

In 2008, LHA rebranded as Metro West Housing Solutions to reflect its evolving mission. Today, MWHS remains a fiscally responsible, well respected non-profit and is known locally and nationally for its housing and service delivery. Current projects include the City-Scape at Belmar, Lamar Station Crossing and 5800 W. Alameda.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Metro West Housing Solutions for this well-deserved recognition from the Jeffco EDC.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE JOHN GILCREST O'ROURKE

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of the Honorable John Gilcrest O'Rourke, a former judge and active member of the community in Hanford, California, who sadly passed away on March 9, 2017 at the age of 82.

Mr. O'Rourke was born January 11, 1935 in Hanford, California. After graduating from Lemoore High School, he went on to attend the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. While a student at Notre Dame, Mr. O'Rourke met his wife, Joan, and the couple married January 3, 1959. The couple had five children, Peggy, John, Katie, Ellen, and Thomas.

In 1956, after graduating from the University of Notre Dame, Mr. O'Rourke was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. While in the U.S. Navy, he served as a Fuel Quality Control Officer in Guam, sailed on a destroyer in the Pacific during Eniwetok atomic testing, and conducted patrol operations in the Strait of Formosa in Taiwan. After twenty-seven dedicated years of service, Mr. O'Rourke retired from the U.S. Navy as Captain, U.S. Navy Reserves.

John's successful legal career began at the University of California Hastings College of Law, San Francisco in 1960. He was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1965 and began his law practice as an attorney with Clawson and Jennings in Hanford and Lemoore. He was appointed and elected District Attorney, County of Kings in 1966, and served until 1979. Mr. O'Rourke left his judgeship to serve in private practice until 1985, when he was later sworn in as a Judge of the Municipal Court for the County of Kings. He was later sworn in as a judge in the Superior Court in 2001 for the county and state. While serving as a Judge, Mr. O'Rourke was known for his strong belief in the law, the Constitution and personal responsibility. In 2003, he retired the only way he knew how, and immediately began participating in the California Retired Judge Program, having last sat on the bench in December of 2016.

John was truly a staple of the community and was known for his visibility and activity in Hanford. He felt his status as a judge gave him a greater obligation to give back to his community, and he was often seen scrubbing pots, making pancakes, and cleaning up at events and fundraisers. John held leadership positions across the community, where he was a Minister and lector for St. Brigid's Parish, a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, a

Rotarian, school parent volunteer for McCarthy School, Hanford High volunteer, and a member of the YMCA Board, among many others. Despite his many great achievements and long list of volunteer work, above all Mr. O'Rourke was known for being humble.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life and achievements of Mr. John Gilcrest O'Rourke. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER MARINE CORPS FIRST LIEUTENANT (1LT) THERREL SHANE CHILDERS

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Marine Corps First Lieutenant (1LT) Therrel Shane Childers who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation on March 21, 2003, during Operation Iraqi Freedom III. 1LT Childers was killed during an assault on a pumping station in Iraq. He was the first American casualty in Operation Iraqi Freedom III.

1LT Childers grew up in a military family in Harrison County, Mississippi. After high school, 1LT Childers enrolled in the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. Seven months after his death, a memorial service and parade were held there. 1LT Childers' family members donated money from the Shane Childers Memorial Fund to the university that day.

1LT Childers was described as a born leader. 1LT Childers also served in the 1991 Gulf War. At the time of his death, 1LT Childers was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California.

1LT Childers devoted his life to the defense of our country. His leadership on the battlefield will always be remembered.

FIREARM RISK PROTECTION ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce the Firearm Risk Protection Act, innovative legislation to promote safe gun ownership I first introduced in 2013.

Too often, our communities are left looking for answers after horrific tragedies inflicted with dangerous firearms. Every day, 48 children and teens die from gun violence, and too often because of preventable accidents.

A requirement to carry liability insurance is a market-based solution that would hold gun owners responsible for the risk their firearms present, and create incentives for responsible gun safety practices.

The Firearm Risk Protection Act would harness the power of insurance markets to allow

professional actuaries to determine the risk presented by each gun and gun owner. Just as with car insurance, higher-risk owners or firearms would face higher premiums, while responsible owners could qualify for reduced rates.

As gun violence continues to claim lives across the country, Congress should look for new ways to promote gun safety and prevent future tragedies. I hope my colleagues will join me to support this forward-thinking legislation.

GUNSLINGER CUSTOM PAINT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gunslinger Custom Paint for winning the 2016 Business Recognition Award from the Jeffco EDC.

In 2003, Gunslinger Custom Paint was founded by Jeff Theisen and Dave Call as a sister company to Pearl Auto Body. Theisen and Call founded Gunslinger with the purpose of creating impressive, eye-catching designs that combine custom paint with unique fabrication concepts to meet the needs and desires of motorcyclists. Using nationally known designers, airbrush artists and pin strippers, Gunslinger ensures excellence and creativity and can range from innovative, wild designs to more mild designs with custom colors and effects. The company is known for its cutting-edge artwork and is a Tier 1 supplier for the largest motorcycle company in the United States. Recently, Gunslinger added a third facility on Pine Ridge Road in Golden.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Gunslinger Custom Paint for this well-deserved recognition from the Jeffco EDC.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY CHIEF DANIEL PEREZ JR.

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Deputy Chief Daniel Perez Jr. on the occasion of his retirement from the Salinas' Sheriff office after serving the public for 32 years. An outstanding officer and citizen, Deputy Chief Daniel Perez Jr. has dedicated much of his life to safeguarding the community of Salinas County. In addition to his time as an officer of the law, Daniel Perez is a strong voice in many nonprofit organizations and within his own community.

Dan was born and raised in Salinas and is a graduate of Alisal High School. He has a degree from Hartnell College in Criminal Justice, a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Behavior from the University of San Francisco, and a Master's Degree in Human Resources from Chapman University. He is a graduate of the POST Supervisory Leadership Institute and POST Command College. He's received several awards and recognitions throughout his 32-year career.

Deputy Chief Dan Perez began his law enforcement career in 1984 with the Monterey