. Ortiz coordinated all of the City of Fort Worth's operations in response to Hurricanes Gustav and Ike in 2008.

In his position, Mr. Ortiz has demonstrated a level of professionalism and expertise in emergency management that he has graciously shared with colleagues across the State of Texas and nationally. In 2001, he was recognized by the University of North Texas as a distinguished alumni for his contributions to the emergency management profession. Mr. Ortiz also faithfully served his country for 28 years in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves, retiring in 2015 as a Chief Petty Officer.

Mr. Ortiz has served on several committees and advisory groups including the National Academy of Science Earth and Life Studies Disaster Roundtable, National Research Council's Committee on Disaster Research in the Social Sciences, Center for Biosecurity of UPMC Nuclear Resilience Expert Advisory Group, the North Central Texas Council of Government Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee, the Dallas/Fort Worth/Arlington Urban Area Security Initiative, Texas Coastal Advisory Team, and as Co-Chair of the Dallas-Fort Worth Collaborative Adaptive Sensing of the Atmosphere Radar Test Bed. He served as Chair of the Tarrant County Local Emergency Planning Committee for the last 6 years. He currently serves as a member of the State of Texas Emergency Management Performance Grant Steering Committee and as chair of the State of Texas Evacuation Transportation Network Working Group.

I would like to express my appreciation to Juan Ortiz for his many years of exemplary public service and extend best wishes as he begins a new chapter in his profession.

#### TRIBUTE TO ALL-TIME SCORING LEADER FOR MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TORI JANKOSKA

#### HON. JOHN R. MOOLENAAR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 27, 2017*

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Mr. Speaker, today, I, along with Representative BISHOP pay tribute to Tori Jankoska, the all-time scoring leader for Michigan State University Women's Basketball.

Tori was born and raised in Freeland, where she grew up with a passion for competition. As a young girl, Tori was unable to compete with her peers. She grew up with asthma and other illnesses that kept her from playing with the other kids. Through her own perseverance, she was able to play with her siblings and her passion for sports started to grow. As a student at Freeland High School, Tori raised the bar for her own team and her competitors. It wasn't long before her talent was noticed by the coaches at MSU.

When starting her basketball career at MSU, Tori knew that was where she wanted to be. She also knew that she had a chance to do something great. Regarded by her coaches as having the highest basketball IQ on the court, Tori has proven her acumen time and again. Now, as the all-time point leader for MSU, she has written her own legacy into the record book as one of the best college women's basketball players of all time.

Tori has overcome obstacles and excelled at the highest level of competition. On behalf

of the Fourth & Eighth Congressional Districts of Michigan, we are honored today to recognize Tori Jankoska for her lifetime of work on and off the court and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

**MICHELLE ESTRADA RECEIVES  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE-EDUCATION  
AWARD FROM THE VVC  
FOUNDATION**

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 27, 2017*

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Michelle Estrada who will be presented the Distinguished Service-Education Award from the Victor Valley College Foundation on February 25, 2017.

Michelle Estrada was nominated for this award because of her dedication to her students and staff at Hesperia High School. Ms. Estrada provides a one of a kind Early College Academy that allows students to receive college credit while attending Hesperia High School. The Early College Academy provides students with technical skills that enable them to become specialists before they graduate. Ms. Estrada is passionate about helping students who lack the support to succeed and is a pillar at Hesperia High School for students to strive towards success.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I would like to thank Michelle Estrada for her tireless work and dedication to the students of Victor Valley. I congratulate Michelle Estrada on receiving the Distinguished Service-Education Award from the Victor Valley College Foundation.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE 26TH  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S  
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 27, 2017*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our heroes in blue who serve and protect the North Texas community. The exemplary members of our law enforcement put their lives on the line daily to ensure the safety of our citizens and deserve all of the respect and honor that our nation has to offer.

With 135 law enforcement officers lost in 2016 alone, the sacrifices made by these selfless men and women to ensure our safety are more apparent now than ever before. These tragic losses were felt even closer to home when five officers were lost in Dallas just six months ago.

I want to express my sincerest gratitude to Police Chiefs Reim, Tackett, Bruce, Wilson, Hargis, Carolla, Kerbow, Perdue, Kowalski, Amyx, Coulon, Watson, Sadler, Johnson, Reynolds, Pauley, Payne, Harrison, Henley, Brooks, Edland, Genova, Howell, Blount, Walthall, Patrick, Fitzgerald, Fowler and

Kancel; to Denton County Constable Hammons, Truitt, Raburn, Burch and Boydston; and Tarrant County Sheriff Bill Waybourn and Denton County Sheriff Tracy Murphee.

