

His refugee experience sparked his passion in political, social, and educational advocacy for Vietnamese Americans and social justice community issues. Specifically, he participated in Project Ngoc, a student-led humanitarian organization that worked to support Vietnamese refugees detained in camps in Southeast Asia, and co-founded the Vietnamese American Coalition (VAC) at the University of California, Irvine where he went to college.

Mr. Tran graduated with a B.A degree in Political Science, and later with a M.S. degree in Educational Technology. He became a teacher at Orangeview Junior High School in 1995, where he taught U.S. History, World History, and Math for 23 years. During his tenure, he also served as an Associated Student Body (ASB) Advisor, yearbook advisor, a California Beginning Teacher Support & Assessment (BTSA) Provider, a tennis and basketball coach, and a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Coordinator. His dedication to students, his colleagues, and his profession earned him many recognitions, including Teacher of the Year in 2012–2013 for Orangeview Junior High School and Teacher of the Year for the Anaheim Union High School District in January 2018.

In addition to his teaching career, Mr. Tran was a charismatic community activist and compassionate leader. He hosted the TaChat show on Saigon TV, emceed for Viet Film Fest and the Children’s Moon Festival Drawing Contest with the Vietnamese American Arts and Letters Association (VAALA), and volunteered with numerous community organizations. Most importantly, Mr. Tran was a loving and kind husband, father, son, brother, and an inspirational leader who contributed to his community in countless ways. His significant impact and legacy will be remembered and continued for many generations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed a vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 134.

HONORING MATTHEW OTT OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO OUR VETERANS

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I extend my sincere thanks and congratulations to my constituent, Matthew Ott, for his efforts over the last 10 years to raise donations and awareness for Veterans in need.

Matthew was just 11 months old when his mother, Patricia, a Veteran, died from an illness. At age nine, Matthew started a lemonade stand business in her honor and donated the proceeds directly to local Veteran organizations.

On April 21, 2018, Matthew will conduct his 10th and final Veterans charity event. Assisted by his father, John, and many local supporters, Matthew has raised more than \$32,000 for Veterans in our community. He’s earned countless awards and commendations for his service, including the Rotary Club of York’s Charles Wolf Award.

I’ve long appreciated the commitment of people who devote themselves selflessly to serving our communities and fellow citizens. Matthew took a tragic event and turned it into an opportunity to touch the lives of countless Veterans and their families. His legacy of service to our Veterans and community truly is an inspiration.

On behalf of Pennsylvania’s Fourth Congressional District, I commend, thank and congratulate Matthew Ott on his volunteer service and wish him continued great success in his future adventures.

RECOGNIZING AND JOINING AUTISM COMMUNITY TOGETHER (ACT) FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL AUTISM AWARENESS FAIR

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Guam’s Autism Community Together (ACT) as they celebrate the 11th annual Autism Awareness Fair, appropriately themed “Learn, Accept, Support Autism.” As we celebrate Autism Awareness Month, ACT and organizations across the country work to provide every individual with Autism Spectrum Disorder with the opportunity to achieve the highest possible quality of life. This year ACT and their partners want to go beyond simply promoting autism awareness to encouraging friends and collaborators to become partners in movement toward acceptance and appreciation.

There is still so much to be done to raise awareness of the issues surrounding people, particularly children with autism worldwide. Autism Community Together is one of Guam’s local organizations leading the efforts to increase autism awareness across our community. Autism Community Together is an organization based in Guam as a support group for families with autistic children. Though we have made great progress as a nation to improve services and opportunities with peoples with disabilities, there are still improvement that can be made. ACT is dedicated to helping individuals and parents find resources, support, and training while making diligent strides to increase the awareness of autism spectrum disorders and advocating for effective services and the unique needs of individuals with autism and their families.

I commend Autism Community Together as it hosts the 11th Annual Autism Awareness Fair World Autism Day. The Autism Awareness Fair is the largest outreach event hosted by ACT throughout the year and brings together government agencies, non-profits organizations, service providers, support vendors with the intent to provide information and resources on the various disability related programs and services available on Guam.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I thank the Autism Community Together organization

and all government agencies and community partners for their assistance to spread autism awareness and acceptance. I look forward to future contributions by Guam’s Autism Community Together in opening more opportunities to those in our community living with autism.

CELEBRATING MR. EDWIN MILLARD FORD’S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JOHN J. FASO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend the happiest of birthday wishes to Mr. Edwin Millard Ford of Kingston, New York who is celebrating his 100th birthday. Mr. Ford has lived a life characterized by hard work and an unyielding selflessness, making him a pillar of his community.

Mr. Ford has served as the Kingston City Historian since 1984, actively conserving, interpreting, and presenting the city’s history in unique and engaging ways. He has unearthed the wonders and stories of Kingston’s past and preserved them for future generations. Mr. Ford is a man of family, community, and faith. His legacy of dedicated service and participation is a source of inspiration, and has made him a cornerstone of the Kingston community.

Mr. Ford’s zeal for life has made him a great role model for the people of the 19th Congressional District. On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I am grateful for his commitment to Kingston and the state of New York. Mr. Speaker, I wish Mr. Ford a very happy and healthy 100th birthday.

IN CELEBRATION OF CHANCELLOR DANIEL LITTLE’S DISTINGUISHED 18 YEAR TENURE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate University of Michigan-Dearborn Chancellor Daniel Little for his 18 years of distinguished service as he retires. He has provided the university with exemplary leadership throughout his tenure.

Mr. Daniel Little received his Bachelor of Science in mathematics from the University of Illinois in 1971 and went on to receive his PhD in philosophy from Harvard University in 1977. He has a long-held interest in social sciences and focused his studies on economic justice and social interactions. Before coming to the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Chancellor Little served in various positions at universities across the country. He served as a professor at Colgate, Bucknell, Wellesley College and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Afterwards, he served in leadership positions including Associate Dean of the Faculty at Colgate University and most recently as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Bucknell University before making the move to Michigan.

Chancellor Little entered his position at UM-Dearborn in July 2000 with the passion to expand enrollment and cultivate a close campus