

independence. The name “Mexico” flows from its residents’ admiration for the country of Mexico, and its struggle and separation from Spanish domination. An active military town, Mexico sent over 80 of its very own to fight with the Union Army during the Civil War. Notable individuals such as Chummy Broomhall, a World War II soldier, American cross country skier, and Olympian, and the Hon. Charles Walton, former Maine lawyer and United States Congressman hail from Mexico, Maine.

Today, the legacy of these and other honorable citizens thrives in Mexico. It is a growing town, hosting a branch of the University of Maine system, a technology school, and an adult learning center. Countless convenience stores, mini malls, and more are becoming increasingly common in the town. Each year, Mexico’s ponds, lakes, golf courses, and ski areas attract hundreds of tourists to the area and showcase some of Maine’s best natural resources and beauty.

We are so proud to have Mexico in the heart of our Great State of Maine, and I am honored to serve in the United States Congress on behalf of its citizens. The town is a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family. As we celebrate Mexico’s Bicentennial, we look forward to many more years of tradition and vibrant growth in the town.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 200th anniversary of the Town of Mexico, Maine, and wishing its residents the very best in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING DARYLE L. DODEN

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2018

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an individual who has exemplified service, loyalty, and Christian character. This week, Daryle L. Doden, a graduate of the class of 1968, will receive the Alumnus of the Year award from the Moody Bible Institute Alumni Association.

I had the privilege of serving with Daryle on the Moody Alumni board, and I can attest to his contributions to the Moody community and beyond. His life has exemplified the highest level of integrity and he has earned the respect of many leaders in ministry, business, and his community through his wise stewardship of resources, relationships, and the opportunities that God has given him.

In addition to being a loving husband and father to his five children, Daryle was a very successful businessman who founded Ambassador Steel Company in 1974. As his business grew to become the largest privately owned fabrication company in the United States, so did Daryle’s generosity and support for charitable organizations. As another testament to his Christ-like character, he went on to start his own philanthropic arm of Ambassador Steel known as the Master Works Foundation, a platform by which he made a lasting, worldwide impact in both ministry and the marketplace.

As a husband, father, grandfather, boss and friend, Daryle has sought to honor God, knowing that all his success comes from the Lord, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Congratulations to my friend, Daryle Doden, on this much deserved and prestigious award.

RECOGNIZING MASTER SERGEANT JOSE N. GUERRA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2018

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Master Sergeant Jose N. Guerra.

Master Sergeant Guerra was born in Laredo, Texas on June 17, 1938 to Jose and Anselma Guerra. Eventually, he joined the military where he served 28 years, in the United States Army, before retiring. During his time, he served in Korea, Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Desert Shield. Master Sergeant Guerra was also a dedicated civil servant for over 40 years with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Along with his distinguished career, Master Sergeant Guerra also served as an active member of the Army Masonic Lodge No. 1105 and the Alzafar Shrine.

From his brave service to our country to his desire to aid those in need, Master Sergeant Guerra’s dedication to serving his country will not be forgotten. His dedication and service to our Nation is a legacy his family, friends, and associates will always remember.

He is survived by his wife, Elva V. Guerra, sons, Jose N. Guerra, Jr. and Juan M. Guerra; grandchildren, Xavier, Andrew, Vivian and Olivia; brothers and sisters, Jorge, Juan, David, Norma Lee and Odeila Micaela Fualkner.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Master Sergeant Jose N. Guerra.

HONORING DOUG PEDERSON

HON. THOMAS MACARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2018

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Doug Pederson of Moorestown, New Jersey, head coach of the World Champion Philadelphia Eagles. Doug Pederson led the Philadelphia Eagles to win their first Super Bowl championship in a thrilling game against the New England Patriots.

Doug and his family first moved to Moorestown in 2009 as Assistant Coach for the Eagles and then returned to the community in 2015, when he became Head Coach. We are glad to have him back home in South Jersey.

Doug played quarterback for the Eagles in 1999, and he also played for the Green Bay Packers where he won a Super Bowl.

He has had an inspiring career and exemplifies the meaning of working hard and bringing people together with a common goal. Doug is a family man, a man of character, and a man of faith. His hard work has given his community a joy not felt before.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey’s Third Congressional District are tremendously proud to have Doug Pederson as a member of our community. It is my honor to recognize his outstanding accomplishment of leading the Philadelphia Eagles to their first Super Bowl victory and I know many of my constituents feel the same way.

HONORING THE 101ST BIRTHDAY OF ADMIRAL LLOYD R. “JOE” VASEY

HON. COLLEEN HANABUSA

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2018

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to send my warmest aloha to Admiral Lloyd R. “Joe” Vasey who turned 101 years old on January 31, 2018.

Admiral Vasey was born on January 31, 1917 to Commander R.C. Vasey, USN, and Mabel Anderson Vasey in Vallejo, California. A graduate of Belmont High School in Los Angeles, California, he was an Apprentice Seaman in the U.S. Naval Reserves in Los Angeles when he secured an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. Admiral Vasey subsequently received a Master of Arts from Stanford University and an honorary Doctorate from the University of Hawaii.

After graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy, Vasey joined the Navy’s submarine service. During World War II, he served aboard the USS *Gunnel* where, in his own words:

After successfully attacking a convoy of enemy ships in the Yellow Sea between Korea and Japan, the American submarine USS *Gunnel* was worked over by Japanese anti-submarine warships during a 36-hour ordeal, with explosions from depth bombs periodically jolting the submarine severely.

After surfacing at midpoint during darkness to replenish the foul air, *Gunnel* was sighted and attacked by gunfire from the three warships. While submerging again, *Gunnel* torpedoed one of the three warships which was rapidly closing at close range. Several hours later with depleted air and battery power and no other option but to surface, the Commanding Officer, Lieut. Commander John S. McCain, Jr., USN, called his officers together and all agreed to fight it out in a surface gun battle with the enemy warships rather than surrender.

While climbing the 22 foot vertical ladder to the bridge hatch while surfacing, Vasey thought to himself “there has to be better ways to resolve international disputes” and he vowed that if he survived, he would one day strive to do something about it.

In 1972, Admiral Vasey retired from the U.S. Navy after serving as chief strategist (J-5) under Admiral John S. McCain, Jr., then Commander of the U.S. Pacific Command. In 1975, in support of his initiative to identify better ways to resolve international disputes, Admiral Vasey sought to establish a forum in the Pacific under the auspices of the private sector for a continuing trans-Pacific dialogue and consultation among the developing and developed countries of the Pacific area. Later that year, the “Pacific Forum” was formally incorporated as a non-profit think tank and Admiral Vasey toured the Pacific seeking support for the forum. Over the next 14 years, Pacific Forum was instrumental in proactively identifying emerging issues and facilitating dialogue between and among U.S. officials and Asian leaders. In 1989, Pacific Forum merged with the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), one of the nation’s most influential foreign policy think tanks.

Admiral Vasey retired from Pacific Forum CSIS in 1990, and today he still serves as a Senior Adviser for Policy and Vice Chairman