

at Charlotte. On September 12, 1987, he married the love of his life, Jennifer Mowery Hall. She supported him through all his endeavors, as he was her strength in a picture of Christ's love for the church as a biblical marriage should be. As busy as he was helping and serving others, he always made time for her. Steven joined the Greensboro Police Department as his first job after graduating. One of his first assignments at the Department was to the Greensboro Housing PNRC, where he worked to serve the families in underprivileged neighborhoods in the city. While on that assignment, he worked with the UNCG Pi Kappa Phi, Congressman Howard Coble, and the Police Department to form a youth basketball league in the area. After a time working with the D.A.R.E. drug prevention program, he became a School Resource Officer at Western Guilford High School, where he served from 1994 until 2006. During this time, he served a year as the president of the North Carolina Association of School Resource Officers (NCASRO). During his spare time, he worked as a substitute teacher at High Point Central and other local high schools.

In 1988, Steve worked with a group of men from the High Point area to found the High Point Little League, where he was a volunteer coach. He also coached at Southwest Guilford High School and at his own high school. He served as an advisor to the UNCG and High Point College chapters of Pi Kappa Phi and as a board member of the Hartley Drive YMCA. He was a member at the High Point Elks Lodge, where he served on the board and eventually became the Exalted Ruler in 2017.

He and his wife raised his sons Miller and Tucker in their home on Suncrest Drive. He always encouraged his sons to be active, to volunteer and help others, and to be outgoing and kind. He always told them to hold the door for others and clean up messes no matter who made them. He was proud that his children attended Wesleyan Christian Academy and loved going to their various sporting events. He was a member at Christ United Methodist Church, where he often served on the multiple boards and served as a Sunday school teacher and an Upward basketball coach. He attended the church with his family and instilled in them his deep Christian faith. His job as an SRO—and much of his life—was put on hold in 2006 when he received orders to deploy to Afghanistan as a part of the War on Terror. He served two tours of duty there between 2006 and 2010. His service in the reserves continued from his enlistment until he retired from the Army in 2014.

He worked out his time with the Greensboro Police Department until his retirement in 2013. He spent the remainder of his time with his family. He enjoyed family vacations at Holden Beach, trips to Clemson to watch football games with his older son, and road games where he cheered his younger son on playing lacrosse. He received many awards including the GPD Police Officer of the Year and Knights of Columbus Police Officer of the year. His awards in the U.S. Army include the NATO Afghanistan Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, US Navy Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Bronze Star.

Everyone knew Steven by his smile and sense of humor. At every event he was the

center of attention, though never by choice. He loved children and devoted most of his service, time, and energy to their safety, well-being, and happiness. He loved his country and was willing to give his life every day for its prosperity. He thought of others before himself and taught his children to do the same. He cared deeply for his wife, parents, and siblings and worked for their security. And he loved God, as everyone who met him could see from the joy in his face.

Mr. Speaker, throughout his life Steven Hall showed dedication to his country, community and family. During his service in the United States Army and the Greensboro Police Department he demonstrated humility, putting the needs of others before his own. The testimony of Steven embodies the greatest qualities of humanity. The life of Steven Hall encourages us all to exemplify the commandment, not to be served, but to serve. On behalf of North Carolina and the United States of America, we are honored for the faithful service of Steven Lindo Hall.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
STEVEN BOCHCO

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Mr. Steven Bochco—an accomplished Los Angeles television writer and producer—who passed away on April 1, 2018 at the age of 74.

Steven was born in New York City on December 16, 1943 to Mimi and Rudolph Bochco, both artists in their own right; his mother was a painter and jewelry designer and his father was a violinist. Steven attended the High School of Music and Art in Manhattan and attended New York University for a year before transferring to Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. During summer vacations between his junior and senior year of college, Steven got a job at Universal Television in Los Angeles, which led to a job and cross country road trip that would forever change his life.

During his time at Universal, Steven's first writing credit came from expanding an already filmed one-hour drama into two hours by adding backstory about the characters when they were kids. Steven later remarked that, at the time, he was, "so naive about the business that it didn't even occur to me that my name would be up on the screen. Suddenly when this thing was finished and I went to see it, it said, 'Written by Rod Serling and Steven Bochco.' That was my first professional writing credit."

