

justice and his community have informed his leadership on important issues such as social justice, public safety, infrastructure, education, diversity and the environment. I've had the occasion to work with David on one of the most pressing challenges in our region, the housing crisis. David is a true champion of his middle class constituents and has showed great courage in forthrightly addressing the thorny issues of affordable rental housing.

David was first elected to the council in 2009, at the height of the Great Recession. He instantly became a very active member of the council, helping guide the city of San Mateo through a difficult and long recovery process. He always encouraged input from residents and was driven by a dedication to being fair and to making the best decision.

Serving in a booming economy also proved challenging. As wave after wave of new high-earning tech and biotech workers arrived, escalating rents and skyrocketing housing prices undermined the stability of long-time low- and middle-income residents. Justice-minded and seeking to maintain the socio-economic and racial diversity of the region, David represented all residents. He pulled landlords, tenants and regional anti-displacement experts into conversations to develop solutions to the affordability crisis. David pushed the city to do more to support low-income workers and advocated for increasing the minimum wage.

As a young parent himself, David is an educator at heart. Coaching high school mock trial teams and advocating for local students and schools, David wants all children to attend safe schools and to receive a good education. When he learned that immigrant families needed translation services in order to understand the enrollment process he pushed local school districts to take action. David never stops turning problems into creative solutions.

He also worked to improve San Mateo's environmental stewardship. David has succeeded in his goal to leave the city better than he found it. While on the council he helped launch the Sustainability Commission which has reduced the use of plastic bags and Styrofoam containers.

David was raised in Southern California where he attended local public schools. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Political Science and his Master's degree in Education from UCLA. For two years, he taught history at a middle school in LA but then moved to Washington, D.C. to work for Congressman Bob Matsui of Sacramento. In 1999, he returned to the Bay Area and pursued his law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. As a young Bay Area district attorney, married with young twin daughters, he searched for a community to call home. In 2001, he moved to San Mateo, the town where his grandfather, whose father had emigrated from China to San Francisco's Chinatown, had once been a household servant.

David and his wife Terri continue to live in San Mateo with their three children, Caroline, Katherine and Harrison.

Today, San Mateo is one of the most diverse communities in the country. David was the first Asian American to be elected to the city council and his cultural sensitivity has been an invaluable asset to the city. He believes some of the best ideas and fresh perspectives come from young people. At public meetings that can last late into the evening,

David has been known to rearrange the speakers cards—with public approval, of course—so that school-aged residents can address the council and get home to complete their schoolwork. In even small ways, David is always focused on making life better for his constituents.

Mr. Speaker, I admire David Lim greatly and ask the members of the House of Representatives to rise with me to recognize a remarkable public servant, devoted husband and father, and tireless advocate for others. While he is leaving the council, I have no doubt that he will continue to contribute to his beloved community for many years to come.

HONORING MARIA WOLFE OF PENNSYLVANIA ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN 38 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I extend my sincere congratulations to my constituent, Maria Wolfe, on her retirement after more than 38 years of service to the federal government.

Maria began her federal career with the Federal Communications Commission in 1979 and transferred to the Navy Ships Parts Control Center in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania in 1981. Over the decades, Maria's hard work and commitment to excellence led to several promotions, culminating with her current efforts to support the Littoral Combat Ship, Outfitting Branch, and the U.S. Coast Guard Supply Support and Logistic programs.

Her peers describe a true professional who has provided great support to our Nation's Sailors and the United States Navy. Maria's dedication has touched the lives of countless people, and her legacy of service to our Nation is commendable.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I thank and congratulate Maria Wolfe on her service and wish her great happiness and success in her future adventures.

PROCLAMATION FOR GREGORY AND BETTY LEVETT

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation for Gregory and Betty Levett:

Whereas, the 4th Congressional District of Georgia recognizes two citizens who exemplifies those who are catalyst servants throughout the community; and

Whereas, the 2017 Community Connections Award recipients are promoting the concept of "One Community-One Goal" and celebrating age by providing the seniors they serve with dignity, care, choice and the ability to "age in place"; and

Whereas, Senior Connections annually recognize outstanding individuals promoting a

better and stronger DeKalb County who are Trail Blazers in the area of leadership, service, scholarship and community through the Community Connections Award; and

Whereas, this year, Mr. Gregory and Mrs. Betty Levett are being honored as the 2017 Community Connections Award recipients. Mr. and Mrs. Levett have unselfishly brought community service, honor and excellence to the citizens of DeKalb County and beyond; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Levett give of themselves unconditionally to build a legacy of service and commitment as entrepreneurs and owners of Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, and by demonstrating their unwavering pledge as philanthropists, contributing more than 1 million dollars to various charities and organizations throughout their 35 years of service; and

Whereas, the lives of many in our district are especially touched by Mr. and Mrs. Levett's support of the local Senior connections, their active leadership as board members at DeKalb Medical and their advocacy of other critical senior services throughout Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia have set aside this day to honor and recognize Mr. Gregory Levett and Mrs. Betty Levett for their outstanding service to our senior community and our District; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 17, 2017 as Gregory and Betty Levett Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 17th day of June, 2017.

HONORING THE YEARS OF SERVICE OF MARIA TERESA SANTILLAN-BEAS TO THE CITY OF LYNWOOD

HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Honorable Maria Teresa Santillan-Beas for her fourteen years of service to the City of Lynwood; Tuesday, December 5th, she will be ending her term as Mayor.

Whereas Maria Teresa Santillan-Beas was first elected to the Lynwood City Council in 2003, and made history as the first woman elected in a decade, and first Latina to ever be elected; and

Whereas during her time in office, she has worked tirelessly to provide affordable housing opportunities for low-income families, to improve the quality of life for senior citizens, and to increase public safety programs in the City of Lynwood; and

Whereas she has remained an active participant in the community and service organizations and is a member of the Lynwood Lions Club, and serves as a Big Sister for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Club; and

Whereas she has also held other leadership roles in community-based organizations, such as the Lynwood Neighborhood Block Watch, the St. Emydius School Parent Teacher Organization, and others: now therefore I commend Honorable Maria Teresa Santillan-Beas for fourteen years of outstanding service to the City of Lynwood and neighboring communities.