

Hindu Brahmin Telugu community in India. Throughout her life, she educated thousands of students and believed that America is the greatest nation in the world. Lakshmi held strong beliefs that education, discipline, diligence, cleanliness and devotion to God are of utmost importance to succeed in life.

Lakshmi is the loving mother of one of my constituents, Praveen. She is also survived by her husband, Dr. Babji Chaparala, along with her two other children, Suneetha and Swapna. She was an extraordinary woman who touched the hearts of many. Although no words can really help to ease the loss, her life was truly a blessing and she is held very close in thought and prayer. In honor of her memory, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Lakshmi Chaparala for her service to our country and her faith in our great nation.

PVT. ALBERT M. PERRY

### HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2018*

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Private Albert Perry, who was killed in action in Saarlautern, Germany on December 18, 1944.

Private Perry was born on October 1, 1920 in Banta, Indiana, to William Herman Perry and Dessie Day Perry. He was the ninth of ten siblings, with two sisters and seven brothers. He attended Bargersville and Center Grove schools, but after only one year of high school he went to work full-time at the Earl Wilson Service Station and Garage in Franklin, Indiana to help his family.

Private Perry enlisted in the Army on March 3, 1944 at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. After several months of training, he was deployed on August 6, 1944 from Boston, MA on the SS *Mariposa*. He served with the Company K, 378th Infantry Regiment, 95th Infantry Division of the Third Army, which earned the nickname "Iron Men of Metz" after defending the town in France from repeated German attacks.

Like many of our brave young soldiers, Private Perry paid the ultimate sacrifice defending and protecting our freedom. Although our debt to him can never be repaid, we have a duty to honor and recognize the sacrifice that he made protecting this great country.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF EDMUND L. REGALIA

### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2018*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of a longtime Contra Costa resident, Mr. Edmund Regalia.

At an early age, Ed committed to his passion for serving others by participating in school leadership, acting as President of a social-civil rights club, and joining the Naval ROTC while attending U.C. Berkeley. He spent his summers with the Navy in locations around the country and abroad, including trav-

el through the Panama Canal. After graduating with a degree in Political Science in 1952, Ed reported for duty immediately to San Diego where he served mainly on destroyers in the Pacific during the Korean War. Toward the end of his tour, he served as Legal Officer on his ship, the *Laws*. During his time with the Navy, Ed visited Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Guam, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Hawaii. Ed retired from active service in 1955 as a Lieutenant.

After he left the military, Ed enrolled at Boalt Hall Law School at U.C. Berkeley, and in 1964 was a co-founder of Miller Starr Regalia, a law firm focusing on real property cases. During his time as a practicing attorney, Ed received numerous awards for his work and contributions to the legal field. Ed went on to serve two terms on the California Law Revision Commission, appointed first by Governor Davis and re-appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger.

Motivated by the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy in 1968, Ed and other members of the Walnut Creek Democratic Club formed the Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Fund, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. From 1968 through 2017, he served continuously on the Board where he oversaw \$4.4 million in scholarships awarded to assist 750 students from Contra Costa County Community Colleges transition to four-year universities. Ed also served on Homeowner's Boards, both as President and pro-bono legal advisor, and the Board of both the Diablo Symphony and the Walnut Creek Library Foundation.

Ed's dedication to his job, his family, and his community was admirable. Ed passed away on February 6, 2018. He will be missed sincerely by those who had the pleasure of knowing him, including his wife Gwen; children Doug, Ken, Phil, and Connie; and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

CONGRATULATING MELISSA BURNISON

### HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2018*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Melissa Burnison on her recent confirmation to serve as the Department of Energy's Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Melissa is well known to Members of the House, and President Trump made an excellent choice when he nominated her for this important position.

Melissa Burnison is a native of Kentucky and she began her career on Capitol Hill working for Senator Mitch McConnell. Melissa later worked for Congressman Zach Wamp of Tennessee where she focused on Department of Energy issues. She later served as a senior advisor at the Department of Energy and most recently represented the Nuclear Energy Institute as Director for Federal Programs. In that capacity, my staff and I have worked closely with Melissa to address challenges and opportunities facing the nuclear industry. Melissa also worked tirelessly to foster increased collaboration between the DOE national labs and the nuclear industry. I have especially appreciated her work in this area.

While Melissa Burnison is a respected and effective professional, she truly stands out as a wife and mother. Melissa is an adoring mother of three daughters and with her husband, Scott, they have formed a warm and close family.

One of the pleasures of serving in the U.S. House of Representatives is seeing young, talented people come to Washington to serve their country. I commend Melissa for her confirmation in this important position, and I expect we will be hearing more about this talented and gracious public servant in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2018*

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I was absent for the vote on the passage of H.R. 1865 (Roll Call No. 91). Had I been present, I would also have voted yea.

I was also absent for the vote on the passage of H.R. 4296 (Roll Call No. 89). Had I been present, I would have voted no.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2018*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen flight delays, I was absent for roll call votes 92 and 93 on March 5, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted AYE on Roll Call No. 92 and AYE on Roll Call No. 93, both naming certain post offices.

TRIBUTE TO POLICE CHIEF ALAN R. GORDON

### HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 6, 2018*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Chief Alan R. Gordon for his 43 years of exceptional service to the people of Westborough, Massachusetts. Though Alan retired as Chief of Police in January, his reputation of integrity, excellence, and service above self will remain an example for law enforcement officers throughout the nation.

Alan first joined the force in 1972, and became a full-time officer in 1978 after attending the Worcester Police Department Academy. While supporting a family and working long hours, often on the midnight shift, Alan rose through the ranks of the department, becoming Sergeant in 1988, Lieutenant in 1994, and Chief of Police in 2005.

His bravery and quick thinking have saved lives and property countless times. One night in particular stands out in his mind; in October of 1983, he raced to the scene of a 911 call. A baby was not breathing. With seconds to spare, Alan's training kicked in, and alongside another officer, Alan administered CPR and saved the baby's life.