

have been donated to homeless shelters and the working poor. We can proudly say that the Harvest Garden grows produce and community.

As a very active member of HBF since 2002, Lennie was also the driving force behind the Marilyn Hills Garden at Crocker and the renovation of Vista Park. She was President of HBF from 2004 to 2006 and has been recognized as Volunteer of the Year. She completed the California Master Gardener Program, serves on the Board of Trustees of the Filoli Center, and she has been a member of the Hillsborough Garden Club for 16 years.

You may surmise from this intense list of volunteer work that it doesn't allow time for anything else, but you are mistaken. Lennie found the time and energy to co-found a startup in 2006 that produces mobility aids.

Lennie, born in San Francisco, earned her BA from UC Berkeley. She married Peter in 1987 and they have four sons, Miles, John, Will and Gray.

Lennie's dedication and love for her community knows no bounds. She tirelessly and patiently works on making Hillsborough a better and more beautiful place to live for all residents. Her ability to lead and to quietly work behind the scenes makes her an extraordinarily effective community leader.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the members of the House of Representatives to rise with me to recognize a woman who nurtures everyone and everything around her. Lennie Gotcher is truly an exceptional citizen and the Town of Hillsborough is fortunate to call her one of their own.

SUSTAINABILITY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor SustainAbility for being recognized as the 2017 Community Champion Award winner by the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation (Jeffco EDC).

The Community Champion Award recognizes a business that has significantly improved and influenced the quality of life in the community through active engagement, community service and creating positive economic growth. As a recycling company, SustainAbility uses the untapped potential of people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities to contribute to society through meaningful work. The company employs over 190 people—145 of which have disabilities. Over the past year, the company has helped divert over 2.5 million pounds of materials from landfills through other public services such as hard-to-recycle drop-off centers, electronics disassembly and hospital and small business recycling pick-up.

Congratulations to SustainAbility for this well-deserved award, and I thank them for their contribution to our community.

HONORING TAMARA JONES AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Tamara Jones, whom I have named Woman of the Year in Napa County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Ms. Jones was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and earned her Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication from California State University Hayward. After graduation, she moved to Napa, California and became the owner and lead planner of Tamara J Events, a boutique wedding and event design firm.

During the October 2017 wildfires, Ms. Jones volunteered to assist evacuees at the Napa Valley College Shelter. Ms. Jones and her team, affectionately known as the Honey Pot Crew, used social media and an extensive network of community relationships to secure donations and other assistance for the evacuees. She also coordinated all of the donations and supplies for the whole shelter.

Ms. Jones and the Honey Pot Crew received, organized and distributed the donations, both in the shelter and in parking lots. They also created an area for first responders that was always available for pick-ups, cleaned their showers and packed over 750 "Go Boxes" for first responders. As the fires began to subside, Ms. Jones ensured that any remaining donations were properly distributed to community organizations.

For the past twelve years, Ms. Jones has served as the fundraising and event chair for the National Cemetery Support Committee for the National Cemetery in Dixon, CA. The committee provides beautification efforts, including placing the flags on the Avenue of Flags and for Veteran's Day. Ms. Jones' passion stems from her mother, who was the second person laid to rest in the cemetery.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Jones is a dedicated and active community member, who is always willing to lend a hand and go above and beyond. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Tamara Jones here today.

CELEBRATING LUCILLE POWELL ON HER 99TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lucille Powell, a great Hoosier who is celebrating her 99th birthday.

Lucille O. Powell was born on April 15, 1919, in Bourbon, Indiana. In June of 1938, she married her late husband Dell I. Powell, who passed away in 2006. For 68 wonderful years, they raised their family and built a beautiful life together. With six children, 19 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren, and 29 great-great-grandchildren, Lucille's world is full

of joy, laughter, and countless reasons to celebrate.

Dell heroically served our country in the Army in Germany during WWII, and Lucille supported her family, tirelessly caring for their three children. Lucille and Dell were a part of the Greatest Generation of Americans whose efforts to defend our freedom through determination, hard work, and resolve led to immense success and prosperity for our country.

Lucille and her husband continued to embody the American Dream, working side by side, running a small business in Mishawaka. Their business undoubtedly helped fuel the local economy and provide secure jobs to hardworking Hoosiers. Their commitment to our community helped drive Indiana's economy forward and exemplified the strong economic climate in which Hoosiers are able to start and grow businesses.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Indiana's 2nd District, I want to thank Lucille for all she has done to make Mishawaka a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family. Lucille stands out not only because of her hardworking Hoosier spirit, but also because of her devotion to her family, friends, and neighbors.

Many have benefitted from her kind and caring nature, her endless encouragement, and her unconditional love. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending Lucille our congratulations and best wishes.

Happy 99th Birthday, Lucille.

TRIMBLE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Trimble for being recognized as the 2017 Innovative Technology award winner by the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation (Jeffco EDC).

The Innovative Technology Award is given to a local company that is on the forefront of new and advanced technologies and a company that is leading the way in aerospace, aviation, bioscience, energy or other similar industries. Founded in 1978, Trimble has become widely known as a pioneer in GPS technology, helping harness precise GPS satellite positioning for land and marine surveying. Today, the company serves many diverse industries including agriculture, building construction, heavy civil construction, energy, transportation and utilities. While positioning is still at the core, Trimble now innovates using a wide range of technologies such as Building Information Modeling, Mixed Reality, and Artificial Intelligence to help customers around the world do great things.

