

By his side throughout his successful career and arduous deployments have been his wife, Megan, and their children Madison, Brooklyn, Dominic, and Kennedy. Their love and support has aided and strengthened LCDR Parma throughout his service, and I congratulate them as well on this special occasion. I am proud to share in the celebration of LCDR Parma's military career, and as he and his family move to this next chapter of his life, I wish LCDR Parma fair winds and following seas as he embarks on his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF POST 67 ON
ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lt. Philip V. Lansdale Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 67 as they celebrate the 100th Anniversary of their congressional charter. The VFW Post 67 is the second Post in California to reach their centennial milestone. As they gather tonight for their Centennial Celebration, I would like to honor the members of the VFW Post 67 for the superb work they have done on behalf of veterans and veteran causes on a national stage and in the Sacramento area.

In 1916, 32 veterans who served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy chose to continue to serve our country by aiding their veteran brothers and sisters in our region. The Post is named after Lt. Philip V. Lansdale, who served on the U.S. *Philadelphia*. VFW Post 67 was founded in Sacramento with the noble cause to ensure the war bonuses promised to veterans after World War I, to promote comradeship, and to improve the well-being of veterans and their families. On January 3, 1917, VFW Post 67 was recognized for its efforts and received its congressional charter.

VFW Post 67 has had many great leaders in its 100 years. Most notably are the first Post Commander, Mr. William Taylor, and the Silver Star recipient Mr. Darold D. Decoe, Sr. as National Commander in Chief. For a century, The VFW Post 67 has provided support to an abundant amount of veterans and has used its collective voice to advocate for veteran causes. Current members are dedicated to continuing the mission of the VFW Post 67 and continue to be a haven for Sacramento's veterans.

In honoring tonight's celebration, it is important to honor all of the important work and contributions to veterans that the VFW Post 67 has helped advanced nationally and in the Sacramento region. The VFW played a major role in the formation of the Veterans Administration as well as pursuing compensation for Vietnam veterans and fighting for both the 20th and 21st century GI bills. We would like to express gratitude to those involved in Post 67's diligent service to our country's veterans and their families.

Mr. Speaker, as the members of the VFW Post 67 take part in their centennial celebration, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their astounding service to the veteran community in the Sacramento area.

RECOGNIZING MASTER SERGEANT
KEARY J. MILLER ON RECEIVING
THE AIR FORCE CROSS

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Master Sergeant Keary J. Miller upon being awarded the Air Force Cross, the service's highest combat medal of valor.

While supporting a joint special operations team during the Battle of Roberts Ridge on March 4, 2002, then-Tech. Sgt. Miller saved the lives of ten U.S. service members and assisted in the recovery of seven who were killed in action all while facing insurmountable odds and a barrage of heavy enemy fire.

The courage shown by this dedicated pararescueman is a true testament of his character. Master Sergeant Miller embodies the selfless commitment to service, sacrifice, and exceptional skill of our Nation's service members.

The entire Northwest Florida community is immensely proud of our area's tradition of military service and support for those who wear the uniform. It is a true honor to recognize Master Sergeant Miller upon this most notable distinction.

CHARLES A. TINDLEY ACCELERATED
SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS
BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to offer my congratulations to the Charles A. Tindley Accelerated School Varsity Boys Basketball Team. The Tindley Tigers secured the Division 1A Indiana State Boys Basketball Championship on March 25, 2017 at Bankers Life Field House after a 51–49 victory over Lafayette Central Catholic.

This is the Tigers first appearance in the state finals and the team made it count by clinching the school's first state championship in any sport. The game's last minute shot and stolen inbound pass secured the win for the Tindley Tigers, who were led by Head Coach Bob Wonell.

The Tindley Tigers have secured their place in the storied history of Indiana basketball. I extend my congratulations to the student athletes, coaching staff, school and our entire Indianapolis community on their accomplishment this season.

CELEBRATING THE 38TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the palpable achievements of the Taiwan Relations Act on its 38th Anni-

versary. The TRA, which was enacted on April 10, 1979, has and continues to be the critical cornerstone in preserving the relationship between the United States and Taiwan, and in maintaining both the peace and stability of the Taiwan Strait and Taiwan's democratic existence. The significance of the TRA, as well as the significance of President Reagan's Six Assurances of 1982, cannot be understated.

