

He is the author of a variety of historical monographs and countless national security affairs articles. His most recent work, *War in the Chesapeake: The British Campaigns to Control the Bay, 1813–1814*, was published by the U.S. Naval Institute in 2015, and went on to win the prestigious Simmons-Shaw award in 2017 given by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation for the best scholarly work by a federal historian.

Dr. Neimeyer's service as the Director of the Marine Corps History Division has been marked with great success. During his tenure, he was able to increase the historical output of his division by over 1000 percent. He also reorganized the division's branches and sent historians "down range" to cover the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, thereby ensuring the preservation of the critical operational history of our nation's foremost fighting service, the United States Marine Corps.

In addition, Dr. Neimeyer established the Marine Corps University Journal at Quantico. This journal now publishes cutting edge scholarships and work from students, faculty, and outside authors. The journal is leading the way toward a greater understanding of today's complex national security strategies. Because of these endeavors, Dr. Neimeyer's historical expertise on the United States Marine Corps has been sought out over the years by senior level officials in both the public and private sectors.

Most recently, Dr. Neimeyer served as a member of the board of inquiry that reevaluated the Marines we formerly believed to have been Iwo Jima flag raisers on February 23, 1945. Thanks to the professionalism of Dr. Neimeyer, and the other board members, the Marine Corps and the nation now know the identities of the actual flag raisers on top of Mount Suribachi on that fateful day. As a result of this experience, Dr. Neimeyer volunteered to serve as the staff historian for the Iwo Jima Association of America—a veteran's organization dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of the Battle of Iwo Jima.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for Dr. Neimeyer's service both as a Marine officer and as the Chief of Marine Corps History. Over the past several years, Dr. Neimeyer provided invaluable and relevant historical information to my office. His timely data was always on target and nothing short of the exceptional quality I would expect from the chief historian of the United States Marine Corps. I am very appreciative of Dr. Neimeyer's service to our nation and thankful for the outstanding support his wife, Janet Louise, daughter, Kelli Klein, and two sons, Patrick and Christopher, gave him throughout his life. I want to thank Dr. Charles P. Neimeyer once again for his 20 years of service as an active duty Marine, and 17 years as a federal civil servant. I wish his beloved family fair winds and following seas as he and his wife embark on a new chapter in life.

RECOGNIZING JERUSALEM AS  
CAPITAL OF ISRAEL

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Holy City of Jerusalem is recognized as one of the

oldest cities in the world. It is also the eternal capital of the State of Israel and the Jewish people. Founded during the dawn of civilization, the city has been destroyed twice, captured and recaptured 44 times, and controlled by numerous great empires including the Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, Romans, and Ottomans throughout its 6,000 year history. Throughout the centuries, Jerusalem has always been the spiritual capital of the Jewish people.

The Jewish people's connection to Jerusalem is clearly recorded in the Bible, with the city being mentioned by name 811 times. King David, the Biblical and historic King of Israel, made Jerusalem his capital in 1,000 BC. His son, Solomon, built the Holy Temple that was the center of the Jewish faith on Mount Moriah in the Old City of Jerusalem. After its destruction by the Babylonians in 586 BC, it was rebuilt years later only to again be destroyed by the Romans in the year 70 CE. Remnants of the ancient temple still remain with the Temple Mount and its outer wall, known as the Western Wall, serving as the holiest site in Judaism today.

When the Romans destroyed the Temple and Jerusalem, it expelled its Jewish inhabitants, forbidding them from settling in the rebuilt city. Meanwhile, Muslim and Christian armies battled for the city, erecting their own shrines over top of the Jewish ones. We cannot ignore the importance the Temple Mount also holds to Christians and Muslims, being the location where Jesus prayed. Nevertheless, Jerusalem has for far longer been the center of the Jewish world. The city remained in political turmoil for centuries until the rebirth of the State of Israel and its unification under the Jewish State.

In 1949, the Jewish people declared Jerusalem the capital of their new nation. As David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, stated: "there has always been and always will be one capital only—Jerusalem the eternal. Thus it was 3,000 years ago—and thus it will be, we believe, until the end of time." The city has since flourished as the capital of Israel, being a place where all faiths can peacefully worship. While the future of the full city has yet to be decided, it cannot be denied that Jerusalem is the political, cultural, and spiritual center of Israel.

I applaud President Trump's courageous decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and to relocate the U.S. embassy to the city. It is the obvious decision reflecting our strong commitment to the State of Israel and the Jewish people's historical ties to the land. The status quo of Jerusalem's holy sites should be maintained until a lasting peace agreement is decided on by the two sides.

