

HONORING MITCH LASGOITY FOR
BEING NAMED THE 2017 SENIOR
FARMER OF THE YEAR

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Mitch Lasgoity, of Madera, California for being recognized as the 2017 Senior Farmer of the Year by the Madera District Chamber of Commerce. Receiving such an honor is well deserved by this hard working and humble man.

Mitch was born in Madera, California on April 11, 1930. His father, Jean Lasgoity immigrated to the United States from the Basque country of France, where he was a sheep herder. After settling in Madera, Jean married Jennie Ospital in 1928 and they started their sheep livestock business on the plot of land Jennie grew up on.

Growing up on this family farm business, Mitch learned from a very young age, the skills it would take to become a successful farmer. Even as a young boy, Mitch was trusted to help around the farm, from prepping chickens for dinner to raising hogs to sell to a meat company. As he got older, he became more involved in raising ewes into lambs, refining the skills needed in the sheep business. By the age of ten, Mitch could fully operate and drive a tractor and began doing summer work operating a grain harvester at the age of 15.

After graduating from Madera Union High School, Mitch went on to attend Santa Clara University, graduating with a degree in business in 1952. After college, Mitch partnered with his father in the sheep business. Later, at the age of 26, he bought the farm from his father and officially became self-employed.

In 1957, Mitch married Rosemary Mastrofina, who gave birth to their four children, Michel, Monica, James and John. While raising a family, Mitch was determined to expand and refine his business with the help and support of his wife, Rosemary. In no time, Mitch had an outfit of 5,000 ewes and expanded their grazing territory to Joe and Bob Heguy's ranch in Elko County, Nevada. In addition, Mitch partnered with Rosemary's uncle, Herb Buchenau, and together they created Copper Sheep Company in Ely, Nevada, where they had 10,000 ewes and 500 cows. Not stopping there, Mitch bought his first ranch, the Collins Ranch, in 1967 near Eastman Lake. Around this time he also began to farm a 320 acre ranch within Western Madera County. From then on, Mitch decided to expand his agriculture business to the best of his abilities. He has since diversified to producing almonds, grapes, wine and cattle. Now farming 3,500 acres, and owning a cattle operation which grazes over 33,000 acres, Mitch has shown what true hard work and dedication can achieve in the farming and agriculture industry.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating and honoring Mitch Lasgoity for this prestigious award as 2017 Senior Farmer of the Year. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor Mitch for his commitment to the farming industry and outstanding accomplishments. I ask that you join me in wishing Mr. Mitch Lasgoity continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RALPH LEE ABRAHAM

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 3, 2017 I was unavoidably detained on Roll Call Vote No. 209 and No. 210. Had I been present to vote I would have voted "AYE" on Roll Call No. 209, and "AYE" on Roll Call No. 210.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen travel delays, I was forced to miss Roll Call Vote Number 209. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 209.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM MARINO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. MARINO. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes during the week of March 15, 2017 due to inclement weather. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On March 15, 2017:

YEA for rollcall vote 159

YEA for rollcall vote 160

YEA for rollcall vote 161

On March 16, 2017:

YEA for rollcall vote 162

YEA for rollcall vote 163

YEA for rollcall vote 164

NAY for rollcall vote 165

NAY for rollcall vote 166

NAY for rollcall vote 167

YEA for rollcall vote 168

YEA for rollcall vote 169

On March 17, 2017:

YEA for rollcall vote 170

YEA for rollcall vote 171

YEA for rollcall vote 172

I was unable to attend votes during the week of March 27, 2017 due to a death in the family. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On March 27, 2017:

YEA for rollcall vote 195

YEA for rollcall vote 196

March 28, 2017:

YEA for rollcall vote 197

YEA for rollcall vote 198

YEA for rollcall vote 199

YEA for rollcall vote 200

YEA for rollcall vote 201

YEA for rollcall vote 202

On March 29, 2017:

YEA for rollcall vote 203

YEA for rollcall vote 204

NAY for rollcall vote 205

YEA for rollcall vote 206

On March 30, 2017:

NAY for rollcall vote 207

YEA for rollcall vote 208

HONORING TYRONE SURVILLION

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable law enforcer Constable Tyrone Survillion.

Mr. Survillion's life began in Marks, MS, where he was born to Claudia M. Survillion and John H. Harris both of Marks, MS. Constable Survillion continued his residence and has resided there for forty-six plus years. He was a graduate of the Quitman County High School and he then attended Coahoma Junior College.

Tyrone Survillion has been in law enforcement since 1997 until the present. He started out as a dispatcher for the Quitman County Sheriff's Department, and later worked his way up to becoming a certified dispatcher in the year 1999. In 2008, Tyrone Survillion was elected for Constable in Quitman County until the present. He states: "Something that I love to do is working for people."

Mr. Survillion has been married to Sharon Survillion for twenty-four years. From that union came two daughters, Au'Kiona Tillman, Ty'shauna Survillion and two god daughters, Mar'Kayla and Maddison.

Constable Survillion's goal is to continue to serve and protect the citizens of Quitman County for many more years to come. Through God and determination, Constable Survillion will continue to make a difference in his community.

Mr. Speaker I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Constable Tyrone Survillion for his dedication of being an outstanding law enforcer.

PAOLA ANDUJAR

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Paola Andujar for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Paola Andujar is a 12th grader at Brighton High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Paola Andujar is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Paola Andujar for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.