Regional military buildups confirm the necessity of the TRA and the policy that the United States shall "make available to Taiwan such defense articles and defense services in such quantity as may be necessary to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability." The security interests of our good friend and security partner Taiwan must not be marginalized. The commitments made in the Congressionally-mandated Taiwan Relations Act and President Reagan's "Six Assurances" can never be compromised.

It is my hope that by working with our friends in Taiwan, we can help find the balance necessary for the region. Doing so is yet another way we guarantee Taiwan's freedom and democracy. Our obligations under the TRA are clear, and I ask my colleagues to join me in working with the Administration in focusing on this important issue as this session of Congress continues to unfold.

On this 38th Anniversary, I reaffirm my support for the TRA and the Six Assurances, and I wish the people of Taiwan the very best.

HONORING ELIZABETH D. EVANS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible educator, leader, and public servant, Elizabeth D. Evans.

Elizabeth Evans joined the Mississippi Valley State University faculty in the fall of 2003 where she currently serves in the Social Sciences Department. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from Mississippi Valley State University, where she was commissioned as a Distinguished Graduate of the U.S. Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) program. She earned a Master of Arts Degree in Public Management from the University of Houston-Clear Lake, Texas, and a Ph.D. degree in Public Policy and Administration from Mississippi State University.

Other educational ventures include completion of the Air Force's three-tier Professional Military Education program (Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, and Air War College) and Academic Instructor School while serving in the U.S. Air Force.

As an assistant professor in the Social Sciences Department and the Public Administration Program, she teaches freshman through senior level courses, manages the internship program, advises all students in the Public Administration program, and serves as coordinator for the Public Administration program.

Her primary interests are in continuous personal improvement and student achievement. She believes that teaching is more than the giving of information; it is working to ensure

learning takes place and students must be engaged with exciting instruction, materials, examples, and demonstrations of real world situations to excite their desire to learn and use what they learn for a lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Elizabeth D. Evans, an Educator, a Leader and Public Servant for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

RECOGNIZING BRET MANLEY

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bret Manley and thank him for his years of dedicated service.

Born and raised in San Dimas, California, Bret went on to attend the University of California, Berkeley Walter A. Haas School of Business. At the University, he served as the President of the Berkeley College Republicans, was a member of Phi Delta Theta, Order of Omega, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and the Associated Students of the University of California. Bret began his career in public service as an intern in Representative Gary Miller's office, where he was hired shortly after. Always a hard worker, Bret quickly rose through the ranks, becoming a legislative assistant and then a financial services policy advisor for Representative Miller. Prior to leaving Representative Miller's office, Bret was recognized as one of Capitol Hill's 50 Most Beautiful in 2010.

For the last six years, Bret has been a guiding figure in my office as Legislative Director. He has helped introduce 43 individual pieces of legislation, five of which were ushered into law. Thanks to Bret, you can now ride with your pet on AMTRAK and the federal government can more easily sell excess properties, relieving American taxpayers of government waste. He was instrumental in orchestrating the first Congressional hearing at the Old Post Office, which led to a long term lease of the building, eventually becoming the Trump International Hotel.

A champion of conservative values, he's also led the fight to keep the California High Speed Rail project transparent and accountable, while also managing a diverse portfolio of issues including financial services, immigration, economics, and transportation and infrastructure. He has worked tirelessly in his role as my chief advisor during my tenure as Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials. He was instrumental with policy formulations and the eventual passage of the Passenger Rail Reform and Investment Act, Positive Train Control, and the Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act, among many others. In addition, Bret also served as manager and coach at the biennial Congressional Football Game for Charity.

Although it is clear Bret doesn't mind the grueling pace of Capitol Hill, he can often be found on the golf course or singing lead vocals and playing guitar for his band, Full Fifth, self-described as "the most fun you'll have in public." In addition to work and his seemingly endless list of hobbies, Bret is also

a Lieutenant in the US Navy Reserves and has proudly served our country for the last six years.