In 1971, Steven wrote his first 90-minute television episode for the Steven Spielberg-directed installment of Columbo entitled 'Murder by the Book,' which led to his first of 34 Emmy nominations and a lasting friendship of 47 years with Mr. Spielberg. After 12 years with Universal, Steven left in 1976 to work for the late television executive, Grant Tinker, at his company MTM Enterprises, where he would develop a ground-breaking show about the personal lives of police officers, Hill Street Blues. Hill Street Blues established broadcaster NBC as a powerhouse on Thursday

nights and the shows' first round of Emmy nominations resulted in being awarded 8 out of 21 nominations. Hill Street Blues would eventually be nominated for 98 Emmy awards during its nearly 150-episode run.

After five seasons of Hill Street Blues, Steven was fired from MTM because he refused to sacrifice quality storytelling in order to save on costs. Ever ambitious, Steven turned down an offer to become president of CBS's entertainment division and signed an unprecedented six-year, 10-series deal with ABC and a deal with 20th Century Fox to create the 15-time Emmy Award winning show, L.A. Law. Steven subsequently founded Steven Bochco Productions and, with David E. Kelley, created the beloved Doogie Howser M.D. with ABC Studios. Later describing the business of hour-long television drama as being 'in the toilet' in 1991, Steven set out to create 1992's critically-acclaimed NYPD Blue which would ultimately earn 20 Emmy awards throughout its run.

Steven's prodigious career was defined by the rare creative control he was able to exert on his projects and productions. His portfolio of work has contributed greatly to the canon of American television through the dark and gritty realism he was able to portray about the lives of our country's public servants and public defenders.

Steven is survived by his wife of 17 years, Dayna, his children Jesse, Sean and Melissa, his grandchildren Wes and Stevie Rae, and his sister Joanna Frank. May his memory be a blessing to us all.

IN MEMORY OF BISHOP MAYOR
PRO TEM PATRICIA GARDNER

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Bishop Mayor Pro Tem Patricia Gardner, who passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. Pat served on the council for six years, and was an active member in her community throughout her life.

Pat moved with her family to Bishop in 1960, when her father was transferred within the California Department of Transportation. Although she left Bishop to attend college, she and her husband returned in 1981. Pat held a graduate degree in physical therapy, and was the owner of Sports Medicine and Rehab Therapy from 1986 to her retirement in 2011. When she wasn't running a thriving business, Pat remained focused on helping in her community. She was active in the United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday school, and served four terms on the Bishop Union Elementary School District. After her retirement, Pat continued her commitment to improving her community and ran for Bishop City Council in 2012.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I would like to recognize the tireless work that Pat Gardner undertook to improve Bishop for her friends and neighbors. Her determination, grace, and passion for her community will not soon be forgotten.

RETIREMENT OF STEVEN
NIAMONITAKIS

HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Steven Niamonitakis for his outstanding career in the United States Marshals Service (USMS).

As a graduate of John Jay Criminal College, Steven always knew that he wanted to serve in law enforcement. Entering the Service in June 1988, he started his career as a Deputy U.S. Marshal in the Eastern District of New York. He would go on to serve his entire career in the Eastern District. During his 30-year career, Steven has seen and done it all. From transporting and processing prisoners to arresting fugitives and handling international extraditions, he became one of the most experienced Marshals in the USMS.

Some of Steven's career highlights include his service on the John Gotti trial and the court hearings for Juan "El Chapo" Guzman. Furthermore, he was a valued investigator in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas, and his assistance has been vital to combatting the scourge of drugs that have infected countless lives. Additionally, Steven has been crucial in battling copyright violations of movies by securing numerous assets involved in these crimes. As his long career comes to an end, I am certain that Steven will enjoy spending his retirement with the people he loves most: his wife, Alane, and his two daughters.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Steven Niamonitakis on his tremendous career in law enforcement. Due to people like him, our nation is safe, strong, and secure. I am grateful for his service and wish him a very enjoyable retirement.

RECOGNIZING PROCTER & GAMBLE
AND MATTHEW 25: MINISTRIES

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Procter & Gamble and Matthew 25: Ministries for their efforts to help the flood victims in southern and southwest Ohio.

Much of my district in the Ohio River Valley faced widespread damage from flood waters. Following heavy winter rains, the Ohio River surged to its highest level in over two decades. The river that serves as the namesake and lifeblood of my state endangered many of the communities along the river bank.

