

of political efficacy and interact with key decision-makers to affect the policy making process.

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TRIBUTE TO ED WHITING

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 23, 2018

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding member of our community, Mr. Ed Whiting, on his retirement as Chief of Police and for his tireless and dedicated service to the City of Taft, California.

For well over thirty years, Ed has dedicated his life to ensuring that the citizens of California's 23rd Congressional District remain safe and informed. Having graduated from East Bakersfield High School in 1976, Ed has long served as an instrumental member of California's Central Valley community. Upon graduation from high school, Ed enlisted in the United States Air Force as a Law Enforcement Specialist, where he learned how to effectively enforce rules and maintain order. Ed's successful career with the Air Force is marked by the accolades that he received—including a Good Conduct Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal for Operation Red, White and Blue during the 1980 Cuban Refugee Resettlement in Florida. He retired from the Air Force after achieving the rank of Sergeant.

Following his military service, Ed joined the Kern County Sheriff's Office before attending the Police Academy in Bakersfield. Ed went on to serve in Bakersfield, McFarland and eventually Taft in a myriad of roles—from Police Officer to Detective to Sergeant. His down-to-earth demeanor and larger-than-life personality have made Ed a joy to work with.

With an extensive background in law enforcement and a passion for serving others, Ed was the ideal candidate to take on the role of Taft Police Chief in 2012—serving proudly with diligence and grace. Perhaps one of the most telling events of Ed's success as police chief was the smooth and orderly manner in which he handled the 2013 shooting at Taft Union High School. Ed's effective rapid response strategies became a trademark of his career, and I truly believe that Ed's leadership greatly enhanced the Taft community's safety.

On behalf of California's 23rd Congressional District and the United States Congress, I am grateful for Ed's service to our community, as I know the Taft community is as well. I have always appreciated his friendship and advice, and I know that many others join me in celebrating his successful career. I wish Ed, his wife of 29 years, Robin, and his two children, Melissa and John, happiness in Ed's retirement.

HONORING RICKLIN'S HARDWARE
STORE

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 23, 2018

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an iconic small business, Ricklin's Hardware, an institution in Narberth that is closing after over a century of dedication to the community.

Ricklin's Hardware began before it even had its now familiar storefront to its name in 1913. Founder and namesake Hyman Ricklin started the business going through Narberth, door-to-door, with a pushcart full of tools before settling on the business' iconic location on Haverford Avenue. Ricklin, his wife, "Ma" Ricklin, and children operated the store for several years. The store endured two fires and the loss of its original building before it was sold to Ed Riddell and brothers Mario and Kelly Barone in 1960.

Though once amassing five separate hardware stores, Ed Riddell settled on a flock of two fixtures, including Ricklin's Hardware and Suburban Hardware in Byrn Mawr, which closed last year after nine decades of service. Since 1973, Ed's son, Jed, has worked in the store alongside his father. Jed worked at Ricklin's throughout high school, as did his friend and classmate Charlie Waters, and the pair became co-owners of Ricklin's in 1990.

As Ricklin's Hardware has passed hands from one generation to the next, so too have its customers. Riddell and Waters and other longtime employees have personally seen more than three generations pass through its doors. This is a true testament to the loyalty of its customers, the community, and the remarkable care Ricklin's has provided.

After 105 years of service, Ricklin's Hardware has proven that the individual and specialized support characteristics our small businesses provide as an irreplaceable investment to our neighborhoods. As Riddell and Waters plan to close the doors of Ricklin's Hardware on April 28, they should do so with the recognition that through the generations Ricklin's has established ties to the Narberth community that will last long past its closure.

The 2nd Congressional District of Pennsylvania extends gratitude to Ricklin's Hardware for its dedicated service to Narberth and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 23, 2018

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, on March 22, 2018, I was unavoidably detained and missed recorded vote No. 123. Had I been present, on Roll Call No. 123, On Ordering the Previous Question: H. Res. 796: Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1625) to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to include severe forms of trafficking in persons within the definition of transnational organized crime, I would have voted NO.

RECOGNIZING DR. DAVID HERD

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 23, 2018

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. David Herd, a resident of New York's 23rd congressional district in Geneva, New York.

Dr. Herd just completed his term as president of the American Chiropractic Association, where he has been a member for nearly four decades. In his time at ACA, Dr. Herd has served in many leadership posts, including serving as New York's delegate to the organization's governing body, as chair of the ACA's strategic planning committee, and as chair of the ACA's membership committee.

A native of Buffalo, Dr. Herd received his BA at the State University of New York at Buffalo and his Doctor of Chiropractic degree at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. Dr. Herd has also served on the faculty of the New York Chiropractic College, located in Seneca Falls. In addition, Dr. Herd has also served in the leadership of the New York State Chiropractic Association, as president of the Rochester district in the early 1990s.

These past two years, Dr. Herd has spearheaded a move to streamline the governance structure of the ACA, leading to a more dynamic and responsive organization. A tireless advocate for chiropractic patients and his beloved profession, he and others at the ACA have now laid the groundwork for a strong and vibrant organization for years to come.

On March 1st, the American Chiropractic Association recognized Dr. Herd with their most prestigious honor, the Chiropractor of the Year award. Mr. Speaker, this is truly an honor befitting of an individual who has dedicated his life to his patients and his profession. I congratulate him on this honor and for a successful tenure as president of the ACA.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEMPHIS SANITATION WORKERS' STRIKE AND THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 23, 2018

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the coordinated struggle of workers on the 50th Anniversary of the 1968 Memphis sanitation workers' strike to voice their grievances and reach a collective agreement for rights in the workplace.

To enshrine this moment into history and the record of the House of Representatives, I recently introduced a resolution, H. Res. 720, to commemorate the historic convergence of the Civil Rights and Labor movements that the sanitation workers' strike represents. Since its introduction, my resolution has garnered the support of a bipartisan coalition of nearly 100 members of the House including almost every member of the Congressional Black Caucus, every member of the Tennessee House delegation, and the support and passage of an identical resolution in the United States Senate.