

police officers never fail to respond, regardless of the unknown dangers and threats that arise.

I'm reminded of the true definition of love in John 15:13, "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." What a legacy of love, bravery and sacrifice Officer Hamilton leaves to inspire our nation.

My wife, Cynthia, and I extend our deepest heartfelt sympathies to Officer Hamilton's wife, daughter, parents and his extended family, including his brothers and sisters in blue at the Pikeville Police Department. Let us remember Officer Scotty Hamilton as a true American hero.

RECOGNIZING CONSERVATION
BEYOND BORDERS

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2018

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize Conservation Beyond Borders and their tireless work to eradicate the illegal poaching of Rhinoceros' and the subsequent trafficking of their horns which are used to fund illicit activities. This form of wildlife terrorism promotes the trafficking of humans, arms, and narcotics as well as other illegal activities around the world.

As a University of Minnesota graduate and wildlife biologist, Nicole Benjamin-Fink serves as the Director of Conservation Beyond Borders and has spent countless hours working to identify the illegal trade of wildlife by global operative networks whose goal is to utilize endangered animals, like the rhinoceros, as trade commodities. Through the creation of Conservation Beyond Borders, Nicole has raised awareness and promoted cross-cultural conservation around the world.

Like Conservation Beyond Borders, I too believe in the importance of identifying the causes and impact of wildlife terrorism. I am honored to recognize outstanding Minnesotans like Nicole for their efforts to preserve our wildlife and end the criminal financing of terrorism.

I commend Conservation Beyond Borders for their efforts to conduct comprehensive research on these criminal networks and for attempting to ensure that all wildlife have the opportunity to flourish in their native homelands.

RECOGNIZING TWO EXEMPLARY
OREGONIANS

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2018

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of my friends, and two exemplary Oregonians who have dedicated their lives to service of their community and country. Retired Lieutenant Colonel Les Cochenour and his wife, Jody, are stalwart citizens of The Dalles, Oregon—my birthplace—who will be relocating from their treasured home in the Columbia Gorge to start a new chapter in their lives in Bend.

Before Les and Jody's new chapter begins, though, I would be remiss if I did not provide a brief account of their impactful chapters written in Wasco County.

Like me, both Les and Jody were raised in The Dalles. They are both proud alumni of The Dalles High School—high school sweethearts who graduated one year apart from each other and married just a few short months after Jody graduated. The foundation of their 56-year-long marriage began in high school, and so did the start of an inseparable duo of public servants.

Les entered the local National Guard Unit as a private straight out of high school. With a work ethic acquired at a young age on his farm in Dallesport, Les soon went on to officer candidate school and became a second lieutenant.

After more than two decades in the National Guard, Les joined the Army reserve, where he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and retired after another decade of service. Les' military record spans 31 years with the Army reserves, and 42 years as a military officer.

Just as his military service was winding down, Les' community service in The Dalles was just beginning. Les served as Mayor of The Dalles for two terms from 1990–1994. His leadership qualities and dedication to his constituents, including the planning of the Fort Dalles Readiness Center, earned him the position of President of the Oregon Mayor's Association in 1994.

A veteran himself, Les made it a top priority in his life to serve his fellow service men and women. He served on the board of the Oregon Veterans' Home for five years, dedicating his time to providing veterans and their families with a place to seek care, rehabilitation, and a roof over their heads.

Les is a founding member of the Mid-Columbia Veteran's Memorial Committee, providing another venue for service to his fellow veterans. All the while, Les has had a partner in this admirable endeavor of service to those who have served our country: his wife, Jody.

Jody, also a public servant who worked for the state in the Building Codes Division, is a board member of Mid-Columbia Veterans and a lifetime member of The Dalles Veterans of Foreign War Auxillary. A trailblazer of her own right, Jody launched the Red Crested Purple Breasted Cronies, a chapter of the National Red Hat Society that donates to a charity of their choosing each month.

Les and Jody have not been without recognition for their unique history of devoted service to others. Les has been honored with the bronze medallion of the Order of St. George from the U.S. Calvary and Armor Association, a prestigious honor that recognizes the long and honorable service to cavalry and armor, and recognizes the very best cavalryman.

Jody was awarded the Order of St. Joan D'Arc, an equally prestigious recognition for a spouse with "significant voluntary contributions to the morale, spirit and welfare of the armor and cavalry communities."

Suffice to say, today will be just one of many accounts of Les and Jody Cochenour's service to their fellow citizens in The Dalles, and people across America. While their address may change, I know that their commitment to our state and country will not.