Congratulations to Trimble for this well-deserved award, and I thank them for their contribution to our community.

HONORING SUSAN MOORE AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Susan Moore, whom

I have named the 2018 Woman of the Year in Sonoma County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Ms. Moore was born in Queens, New York and graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science and Teaching Credential. She also attended the University of California, Berkeley, where she studied English and received her California Teaching Credential. She received her master's degree from the Raskob Institute at Holy Names College.

Ms. Moore has served as the President of the Brady Campaign in Sonoma County since 2008. Her chapter is one of the strongest, most hardworking, and ardent proponents for ending gun violence in our country. She has been a leading voice and tireless advocate in our community for gun violence prevention. Her effort and determination have cultivated a network of people that are determined to reduce gun violence. Ms. Moore also has a passion for California politics. She has volunteered extensively for candidates at the state and local level.

Ms. Moore has been at the forefront of many innovative programs and organizations in Sonoma County, many of which advocate for women and girls in our community. She founded the No Name Women's Network, a group of women from all walks of life who meet monthly to advocate on a number of issues, including literacy, equal rights and wildfire recovery. She has been an active leader of the Girl by Girl Program, for which she was recognized as the volunteer of the year in 2003, and a founder of the Advisory Board for Roseland University Prep, which have opened educational opportunities to everyone in our community.

Mr. Speaker, Susan Moore is an incredible member of our community whose tireless work throughout her career has benefited the women throughout Sonoma County and California. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING BROWARD SENIOR HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate ten exemplary men and women from Broward County who will be inducted to the Broward Senior Hall of Fame today.

These outstanding citizens are individuals from all walks of life who have contributed greatly to the vibrancy and well-being of South Florida. Several have provided distinguished service on boards of organizations that benefit our communities and make Broward County the outstanding place that it is to live, raise a family, and retire.

The twelve distinguished inductees are Lilian Bergstein of North Lauderdale, Bruce A. Blitman of Palm Beach Gardens, Elizabeth Dawson of Coral Springs, Shelly Greenberg of Delray Beach, Ann Harsh of Fort Lauderdale, Council Member Caryl Hattan of Davie, Linda

Houston Jones of Pompano Beach, Gary "Lee" Lawson of Fort Lauderdale, Julia Ruiz of Deerfield Beach, and Renee Smoley of Weston.

Again, congratulations to these outstanding individuals. I wish them the best of luck with their induction and continued service to Broward County. It is with great pleasure that I honor them, and I look forward to hearing of their continued service activities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, I am not recorded on three votes because I was unavoidably detained due to my commercial flight experiencing mechanical issues.

Had I been present, I would have voted: Yes on Roll Call 130; Yes on Roll Call 131; and Yes on Roll Call 132.

HONORING SHARON McGRUFF PAYNE AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Sharon McGriff Payne whom I have named Woman of the Year in Solano County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Ms. McGriff Payne was born in Lake Wales, Florida and moved to Vallejo, California with her family when she was a young child. After graduating from Vallejo High School in 1967, she attended Solano Community College, San Jose State University and Sonoma State University where she earned a degree in Journalism and History. She worked as a journalist in New York, Florida and California until she retired in the late 1990s.

In addition to being a journalist, Ms. McGriff Payne is a writer and historian who has researched the history of African Americans in Vallejo and the North Bay. Her work has uncovered long forgotten or previously unknown information about African Americans who made significant contributions to our community throughout history. She is the author of two books that chronicle the early African American presence in Vallejo and the North Bay. In the early 1990s she launched a bi-weekly newspaper, The North Bay Progress, to serve Vallejo's African American community.

For the past year and a half, Ms. McGriff Payne has volunteered with Vallejo Together Support Services, an organization that works with Vallejo's homeless population. She has a desire to help others, especially those who are facing economic and social challenges in our community.

Mr. Speaker, Sharon McGriff Payne has made an undeniable impact in Solano County

through her research of North Bay African American History. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

TRIBUTE TO KEITH CARPENTER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Keith Carpenter. Keith was recently awarded the United States Air Force Military Auxiliary Radio System Certificate of Outstanding Service.

The Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) is a Department of Defense program. Members are volunteer licensed amateur radio operators who provide auxiliary or emergency communications to local, national and international safety organizations. Keith has logged 600 hours in five states and has recruited and trained other operators in the state. The award recognized him for outstanding service and selfless contributions. He currently serves as the Deputy Director for Region 7 of the Air Force MARS.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Keith for this award, and for providing needed services in support of our country's safety. I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress and I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Keith and wishing him nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE SECOND ANNUAL MARCH FOR SCIENCE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 16, 2018

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the second annual March for Science which took place this past weekend on Saturday, April 14, 2018, in Washington and at locations across the globe. I want to voice my strong support for it. While it is somewhat disheartening that there is a need for this march, I am proud to see the public celebrating the role science plays in our daily lives, supporting the future of evidence-based science, and promoting it as the foundation of our policies.

Over the past year, we have seen a troubling increase in anti-science attitudes by some in government. We have also seen assaults on policies underpinned by widely supported and verified scientific findings. The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy remains leaderless. Polarizing individuals have been nominated for key science agencies, breaking with the tradition of nominees who can garner bipartisan support. Furthermore, the Environmental Protection Agency is being dismantled from within and restructured to cater to the needs of industry rather than the American public, and the role of science has been severely undercut.