His departure signifies a great change within my office. As my chief policy advisor, Bret was integral to all aspects of our day-to-day operations, from managing the legislative team to coordinating with the communications staff. Although we will miss him greatly, Team Denham wishes him the best in his next endeavor and I look forward to working with him in his new role at the Association of American Railroads, where he will continue his work in transportation.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in applauding Bret Manley for his unrelenting service and recognizing his great achievements during his time here in the House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF BREAUX VINEYARDS

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Breaux Vineyards of Purcellville, Virginia on the occasion of its 20th Anniversary celebration.

Situated on a 404-acre estate overlooking the beautiful valley between the Blue Ridge and Short Hill Mountains, Breaux Vineyards has for several years been voted Virginia's favorite winery because of its absolute commitment to excellence in the wines it produces and the hospitality that it extends to all of its guests.

Breaux Vineyards wines have a superior international reputation, having placed among the winners in more than 100 regional, national, and international competitions.

While Breaux Vineyards is also recognized as a first-rate venue for weddings and corporate meetings, I am grateful that the warm hospitality of the Breaux family and staff daily extends to my constituents residing in Loudoun County and northern Virginia. Often using the expression "No reservation or RSVP required," the vineyard invites local people and visiting tourists, including children and pets, to regularly enjoy the diverse events that take place there each year, including the Fourth Fridays activities that feature live entertainment, the annual Dog Day celebration, the Cajun Festival that is in its 20th year, and other regularly scheduled events. In addition, Breaux Vineyards offers itself as a venue for various local charity events, including the 3rd Annual Corks for a Cause that on May 19th of this year will be benefitting the Loudoun Child Advocacy Center, a program of the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter.

I am pleased to report that the wine industry in Virginia has grown so rapidly that the Commonwealth is now the fifth largest state for viticulture in the nation, with annual sales of close to \$1 billion. I am also pleased that Loudoun County has contributed to this success as the location of 44 of Virginia's 280 wineries, the most of any county in the Commonwealth, and that Breaux Vineyards, through its commitment to the quality of its wines and its hospitality, has been an extraordinary leader in our wine industry.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Breaux Vineyards for reaching this 20 year milestone and wish CEO Paul Breaux, Jr., Vice President Jennifer Breaux, and the entire Breaux Vineyard team continued phenomenal success in all of their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MOLLY ORTEGA FOR HER LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Molly Ortega who is retiring after almost 35 years of federal service. Ms. Ortega has worked for decades at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to ensure these vital agencies have the resources and staff they need to keep us safe.

Ms. Ortega has utilized her decades of agency experience and insights to improve the safety of civil aviation in our region. She provided support and guidance to the management team in the staffing and training of essential personnel at TSA, and prior to that she was employed at the FAA for nearly two decades, working in multiple positions. I am proud to have such dedicated civil servants in my community that set an example for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Ms. Ortega for her dedication to the safety of travelers and passengers in our region. I congratulate her on a well-earned retirement and wish her luck in her future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING THE 2017 ENLISTEES FROM FLORIDA'S 20TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor 41 high school seniors from Florida's 20th Congressional district, who have chosen to enlist in the United States Armed Forces.

Of these 41 fine young people, 14 have joined the United States Army, to include: William Bethel, Cameron Clayton, Javier Hernandez, Cassidy Anderson, Mack Cromer II, Derly Dormeus, Benjamin Gacel, Clayton Gibson, Ryan Golubovic, Tyler Grove, Ryan Julien, Corey Pritchett, Sean Riley and Julio Alvarez.

Seventeen have joined the United States Marine Corps, to include: Jason Marquez, Cristal Verdugo, Patrick Rhoden, Maikel Suarez, Kathy Sylvestre, Henry Rivera, Albert Londono, Lindel Coffie, Maya Colson, Weston Boyd, Nicolas Franco, Errohl Cruz, John Osegueda, Jonathan Thompson, Caitlin Silva, Melissa Edwards and Pierre Chery.

Five have joined the United States Navy, to include: Jade Apolo-Hecker, Miguel Scott, Britany Stewart, Shinequah Stone and Ofelia Velasquez.

Four have joined the United States Army National Guard, to include: Cobe Pate,