JIM DOODY TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Doody. Mr. Doody's hard work led to the opening of the Western Slope Vietnam War Memorial Park at the Fruita Visitor Center in Fruita, Colorado. Shortly after his work on the memorial, he went on to serve as a member of the Grand Junction City Council from

2005 to 2009 and as Mayor of Grand Junction for two of those years.

Mr. Doody was compelled to honor the brave men and women that sacrificed so much to fight for this country and wanted to permanently display that appreciation. To celebrate our veterans he worked to create the Western Slope Vietnam War Memorial Park. His dedication to the project was clear when he drove across the United States to pick up a UH-1H 'Huey' helicopter for static display at the memorial, and his work led to the park opening on July 4, 2003.

Mr. Doody continues to work to maintain the memorial to this day. Mr. Doody helps fundraise for continued maintenance needs and has aided in designing the three bronze statues of a mother and father welcoming home their son at the memorial. On top of all this, he ensures that every November 11th there is a ceremony at the memorial where people can gather and recognize veterans.

I was fortunate to attend the ceremony on November 11, 2017. At the ceremony it was evident that Mr. Doody did not create this memorial for the purpose of commendation, but he nonetheless deserves to be recognized for his service to veterans and the community.

Mr. Speaker, just as Mr. Doody pays homage to our men and women that served, it is my honor to pay tribute to him for the work that he does on the Western Slope Vietnam Memorial Park. On behalf of the Third District of Colorado, I would like to thank Mr. Doody for his generous service to his community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SAVE OUR  
COMMUNITIES FROM RISKY  
TRAINS ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, in light of recent train derailments across the country and ongoing transportation security threats, I rise to introduce the Save Our Community from Risky Trains Act, which directs the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to find ways to the greatest extent possible to reroute trains that are carrying certain hazardous materials from selected high-threat urban areas, including the District of Columbia. This legislation is needed now more than ever, especially given DOT's recent announcement that it will rescind a requirement that rail tank cars carrying crude oil be outfitted with an advanced braking system designed to prevent derailments.

D derailments of rail cars carrying hazardous materials are a serious concern and should be a priority of Congress. In 2016, 16 cars of a CSX freight train derailed in a dense residential neighborhood of the nation's capital, disrupting Metrorail, passenger rail, and freight rail service and putting families at risk. Among the derailed freight train cars, cars carrying sodium hydroxide, calcium chloride and ethanol—which is flammable and led to a Metrorail shutdown—spilled. The neighborhood was lucky that there were no injuries, but the continuing threat to the safety and security of urban communities is clear.

In 2007, the House passed the Rail and Public Transportation Security Act of 2007, which included my amendment to protect the

District and similar communities nationwide from dangerous hazardous material shipments by mandating that federal regulations and penalties be developed to increase security and safety for the shipment of these materials through high-threat urban areas. My amendment was not included in the final bill signed into law. While freight companies have begun working with DOT to voluntarily reroute the shipment of certain materials that are toxic or poisonous by inhalation, or explosive from these communities, there is no federal law requiring them to reroute the materials.

This bill would require the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to require enhanced security measures for shipments of security-sensitive materials. The bill also requires railroad carriers to use the most secure route and storage pattern to avoid moving certain hazardous materials by rail through selected high-threat urban areas. These security sensitive materials include a highway route-controlled quantity of a Class 7 (radioactive) material; more than 25 kilograms of a division 1.1, 1.2, or 1.3 explosive; more than one liter per package of a material poisonous by inhalation; shipment in other than a bulk packaging of 2,268 kilograms gross weight or more of one class of hazardous materials for which placarding of a vehicle, rail car or freight container is required; and select agents or toxins regulated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

High-profile derailments in North Dakota, Virginia, West Virginia, and Canada demonstrate the need for this legislation. Ethanol, which is flammable, still travels through big cities, and even within a few blocks of the U.S. Capitol. This bill will protect our communities from the risk created by trains carrying hazardous materials.

I urge support for this bill.

#### RECOGNIZING SI SI HAN

### HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, along with my colleague, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, I rise to recognize Si Si Han in celebration of her life.

Si Si was born in Burma on November 16, 1971. She came to the United States in 2002 when she married her husband, Ryan Saw. San Lorenzo would eventually become home for Si Si, Ryan, and their 10-year old daughter, Ashly.

Si Si worked for Caltrans for more than 10 years. Members of the Cal Trans team who worked with Si Si closely said that, rain or shine, she always had a smile on her face.

