

After his Navy retirement, Captain Dotson continued to support the Navy's mission in the private sector, applying his expertise to a variety of logistical and training projects. In his leisure time, he was an active Rotary Club member and bridge player and helped Katherine with her participation in weekend art festivals. Committed to the value of higher education, Bill took deep satisfaction in supporting the educational goals of his family and helped many earn undergraduate and graduate degrees.

In 2011, Bill and Katherine relocated to North Carolina to be near their family. Bill delighted in the company of his children and six grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Katherine, he is survived by his sons, Mike, Jeff, Doug and Greg, their loving spouses, Patti, Maura, and Janine, and his grandchildren, Marli, Reed, Dahlia, Skyler, Julian and Bryce.

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HONORING KELLI MAHER

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the selfless action of my constituent, Kelli Maher, of LaFayette. Kelli is an extraordinary woman, who donated her kidney to child in need.

After learning she was unable to donate a kidney to a friend in need, Kelli Maher decided to volunteer her kidney for someone else. For 8-year-old Cecilia Brown from Iliion, Kelli Maher's transplant was the ultimate Christmas present. For her parents, it was a Christmas miracle. Kelli's compassion saved Cecilia's life.

Research shows that while most New Yorkers support organ donation, only 28 percent of New York's eligible population is enrolled as an organ donor.

I'm proud to honor Kelli today. Her act of kindness made a real difference, and changed a young girl and her family's lives forever.

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CONGRATULATING DEBBIE WILSON  
FOR 28 GREAT YEARS AT THE  
ALVIN SUN

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Debbie Wilson on her contribution of 28 years of freelance photography for the Alvin Sun and congratulate her on her retirement.

Debbie is retiring after almost three decades of photographing sports for the Alvin Sun. During her tenure, Debbie traveled around the state to cover Alvin Yellowjacket teams and Manvel Mavericks state title appearances. Her last assignment was the Mavericks' state football championship game in December. Her photos have earned awards from the Texas Community Newspaper and Texas Press Associations, and have played a role in helping the newspaper win numerous awards for their sports coverage. She is a fantastic photog-

rapher and her talent will be missed by both her coworkers and by the teams that she photographed.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second District of Texas, thank you again to Debbie Wilson for 28 years of outstanding work at the Alvin Sun. I wish her good luck in her retirement.

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RECOGNIZING THE AIR FORCE ENLISTED VILLAGE, CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MATT GAETZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize an organization of true American heroes and patriots.

Over fifty years ago, a survey by military organizations found that over 50,000 widows of retired military members were living in poverty. U.S. Air Force members found this news to be a travesty and decided to do something about it. On January 17, 1968, the Airmen's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation (now Air Force Enlisted Village) was incorporated with the mission to provide senior housing to widows of retired enlisted U.S. Air Force members.

The Air Force Enlisted Village (AFEV) is a nonprofit organization whose core mission is to provide a safe, secure home for surviving spouses of retired enlisted U.S. Airmen. The Air Force Enlisted Village is situated along the beautiful Emerald Coast of northwest Florida in Shalimar near Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field.

Air Force surviving spouses live at Bob Hope Village or Hawthorn House among peers, where they are able to share memories of military life. All residents of AFEV are treated with the highest level of love and respect.

The Air Force Enlisted Village is one of four official charities of the U.S. Air Force and is an affiliate of the Air Force Assistance Fund campaign that takes place February through May each year at all U.S. Air Force installations. The Air Force Enlisted Village is also one of seven worthy charities of the Air Force Sergeants Association.

Any service member will testify that the support of their spouse was one of the most important contributions during their years of service. Most military spouses are known for their ability to adapt and find happiness wherever their spouses' career took them and their families. The journeys were not always easy or short, but these spouses made a home wherever the military needed and sent them.

The United States Military family is stronger because of these spouses and their dedication and support. It is only fitting that when the time comes, they are provided a loving and worry-free place to call home. For the past fifty years, the Air Force Enlisted Village has been committed to making sure that the widows of service members always have that home.

The mission of The Air Force Enlisted Village is highly revered by our community, which is full of partners who strive to fulfill that mission daily. There is no greater gift than providing basic essentials that may be taken for granted as one ages; a safe home, security, dignity, independence, and camaraderie. The AFEV community gives residents the feeling of being cherished and not forgotten.

I extend my gratitude to all who have served in any capacity with the Air Force Enlisted Village and its honorable mission.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize and celebrate the Air Force Enlisted Village on their 50th Anniversary.

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JEFFERSON CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Jefferson Center for Mental Health for receiving the 2017 West Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit Business of the Year Award.

The Jefferson Center for Mental Health is a mental health and substance use organization committed to making mental health care accessible to all. Each year, the Jefferson Center helps bring hope for a brighter future to thousands of community members who struggle with mental health and substance abuse disorders, individuals whose daily lives have been disrupted and whose mental health problems contribute to difficulties at work or school, hospitalization, homelessness, or even involvement with the juvenile or criminal justice system.

The Jefferson Center's programs and services serve people of all ages and foster the recovery and resiliency of clients throughout their treatment. Their services include outpatient counseling, 24-hour emergency services, wellness classes, recovery-focused support groups, vocational services, homeless prevention assistance and school-based counseling.

The Jefferson Center provides services at 20 clinic locations and various places in the community such as schools, healthcare offices, nursing homes, community centers and foster homes. Because the Jefferson Center offices are throughout our neighborhoods, the Center staff members are intertwined in the community and provide personal care to the people they treat.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the Jefferson Center for Mental Health for this well-deserved recognition by the West Chamber of Commerce.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DIANE BLACK**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 69 for final passage of H.R. 1892, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, which took place Friday, February 9, 2018, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES  
MAXIM

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Charles Maxim who is receiving his Honorary Degree from Wareham High School.