Their home will always be in The Dalles, and their legacy of service to others will cer-

tainly be passed along to their five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, and I imagine it will only be a matter of time before their impact will be profoundly felt by the community in Bend.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the whole House of Representatives and the people of The Dalles, please join me in expressing our sincerest thanks and gratitude to Les and Jody Cochenour for their lifelong dedication to community and country.

RECOGNIZING JUDGE THOMAS
PATTERSON "PATT" MANEY

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2018

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and pay tribute to a local hero who has dedicated his life to humble service; service to his country, service to others, and service to the bench. One can get a slight understanding of the impact he's had on the lives of others by some of the powerful testimonies his colleagues will give about the man and his work, such as, "you will not find a more forceful advocate for justice" and "he is an irreplaceable asset to Okaloosa County."

The history of the life and work of Judge T. Patterson Maney is nothing short of astounding.

In 1974, he was admitted to the Bars of Kentucky and Florida and after a year of practice in Kentucky, moved to Okaloosa County where he established a general practice. He was appointed Okaloosa County Court Judge by Governor Bob Martinez and took the bench on June 5, 1989.

Brigadier General Maney's military service and experience played an intricate role in shaping his service on the bench. He served in the Army Reserve for almost 37 years in positions of increasing responsibility retiring as a brigadier general in 2007. During his reserve service, he was deployed to Panama, Haiti, Bosnia and Afghanistan for contingency operations. He commanded a reserve civil affairs brigade in Maryland as well as the 350 Civil Affairs Command in Pensacola and later served as the deputy commander of the Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) and deputy commandant of the John F. Kennedy Special Operations School (Airborne) at Fort Bragg. In Bosnia, he served as the special assistant to the chief of staff and later as acting chief of staff of the Office of the High Representative, an international organization created to implement the Dayton Peace Accord. He played a key role in freedom of movement issues and security of meetings of the Bosnian tripartite Presidency and the visit of His Holiness Pope John Paul II to Sarajevo in April 1997. Later, in Afghanistan for 17 months, he served the U.S. Ambassador as senior advisor for the political sector with the status of attaché. In that role, he coordinated with the office of the presidency, various ministers including the Ministers of Justice and the Supreme Court, and the Joint Election Monitoring Commission.

In 2005, Brigadier General Maney was severely injured by a blast in Afghanistan and spent nearly 2 years recovering from those injuries. Brigadier General Maney returned triumphantly to the bench in May 2007. He has

since been a staunch champion for veterans, mental health, and civil rights.

Judge Maney's personal experience as a wounded warrior helped inspire him to create a Veterans Court in 2010 that, since then, has helped veterans dealing with issues related to their military service avoid getting caught up in the legal system.

His advocacy and support of mental health has also been a cornerstone of his career. Judge Maney started the Okaloosa Mental Health Court and has been appointed three times to the Supreme Court's Task Force on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, where he advocated for passage of a veterans treatment court bill and for a revision of Florida's mental health laws. The Veterans Treatment Court Act was named for him, a singular honor for a county court judge. Because of his service as the Okaloosa judge supervising Baker/Marchman Act cases, he served on the statutory "Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council", 2010 to 2014. He also served on the statutory "Florida Defense Support Task Force", 2011 to 2015 where he successfully pushed for the passage of a veterans treatment court law. As a judge who fulfilled statutory duties as head of the election canvassing board, he successfully supported two amendments to Florida election law to protect the voting and privacy rights of military service members.

Patt Maney's guidance and expertise has been and will continue to be an invaluable asset to Northwest Florida. His determination and selfless service are an inspiration to all who are blessed to know and work with him.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize and honor Judge Maney for his countless contributions and accomplishments. I'd like to extend my gratitude to him for all that he has done for his country and community. As he will be retiring his gavel soon, I would like it included in the RECORD of the United States Congress, that there is absolutely no doubt that Judge T. Patterson Maney has served fairly, patiently, and followed the law.

IN RECOGNITION OF FONA'S
WORKPLACE EXCELLENCE

HON. RANDY HULTGREN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2018

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, it's not every day that long-term sustained excellence can be duly recognized.

FONA International of Geneva, Illinois, provides just such an opportunity, however. I am privileged to extend my enthusiastic congratulations to Joe Slawek and the employees of FONA International for being named a National Best & Brightest Company to Work For by the National Association of Business Resources—for the seventh year in a row.