I'm grateful to all those who answered the call to serve: our law enforcement officers, first responders, and state and local government officials, who led the efforts to contain damage and begin the relief efforts.

In southern Ohio, we have been blessed to have volunteer organizations and private citizens who have come to the aid of flood victims, and who know how to be most helpful. In this, Procter & Gamble and Matthew 25: Ministries are outstanding examples of private partners uniting their resources to provide immediate relief in their communities.

From personal care to cleaning supplies and laundry services, Procter & Gamble's donated products were an invaluable help to those displaced by, or battling, flooding. Matthew 25: Ministries has been a local leader, offering critical support to victims and disaster relief volunteers.

Matthew 25: Ministries and Procter & Gamble were among the only entities to respond to the disaster in their communities. Dan, a flood victim just across the river in Kentucky, said that when he received a Procter & Gamble bag with a handwritten note inside, he "realized that someone cared about me when I had nothing."

Procter & Gamble and Matthew 25: Ministries didn't have to be there, but they were. They are an example of the strong and generous spirit of the people of Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, these two organizations have demonstrated that they are truly good neighbors and good citizens. On behalf of the House of Representatives, I'd like to thank P&G and Matthew 25: Ministries for coming to the aid of flood victims in southern and southwest Ohio.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE TYLER COUNTY
DOGWOOD FESTIVAL

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Tyler County Dogwood Festival.

Since 1940, Tyler Countians have paid tribute to the glories of spring and the lovely dogwood tree by creating each year a growing and more beautiful Dogwood Festival. In 1938, Judge James E. Wheat, founding father of the Dogwood Festival, called a meeting of the state's leading officials near the Polk and Tyler County line in hopes of enlisting help in promoting the completion of U.S. Highway 190. The men and women that attended the meeting were so impressed with the beauty of East Texas that Judge Wheat came upon the idea of creating an annual event that would focus attention on the area and bring people to see it. The first festival was held on April 6, 1940 with nearly 300 people in attendance.

The second festival, held in 1941, was first to introduce a pageant with a historical theme. Each pageant is still given a theme to this day. There were no festivals during the years of World War II, 1942 through 1945. The third festival was held in 1946 and they have continued to be held on the first Saturday in April.

Over the decades, the Dogwood Festival has grown and expanded bringing several thousand visitors from across Texas and out of state to help East Texans celebrate springtime. Due to the increasing number of horseback riders who were coming to the county seat of Woodville, TX to join in the Dogwood parade, it was decided they would have a weekend of their own. The first Tyler County Dogwood Festival Western Weekend was held on March 23, 1968. Thousands of trail riders travel to Woodville on horseback and wagon to participate in Western Weekend and strive to preserve the heritage of the East Texas cowboy. Eventually, Western Weekend expanded to include a rodeo and western dance.

The Dogwood Festival has been a proud tradition for Tyler County for over half a century. The focus has always been on preserving the history and heritage of Tyler County while paying tribute to the natural beauty East Texas has to offer. I am proud to call this county my home and am excited to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Tyler County Dogwood Festival with its 2018 festival, "Diamonds and Dogwoods—75 Years of Memories".

ALLYSA BUCKNER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Allysa Buckner for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Allysa Buckner is a student at Ralston Valley High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Allysa Buckner is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Allysa Buckner for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

NOMINEES FOR THE NATIONAL
MEDAL FOR MUSEUM AND LIBRARY
SERVICE TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Pueblo City-County Library District in Pueblo, Colorado and the Mancos Public Library in Mancos, Colorado. Both libraries were nominated among 29 finalists for the 2018 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. In addition to being a finalist, Pueblo City-County Library District was awarded one of the 10 medals that are presented annually.

The medal is the highest national honor for museums and libraries. They are recognized for their outstanding contributions in the areas of education, civic life engagement, advanced workforce development, and enrichment of cultural and lifelong learning opportunities.

Due to the strong leadership of Jon Walker, the Executive Director of the Pueblo City-County Library District and Lee Halberg, the Executive Director of the Mancos Public Library, both libraries make a variety of valuable resources and programs available to the communities they serve, which has helped to enrich the lives of many living in their respective communities.

Libraries and museums have historically served as vital resources within our nation's