

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