

Rob Lares, Joe Cantafio, Neil Raddu, and Rich Sanders, and Athletic Director Vincent Dell'Oso.

The team's perfect record in 2017 is one that will be remembered and celebrated for years to come. Let me echo the words of Coach Mike Vastola who proclaimed it "a great moment for fans, a great moment for the community and a great moment for all the guys that he was proud to coach." A moment every football player dreams of, winning the state championship after a hard-fought couple of years, is an accomplishment that this team should be very proud of.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize the champion West Seneca West varsity football team. Their success reinforces timeless lessons learned by student athletes of the virtues of preparation, teamwork, and diligence. Congratulations to the West Seneca West varsity football players, coaches, staff and fans on this well-deserved, historic victory.

HONORING THE LIFE OF STAFF SERGEANT PETER EWANICK

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of Staff Sergeant Peter Ewanick. He was born May 23, 1919 to Ukrainian immigrants in Forestville, Pennsylvania. They were fleeing oppression and seeking a better life in America.

Peter grew up in Evanston, Illinois, playing football and baseball in high school. In September of 1941 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, three months before the United States would enter World War II. He was part of an USMC special weapons platoon in two of the bloodiest battles in the Pacific, Tarawa and Okinawa. He was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant in December 1945.

Peter Ewanick got a job in Los Angeles as a lineman for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, helping to build the microwave infrastructure across California's deserts and to install overhead and underground cables for the postwar population boom in LA. He married wife Joyce in 1958, and together they raised her children and their son together, Joel, in both Huntington Park and the San Fernando Valley.

Peter Ewanick retired in 1981 as a splicing and construction foreman, having been responsible for the Wilshire District of Los Angeles. The couple moved to Santa Barbara in 2008. Peter was a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge and the Telephone Pioneers, and generally regarded as a good husband, a great role model, and a proud American veteran.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join with the nation and the Ewanick family in celebrating this special life, which ended peacefully on July 25, 2017.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN JENKINS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Ms. JENKINS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for Roll Call vote No. 1 on the evening of January 8, 2018.

Had I been present, I would have voted Present on Roll Call No. 1.

REMEMBERING STEVE PHELPS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Steve Phelps, a life-long educator and administrator who dedicated his career to improving opportunities for students of all backgrounds throughout the Bay Area. Dr. Phelps died on December 26th following complications from heart surgery.

Steve Phelps was born on June 9th, 1944 in Los Angeles, but grew up in Oakland. He graduated from San Francisco State University and the University of San Francisco, and received his doctorate in educational leadership—a subject which he would put to great use throughout his career.

Dr. Phelps began his teaching career in San Francisco. In 1972 he started as a social sciences teacher and coach at St. Ignatius, a private Catholic high school in the Sunset District. He quickly made his mark by working to ensure that students from throughout San Francisco could take advantage of the benefits of St. Ignatius' high quality education.

In 1973, Dr. Phelps started SI Uplift, a program aimed at improving the diversity of the student body at St. Ignatius. His efforts to improve diversity including outreach to other elementary schools to encourage minority students to consider St. Ignatius, and he also served as the moderators of the Black Student Union and the Asian Students Coalition.

While at St. Ignatius, Dr. Phelps also served as the head of the school's professional development department; ensuring that teachers were able to attain credentials and advanced degrees in order to provide better outcomes for their students.

In 2005, Dr. Phelps returned home to Oakland when he took the helm as President of Bishop O'Dowd High School. As president, Dr. Phelps helped improve the school's fundraising record, which enabled O'Dowd to fund the renovation of classrooms, the construction of the Center for Environmental Studies, and to initiate a program to provide all students with laptops—the first of its kind at the time in the Bay Area.

Dr. Phelps' leadership also expanded much needed financial aid for students, helping to ensure that cost was not a barrier for families who wanted their children to receive the benefits of a Bishop O'Dowd education.

Throughout his life, Dr. Phelps demonstrated an unwavering commitment to improving the lives of the thousands of students in the Bay Area. His work helped strengthen two schools, but his legacy will be the impact that he had on the lives of his students, and

all that they are able to achieve through the support that he provided them.

On behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I'd like to thank Dr. Phelps for his exceptional and distinguished career, and honor his life of service to our district. I send my sincere condolences to his wife, Susan, his children Amy and Chris, and his entire extended family.

LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Thank you to all who put their lives at risk every day and night to keep our families safe. Our law enforcement and first responders run into danger so that others can escape it.

Last year, we passed the Thin Blue Line Act to ensure that those who commit crimes against our law enforcement will be held accountable and seek justice for those murdered in the line of duty. I am committed to continuing to fight for the officers of the thin blue line.

Every day, despite great personal risks, law enforcement officers across the country put on their uniforms and carry out their duties to protect and serve. They have our backs, let's have theirs.

APPRECIATING THE BIRTH OF WILLIAM BRUNSON DePASS IV

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to W. Brunson DePass, III, and Emily Barnhill DePass on the birth of their son William Brunson DePass, IV, born at 4:47 p.m., Saturday, January 6, 2018, at Baptist Medical Center of Columbia, South Carolina, weighing six pounds and fourteen ounces.

He is welcomed by his grateful grandparents William (Rusty) B. DePass, Jr. and Susan Parker DePass along with Jane Arnold Barnhill and Edward (Butch) D. Barnhill, Jr., Esq.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JEFFREY STAMPER

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Sergeant Jeffrey Stamper for twenty-six years of dedicated service to the public safety of the citizens of Kings County, California.

Sergeant Stamper is a lifelong Kings County resident. Born in 1967, Jeffrey grew up in the small farm town of Corcoran, California. He attended local schools and graduated Corcoran High School in 1985 before attending California State University, Long Beach.

Sergeant Stamper's law enforcement career started in 1991, as a Deputy Sheriff in Kings County. He was promoted to Senior Deputy Sheriff in February of 2000. After sixteen years in the Kings County Sheriff's Department, Sergeant Stamper transitioned to the Kings County District Attorney's Office as an Investigator in November of 2007.

In 2010, Sergeant Stamper was sworn into the Inaugural Police Department for the City of Avenal, California. His experience and leadership made him a preferred candidate to help establish a new department to protect the citizens of Avenal. This year completes seven full years of service to the citizens of Avenal and twenty-six years of total law enforcement experience.

In retirement, Sergeant Stamper will be spending more time with his loving family, wife Julie and daughters Taylor and Lilly. On this special day for Jeffrey, it is important to remember his son Brandon who was taken from his loved ones and our community too soon in 2012.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Sergeant Jeffrey Stamper on his retirement from the City of Avenal and his service to the people of Kings County over the past twenty-six years. As he embarks on the next chapter of his life, I wish him my absolute best.

LIFE OF MARCUS RASKIN

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the fiercely independent progressive think tank co-founder Professor Marcus G. Raskin and to pay my respects to his family, especially to my colleague, Maryland Congressman JAMIE RASKIN. Mr. Raskin died December 24 at 83. As a founder of the Institute for Policy Studies in 1963, Mr. Raskin was at the forefront shaping important policy proposals for more than five decades as the intellectual force against "the national security state," a term he coined. Mr. Raskin was instrumental in galvanizing the anti-Vietnam War movement and in seeing the Pentagon Papers were published. He was indicted in 1968 as one of the "Boston Five"—including William Sloane Coffin and Dr. Benjamin Spock—for conspiracy to aid resistance to the draft, and was acquitted. Later, practicing what he called "passionate scholarship"—pairing ideas with action—he was instrumental in organizing the IPS campaign that ultimately persuaded 350 cities across the country to vote on resolutions opposing the Iraq War. A graduate of the University of Chicago and its law school, Mr. Raskin joined the Kennedy administration in early 1961 as an aide to National Security Adviser McGeorge Bundy. Along with Richard J. Barnett, he founded the Institute for Policy Studies as a national vehicle for promoting progressive policies for the left-leaning elements of the Democratic Party. IPS became the model for policy think tanks in Washington and remained independent by refusing to take government grants. The author or editor of 20 books, Mr. Raskin was a leading force in progressive social causes, including the anti-nu-