Charles is a lifelong resident of Wareham, Massachusetts. He was born on May 28, 1929 and grew up with seven sisters and one brother. Upon reaching the eighth grade, Charles left school in order to take care of his ailing mother because he believed that his mother's health was more important than finishing school.

In 1946, Charles joined the United States Navy. As a Seaman First Class, he served in Pearl Harbor and spent 45 days at sea on the LST 1135, surviving a typhoon, and eventually serving at Subic Bay in Manila. During his service, Charles played on a baseball team with future Major League pitcher Ray Scarborough, and enjoyed great camaraderie with his fellow sailors.

Charles had hoped to make a career in the Navy, but, for him, family was always the most important thing, so he returned to Massachusetts to care for his parents. After returning home, Charles worked for the town of Wareham for thirty-three years as a general foreman. He started a family of his own and today has three children, eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. One of his great-grandsons has followed in Charles' footsteps and now serves as a member of the United States Air Force.

Charles has dedicated his life to serving his family, his town, and his country. He now celebrates another great accomplishment by receiving an Honorary Degree.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Charles Maxim for receiving his Honorary Degree, following a career of dedication to his community. I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating his accomplishments and wishing him many more years of health and happiness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, on January 30, 2018, I unintentionally missed a roll call vote on H.R. 4292, the Financial Institution Living Will Improvement Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 50.

HONORING IRMA HERNANDEZ

**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take some time today and honor Irma Hernandez, a constituent I am immensely proud

of Mrs. Hernandez is retiring after serving the public for 36 years and serving the city of Orange for nearly 20 years. Mrs. Hernandez is retiring as the Deputy City Manager, and through her career she has set an example for all future municipal employees.

Mrs. Hernandez's personal qualities fit perfectly with the duties of a city employee—easygoing and personable with all walks of life, and determined and thorough with every single task required of her. Before her time with Orange, she served for the cities of Costa Mesa, Tustin, and Garden Grove. Her proficiency in handling the finances and budget of a city, coupled with her excellent communication skills, made her the ideal candidate for Deputy City Manager. Mrs. Hernandez represented the people of the city of Orange on the Metro Cities Fire Authority, Orange County Animal Care, and the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission. Mrs. Hernandez also represented all of Orange County's cities on the 800 MHz Governance Board, where her outstanding dedication has played a major part in the advancement of our state-of-the-art public safety radio system.

Mrs. Hernandez has enriched the community she lives in, not only through her career, but also through her fundraising for various causes. These include the Veterans' Memorial in Orange, and projects for Rotary International and the Chamber of Commerce. We are saddened that Mrs. Hernandez is leaving the city of Orange, but she has earned a long and happy retirement, and we wish her the best. Mrs. Hernandez will, without a doubt, be difficult to replace, but we are so fortunate to have had her commitment and drive. She exemplifies the best aspects of a government employee. I am honored to recognize Mrs. Hernandez for the positive role she has played in our community.

HONORING JACKIE BUSH ROORDA

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the selfless action of Jackie Bush Roorda, of LaFayette. Jackie donated her kidney to a complete stranger, who would have died without a kidney transplant.

Jackie wanted to do something brave. She donated her kidney to Gary Schmidt, who she had never met before, and who needed a kidney transplant in order to live after a lung transplant. Jackie's altruistic act gave her recipient another chance at life.

Research shows that while most New Yorkers support organ donation, only 28 percent of New York's eligible population is enrolled as an organ donor.

I'm proud to honor Jackie today. Her selfless act made a real difference, and changed Gary's life forever.

RAMOS LAW

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Ramos

Law for receiving the 2017 West Chamber of Commerce Medium Business of the Year Award.

When determining what type of medicine to pursue, Dr. Joseph Ramos kept asking one question: "What kind of medicine can I do that everyone can get, regardless of race, religion, sexual preference or ability to pay?" And only one answer came to mind: emergency room medicine. Dr. Ramos strongly believes in inclusion, and the ER is the one place where a homeless man can be seen next to a gunshot victim or a wealthy CEO. After completing law school, Dr. Ramos began serving clients in the same way he treated his patients—with respect and inclusion.

As a business leader, Dr. Ramos understands the importance of investing in and giving back to his community. He routinely lectures at schools, donates significant resources to his church, supports programs for his neighborhood as well as overseas. In addition, he supports multiple sports teams and scholarship programs.

Dr. Ramos is an inspiration of how to achieve a dream with a great support system and a lot of hard work. He demonstrates focus, dedication and commitment to excellence. Regardless of the level of success he achieves, he's always putting people first.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the Ramos Law for this well-deserved recognition by the West Chamber of Commerce.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, on February 8, 2018, I was absent from the House and missed Roll Call votes 64 and 65.

Had I been present for Roll Call 64, on passage of H.R. 1153, the Mortgage Choice Act of 2017, I would have voted No.

Had I been present for Roll Call 65, on approving the Journal, I would have voted No.

HONORING HOMES FOR OUR  
TROOPS OF TAUNTON, MA

**HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Homes for Our Troops, a nonprofit headquartered in Taunton, Massachusetts where I am proud to represent.

Since 2004, Homes for Our Troops has built accessible homes for veterans who require adapted housing to accommodate for the difficulties of the severe injuries they have sustained in service. Overseen by a board of civilian specialists and retired military personnel, nearly 90 cents of every dollar spent has gone directly to housing projects and services, helping Homes for Our Troops become one of the top-rated military and veterans' charities in the country by watch dog groups Charity Navigator and Charity Watch.

This past Saturday, Homes for Our Troops celebrated the completion of their 250th home