The leadership exhibited by these law enforcement officers and their service to the 26th District of Texas is invaluable and it is my privilege to recognize such an outstanding group.

**REV. PATRICIA BRUGER**

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 27, 2017*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the outstanding achievements of Rev. Patricia Brugger, her contributions to CUMAC and all those in need.

Patricia has a Master of Divinity degree with over 25 years of experience in social and civic ministries. She is an ordained Elder of The United Methodist Church, a certified Mentor for the Board of Ordained Ministry, a certified counselor for the Clergy Partnership on Domestic Violence, and a member of the Bishop's Task Force on Urban Minorities.

Prior to attending seminary and coming to CUMAC, Patricia worked for the Girl Scouts of America and was a public school teacher. She is a committed social servant dedicated to the eradication of hunger and poverty through direct source and broad advocacy efforts. She was a founding member of, and remains active in the Emergency Food Coalition of Passaic County (newly operating as a CUMAC program), the NJ statewide Anti-Hunger Coalition, and the Paterson Alliance. Pat has been a leading voice for her community, advocating for hunger to be addressed in the state budget, as well as rallying support for SNAP benefits and Breakfast after the Bell, to feed hungry students so that they can have a proper education.

Patricia has been the Executive Director of CUMAC for over 26 years. She has led the organization through a tremendous period of growth from operating out of an abandoned church to purchasing its own 28,000 square foot facility and from a small food pantry to a multiservice agency serving over 40,000 people in need every year, providing food assistance, disaster relief, job training, supportive housing, and hope to a community facing pervasive poverty.

Patricia's forward-thinking and leadership abilities has encouraged and inspired staff and volunteers to partake in CUMAC's mission of taking care of others. She has raised awareness about pervasive poverty through this organization, and strives to fulfill the needs of people who do not have the adequate resources to function in their daily lives. She has worked closely with other feeding programs throughout Passaic County and northern New Jersey to bring about change in the community, and to assist in eradicating poverty.

Through a lifetime of service and leadership, she has aided, encouraged and inspired many. Her vision and strength have had a profound impact on the movement to fight hun-

ger, poverty and injustice in Passaic County and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, family and friends, all those whose lives she has touched, and me, in recognizing the work of Rev. Patricia Brugger and her strong desire to help those in need across the world.

**IN RECOGNITION OF COLONEL  
JAMES J. KEEFE**

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 27, 2017*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Colonel James J. Keefe on his promotion to the rank of Brigadier General and his assignment as Assistant Adjutant General for Air at the Massachusetts Air National Guard at the Joint Force Headquarters at Hansom Air Force Base. He has dedicated his life to the defense of our country and I would like to take the time to express my gratitude to him.

Jim Keefe has been a constituent of mine throughout my tenure in Congress as a resident of Northampton and Southhampton, Massachusetts. He graduated from Norwich University in Vermont and was commissioned into the United States Air Force in 1987. During his time in the active Air Force, Colonel Keefe proved to be an effective F-16 Fighting Falcon pilot and instructor at bases in Florida, Georgia, and Washington, DC. In May of 1999, Colonel Keefe returned home and joined the Massachusetts Air National Guard at Barnes Air National Guard Base in Westfield, Massachusetts. In the course of his service, Colonel Keefe has flown in over 3400 flying hours, as well as 330 hours of combat in missions Operation Southern Watch, Operation Northern Watch, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Noble Eagle. In addition to his pilot duties, Colonel Keefe has served as Flight Commander, Squadron Commander, and Vice Commander at the 104th Fighter Wing. Since 2013, he has faithfully served as Wing Commander of the 104th, where he is charged with directing over a thousand military and civilian personnel in support of the wing's mission to defend against any air threat to the homeland.

Throughout his career, Colonel Keefe has been recognized many times for outstanding service to this nation. These awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Combat Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal to just name a few. Needless to say, Colonel Keefe has been an asset to the Air Force and the Air National Guard for decades.

Mr. Speaker, as Colonel Keefe moves onto the next step in his career and continues to serve the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and his country, I want to thank him for his service. Barnes Air National Guard Base has been the example all Air National Guard bases look to in terms of excellence. That is partly in part to the exemplary leadership that Colonel Keefe has brought to Barnes. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.