FONA International creates and produces flavors for many of the largest food, beverage, and nutritional companies in the world. It has been doing this for 30 years—a testament to its sustained excellence and commitment to serving customers through cutting-edge technology and personal attention.

CEO and Founder Joe Slawek calls this the "high-tech, high touch" approach. He founded

FONA International in 1987 on these principles. He built a business that could compete with the largest flavor companies but stay connected with customers and his family of employees in a way that only a small business can. The honor of this award speaks to that success.

FONA International has been cited by Fortune magazine as one of the top fifty best places to work for medium-sized businesses nationwide. Fortune also named FONA International as the Number 1 workplace in Chicagoland.

To be selected just once as a National Best & Brightest Company would be a distinguished honor. To receive this award seven years in a row is nothing less than a spectacular achievement.

I congratulate Joe Slawek and the employees of FONA International for this remarkable recognition. I thank FONA International for its years of service to the local community and for its leadership in the flavor production industry. I wish you continued success in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I was absent due to a family emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 104; YEA on Roll Call No. 105; YEA on Roll Call No. 106; NAY on Roll Call No. 107; YEA on Roll Call No. 108; NAY on Roll Call No. 109; YEA on Roll Call No. 110; NAY on Roll Call No. 111; YEA on Roll Call No. 112; YEA on Roll Call No. 113, and YEA on Roll Call No. 114.

TRIBUTE TO LEE HOLLOWAY

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2018

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend Lee Holloway. He served for 20 years in Milwaukee County in many positions including: a Milwaukee County Supervisor and Chairman for the Milwaukee County Board and County Executive of Milwaukee County. Mr. Lee Holloway passed away on March 14, 2018 at the age of 71.

Mr. Holloway was a life-long Milwaukee resident. He was a product of the public school system and a graduate of Lincoln High School where he excelled at football. He was granted an athletic scholarship to the University of Arkansas and graduated in 1969 and earned an M.S. in developmental disabilities from the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee in 1972.

Prior to becoming an elected official, Lee Holloway was a guidance counselor at Messmer High School. He was a health care field innovator and served as the Chief Operating Officer of both the Inner City Development Project-North and the Milwaukee Comprehensive Community Health Center. Mr. Holloway championed healthcare for the poor and unemployed people.

Lee Holloway was initially elected in 1992 as a Milwaukee County Supervisor representing the 5th District and in 2004 became the first African American elected as Chairman of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and served in this position for 8 years. In 2010, he became the first African American County Executive of Milwaukee County for a brief period where he served dually in this position and that as Chair of the Milwaukee County Board. Mr. Holloway led efforts to create a county general assistance health safety net program; this program was later expanded statewide as Badger Care. He also successfully led the effort to win voter approval of a county sales tax increase in a 2008 referendum.

Mr. Holloway and his wife Lynda were very involved in the Milwaukee Kickers Club; they guided the Simba League to provide an entrance for inner city youth to participate in soccer through the Milwaukee Kickers Club.

Lee Holloway leaves behind his loving wife Lynda, six sons and two granddaughters and five grandsons and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing. He leaves a strong legacy of leadership for his children and grandchildren to model.

Mr. Speaker, Lee Holloway was a Milwaukee and Wisconsin trailblazer and will be remembered for his service to the 4th Congressional District. I urge you and my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in a salute to the late Lee Holloway.

VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF GHANA

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 19, 2018

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to salute His Excellency Nana Akufo-Addo and the people of Ghana on the occasion of President Akufo-Addo's visit to the United States.

Ghana tops many lists of Africa's most peaceful and stable democracies, boasting an uninterrupted series of free and fair elections since 1992 that have seen power change hands between the two major parties three times. Freedom House ranks Ghana first on the continent for political and civil liberties. It was the first country in sub-Saharan Africa to achieve the United Nations Millennium Development Goal of halving the number of its people in extreme poverty, achieving this milestone well ahead of the 2015 target. The World Bank places Ghana first in its West African sub-region for ease of doing business.

Since his election, economic growth has surged from 3.6 percent to 7.9 percent. The World Bank projects an additional increase of 8.3 percent in 2018, making Ghana one of the world's fastest-growing economies. At the same time, Ghana's budget deficit as a proportion of GDP has been slashed from 9.3 percent to 5.6 percent even as the government has cut taxes. That would become an international cultural landmark. The school appeared in many movies and television shows until 1971, when portions sustained damage in the Sylmar earthquake, and then were ravaged by fire while awaiting assessment and repair.

Underpinned by a rich endowment of oil, gold and cocoa, Ghana's \$43 billion economy