

On November 11, 1969, he sustained grave injuries when he was struck by an ammunition crate dropped by a United States aircraft on a routine ammunition drop.

Mr. Moua's military service in the Royal Kingdom of Laos in support of the U.S. efforts to counter the communist offensive throughout the war is commendable.

Between 1971 and 1974, Mr. Moua served as a police officer in the city of Long Cheng. In 1974, he was elected as a Tasseng, the equivalent of a county supervisor, where he led efforts to improve education, build new infrastructure, and conserve the environment.

Facing mounting political persecution, Mr. Moua fled to Thailand in 1975. Living with his family in United Nations refugee camps, he worked for many years advocating for peace and freedom in Laos.

Upon resettlement to the United States in 1994, Mr. Moua became an outstanding civic leader. He served the Hmong American community in Minnesota in a variety of important capacities.

Born on August 4, 1945 in the village of Thum Xouan Phou Kam Npob, Mouang Xieng Hong, Xiengkhouang Province, Mr. Moua was the second child of eight siblings born to Mr. Cher Lue Moua and Yer Yang.

Mr. Moua was a loving husband and father. He is survived by his wife, Sia Xiong, 15 children, and 48 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. Moua was also a devoted brother and a caring uncle, including to my dear friend and former Minnesota State Senator Mee Moua.

Please join me in honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Ya Thao Moua.

IN RECOGNITION OF CRAIG WRIGHT, RECIPIENT OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2017*

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the 2016 Emergency Medical Services Provider of the Year, Craig Wright.

Mr. Wright currently works at the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay Fire Department, where he exhibits his heroism and humility on a daily basis. His individual actions have had positive and substantial impacts on the residents of Kings Bay.

Mr. Wright attributes his success to the unity experienced among him and his co-workers in the fire department, stating that nothing he "did individually can't be contributed to the whole team." The resulting feeling of family between the Kings Bay fire fighters yielded a Fire Department of the Year award, for the fifth year in a row. Again, Mr. Wright and all of the fire fighters emphasized their camaraderie and loyalty as the keys to their success.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Craig Wright for his service to the Kings Bay Fire Department and to his fellow fire fighters. His commitment has strengthened the community and all of its members.

CONGRATULATING JENNIFER LOWE, PAUL PARK, HENA RAFIQ, CHRISTA SCHMIDT, AND NOELLE SMITH ON RECEIVING FULBRIGHT AWARDS

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2017*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jennifer Lowe and Christa Schmidt of Farmers Branch, TX, Paul Park and Hena Rafiq of Irving, TX, and Noelle Smith of Dallas, TX, for their exemplary academic work which earned these scholars Fulbright awards for 2016–2017. Jennifer attends Pitzer College, Christa attends Saint Olaf College, Paul attends Saint John's University in Minnesota, Hena attends the Southern Methodist University, and Noelle attends Davidson College.

Established by Congress in 1946, the Fulbright program selects U.S. citizens to further their knowledge in an educational exchange program, allowing those chosen to study, research, or teach abroad. With only 1,600 Fulbright awards going to U.S. students each year, it is a tremendous honor for five of the recipients to be residents of the 24th District of Texas. These recipients will be focusing on the conditions and challenges that face the regions to which they will be traveling, as well as establishing meaningful U.S. relationships with these communities. Jennifer, Paul, Hena, Christa, and Noelle will be traveling to India, Thailand, Kosovo, Malaysia, and Mexico, respectively. When these fine students return, they will share the wealth of knowledge and experiences they garnered while abroad and be better equipped to excel in their fields.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th District of Texas, I would like to congratulate Jennifer, Paul, Hena, Christa, and Noelle again for receiving this incredibly prestigious award. I wish them the best of luck with their travels, and I know that they will achieve greatness in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETER WELCH**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2017*

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, due to travel delays, I was unable to vote on Roll Call 407, 408, and 409. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call 407, Nay on Roll Call 408, and Aye on Roll Call 409.

HONORING DAN MORGADO, TOWN MANAGER OF SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2017*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dan Morgado, who has been Town Manager of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts for the past 20 years. Anyone who serves in

this chamber will tell you, Mr. Speaker, that our local public servants are the unsung heroes that keep our democracy running. Public servants like Dan wake up every day in cities and towns across America asking how they can help their neighbors, strengthen their communities, and build better places for all of us to live and work.

However, Mr. Speaker, Dan was no ordinary public servant. Under his leadership, an incredible amount has been accomplished in Shrewsbury. A new senior center, high school and middle school were built. Two new fire stations went up—and a third was rebuilt. Millions of dollars in improvements to water and sewer infrastructure were completed, along with a renovation to the town library. Town center traffic and beautification projects were successfully finished. Mr. Speaker, Dan has left an indelible mark on the Town of Shrewsbury.

However, it isn't only what Dan accomplished in Shrewsbury that brings me here today, it's how he did it. From candid conversations that brought everyone to the table to stabilize health insurance costs—to making the hard decision to fully fund pension obligations and put Shrewsbury on track towards fiscal responsibility—Dan's impeccable character, calm demeanor, and selfless values serve as a model for others to follow.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Shrewsbury, the residents of Massachusetts, and everyone who he has touched through years of dedicated service, thank you to Dan Morgado. We owe you a heartfelt debt of gratitude for all you have done and wish you great satisfaction in your endeavors to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JAMES B. RENACCI**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2017*

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 407, YEA on Roll Call No. 408, and YEA on Roll Call No. 409.

NORM ALPERT

**HON. FRANCIS ROONEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2017*

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Norm Alpert in his 30th year as owner and founder of WAVV 101.1 FM in Naples. 30 years ago, Norm moved to the area and started his radio station to provide the people of our area quality jazz music to bring timeless entertainment to our community.

Norm fulfilled the American dream by starting his business from the ground up. He has proven to have found his calling, as his station consistently ranks among the top stations in the region. Further, he has helped our economy by providing jobs and advertising for businesses that reach across the state.

I congratulate Norm on his successes and look forward to see what he will accomplish and bring to the community in the years to come.