Early in the morning on December 2, 2017, Si Si was collecting tolls on the eastern span of the Bay Bridge. Only a few minutes into her shift, a box truck collided with the toll booth in which Si Si was working, killing her.

Si Si was not scheduled to work that morning, but she was always willing to help out when needed. Si Si tried to work mornings often so that she had more time to spend with her family. Those closest to Si Si said that she worked tirelessly to provide her daughter with the best opportunities available.

Si Si was a dedicated mother, wife, and daughter. She was a valued friend and col-

league among her Caltrans District 4 family as well. One colleague described Si Si as “the light of the bridge.”

Today, we stand to honor the memory of Si Si Han. Her generosity and kindness will never be forgotten. We are grateful to have had Si Si as a member of our Bay Area community. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends, and may her warm spirit forever light the bridge she tended.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF COL. WELSEY L. FOX, USMC (RET.)

### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Col. Wes Fox. Col. Fox enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1950 at the start of the Korean War to begin his 43-year career. Wes served 16 years as a noncommissioned officer before commissioning as a second lieutenant and retiring as a colonel.

Col. Fox valiantly served the nation and became a recipient of the Medal of Honor for his actions in Vietnam. He led his men through heavy fire, even picking up the weapon of a Marine killed in action, to continue fighting the enemy. Col. Fox sustained severe injuries from shrapnel, continued to lead his Marines, and called in air support. After the battle was over, Fox refused medical treatment, set up an supervised a defensive perimeter, and remained until all the Marines were evacuated. According to his Medal of Honor citation, “his indomitable courage, inspiring initiative, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave personal danger inspired his Marines to such aggressive actions that they overcame all enemy resistance and destroyed a large bunker complex.” Col. Fox retired from the Marines in 1993 with decorations including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

After retirement, Col. Fox served as the Deputy Commandant of First Battalion in the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Tech. Col. Fox authored two books: “Marine Rifleman: Forty-Three Years in the Corps (Memories of War)” and “Six Essential Elements of Leadership: Marine Corps Wisdom from a Medal of Honor Recipient.” I am honored to have known Wes and to have served as a witness to the countless lives he touched through his selfless service and leadership. He is survived by his wife, Dottie; three daughters; four brothers; four sisters; and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me and countless others as we recognize the many contributions of Colonel Wesley L. Fox.

#### HONORING MARJORIE DICKINSON, UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALI- FORNIA, DAVIS (UC DAVIS)

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished career of Mar-

jorie Dickinson, a tireless advocate for California higher education. Since 1987, Marjorie has served as the Assistant Chancellor for Government and Community Relations for the University of California, Davis. As the first person to be appointed to the position, her impact on shaping the university’s Government and Community Relations program cannot be understated.

Marjorie and her team serve to represent UC Davis to local, state, and federal government officials, advocating for the university community on a wide array of issues. Her work has cultivated positive relationships within the local community while also balancing a national perspective, helping UC Davis continue to be a leader in the field of higher education whose impact is truly global.

A product of the University of California system herself, having graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, Marjorie has also served with the California Post-Secondary Education Commission. Her entire career is a testament to her dedication to higher education in our state, and her passion for the University of California is constantly on display.

Marjorie’s remarkable tenure is coming to an end, but she is preparing to embark on the next phase of her life: a well-earned retirement. We want to express our sincere gratitude to Marjorie for her three decades of service, and we are joined by the entire UC Davis community in wishing her nothing but the best for the future.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF HAROLD “BABE” ERDOS

### HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 12, 2017*

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Harold “Babe” Erdos who died on July 21, 2017 after a long battle with cancer. Babe lived in Morristown, Ohio with his wife Sue.

Babe was a third-generation coal miner and a union man. He was a union member for 46 years and United Mine Worker of America member for 43 years with Local Union 1304. After working underground for many years, he joined the staff of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) as a union organizer. In this position, he used his family’s stories and experiences to advocate for miners. In 1983, he became actively involved in the political component of UMWA where he worked to influence legislators and to inform miners about legislation that would affect them. Even after retirement, he remained actively involved in the political action of the union. Babe considered this group of miners as a family rather than simply a profession. While Babe is perhaps most known for his work with the coal miners, he also served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and later in life he was elected Mayor of his hometown of Cadiz, Ohio.

But above all, Babe was a dedicated husband, father, union member, and member of the community. Those who had the pleasure of knowing him spoke of his character and commitment to representing working class people. He is remembered as a man who