

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, Rownan, 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 Rownan; 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