clear arms debate, civil rights, women's rights, the environment and consumer affairs. In 1977, IPS was asked by 56 members of Congress, led by members of the Congressional Black Caucus, to analyze the federal budget, leading to the 1980 publication of *The Federal Budget and Social Reconstruction*. After the 9/11 attacks, he wrote three books forging a new approach to threats, including, with Robert Spero, *The Four Freedoms Under Siege: The Clear and Present Danger from Our National Security State* (2006). In 2012, he co-edited *Warfare Welfare: The Not-So-Hidden Coasts of America's War Economy*. I want to express my condolences to Mr. Raskin's family. The country was strengthened and enlightened by Marcus Raskin's persuasive ideas. As an American citizen who took an active role shaping public policy, he will be missed.

TAYLOR SCOTT AFFENTRANGER

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Sergeant Taylor Scott Affentranger. Affentranger joined the United States Army in 2011 and proudly served his country in Afghanistan and Italy until 2017.

After returning home from duty he went back to school at the Central New Mexico Community College. Taylor was focused on his coursework and excited to work towards a bachelor's degree in Video Game Engineering. He was dedicated to his family, community, and country.

Affentranger passed away on December 22, 2017. He was the husband to Courtney Affentranger and father to their son, Rowan, who recently turned two. He will be remembered as a loving husband and father, and as a hero who bravely defended our country. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Taylor Scott Affentranger for his service to our nation.

He is survived by his father, Scott Affentranger and wife Miriah; his mother, Pamela Gonzales and husband Ken; his wife Courtney and son Rowan; Treva Affentranger, his grandmother; his siblings, Ashley and Bracton; and stepsiblings, Dallen and Ashlyn Fluit.

IN HONOR OF THE ST. FRANCIS DESALES HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the St. Francis DeSales High School Boys Soccer Team for winning the Ohio Division II State Soccer Championship.

This victory caps a tremendous season and adds to the great legacy of the St. Francis DeSales soccer program. While most student athletes endeavor to capture one championship during their high school career, the young men on the DeSales Boys Soccer Team have won three championships in four years. This

accomplishment truly exemplifies St. Francis DeSales High School's commitment to academic and athletic excellence.

These young student athletes have set a new standard for future Stallions and demonstrated that success is attainable through diligence and countless hours of practice. Everyone at St. Francis DeSales can be extremely proud of their accomplishment.

On behalf of the citizens of Ohio's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate the St. Francis DeSales Boys Soccer Team on their state championship. I wish them continued success in both their athletic and academic endeavors.

CELEBRATING RUTH M. YOUNG'S 95TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 95th birthday of Mrs. Ruth M. Young of Marietta, Georgia. Mrs. Young was born on January 15, 1923.

A longtime resident of Decatur who relocated to Marietta-Cobb County with her daughter, Olivia, Mrs. Young continues to be an active member of her neighborhood and community. A woman who is deeply devoted to her family, being married for 72 years until the death of her beloved husband (Jesse T. Young) in 2013, she has continued to be a tireless mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and well-respected neighborhood-community figure.

Mrs. Young's family and friends are gathering this weekend to celebrate her 95th birthday with a reception on January 15, 2018. Please join me in wishing Mrs. Ruth Young a very happy birthday.

HOMILY/EULOGY FOR SR. CATHERINE PINKERTON CSJ

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Homily and Eulogy for Sister Catherine Pinkerton:

The readings chosen for Catherine today by her CSJ sisters are wonderfully descriptive of who she was.

Catherine's life was all about bringing glad tidings to the poor and letting the oppressed go free. She was so powerfully passionate and so dedicated to her mission of justice, who can doubt that the Spirit had indeed anointed her for this work?—And is she not a true daughter of Joseph? (Luke 4: 14-23)

The first reading from the Book of Wisdom (Message version) describes her so well: inquiring mind coupled with dedication. She was one of a kind, able to multitask and keep an edge; nimble in argument, able to conduct three conversations at the same time; kept a clean record, always had her wits about her; wouldn't hurt a fly; was drawn to the good; sharp as a tack, nothing got past her; always had an orange in her pocket; cordial with humans, kind to animals; (Some examples—I'm told that one