

Day. This is a day when the international community comes together to raise awareness about hemophilia and other bleeding disorders. It is a day when we also reaffirm our commitment to the individuals across the globe who are living with this dangerous chronic disease.

Hemophilia is a genetic bleeding disorder that prevents blood from clotting normally, leading to uncontrolled bleeding in different parts of the body. Left untreated, the deep internal bleeding associated with hemophilia can lead to permanent damage of organs and tissues as well as potentially fatal outcomes. Additionally, people with hemophilia are at increased risk of developing heart disease, HIV infection, and kidney bleeding as time passes.

Hemophilia is considered a rare disease, but it impacts 20,000 people in the United States and more than 400,000 people worldwide. There is no cure for hemophilia, and three-fourths of patients have inadequate access to treatment. When treatment is accessible, it is expensive, leading to costs as high as \$250,000 per year.

As the founder of the Congressional Rare Disease Caucus, I know that much progress has been made in improving access to research funding for rare diseases like hemophilia. However, there is more that must be done to help those struggling with hemophilia obtain needed therapies. With today's recognition of World Hemophilia Day, it is my hope that we renew our commitment toward achieving accessible, affordable treatment for the hundreds of thousands of hemophilia patients across the world.

HONORING BOB HURLEY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Bob Hurley upon his retirement from a long and distinguished culinary career in Napa Valley.

Mr. Hurley grew up in San Francisco, California. After graduating from high school in 1972, he purchased a van and traveled around the United States. He worked in hotels and restaurants along the way, his first foray into the restaurant business. He realized his passion for cooking and returned to San Francisco, where he enrolled in the culinary program at City College. Post-graduation, Mr. Hurley spent two years traveling in Europe, India and North Africa learning how food and culture were connected.

Mr. Hurley and his wife Cynthia eventually moved to Napa Valley where he quickly became an essential part of our Yountville community. He opened Hurley's Restaurant in 2002, which is unquestionably a community staple and favorite spot for locals. Ensuring the restaurant's success meant his normal workweek was Monday to Saturday, 6 a.m. to 7 or 8 p.m. After announcing his plans to retire and close Hurley's Restaurant, Mr. Hurley has shown the character we all know him to have. He is working to help members of his team, which he considers to be family, find new jobs.

Mr. Hurley's unwavering commitment to our community goes beyond his restaurant. He is the Secretary on the Board of Directors for the Lincoln Theatre at the Yountville Veterans

Home. He helped create the annual Veterans Day Celebrity Chefs Luncheon and has been a chef for Hands Across the Valley, a fundraiser to help feed those in need throughout Napa County. He has taught annual etiquette classes at Yountville Elementary School, organized fundraisers for Yountville Little League, and supported numerous programs at Connolly Ranch. During the October 2017 wildfires Mr. Hurley worked for four consecutive nights cooking for first responders. He brought hundreds of meals from his restaurant to the field where the responders were stationed.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Hurley is the kind of citizen we should all strive to be. He is known for making everyone feel important and special. For many years he has provided our community with a welcoming place to gather. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Bob Hurley here today.

IN RECOGNITION OF RICHARD MONTONI

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement of Richard Montoni, a New England native and dedicated government contractor with a passion for civic responsibility.

Mr. Montoni is well-regarded by his peers and deeply respected in his field. As the Chief Executive Officer of MAXIMUS, Richard has developed the company into a preeminent government partner by delivering health and human services to different communities around the world. Prior to becoming CEO he served as the company's Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

Since 2006, Richard has honed the vision of his company by resolving legal matters and fostering a culture that drives business growth and optimization. In October 2013 Bloomberg named Richard 3rd in their list of Tech's Top 20 Turnaround Artists.

Richard has remained steadfast in his commitment to communities, teamwork, and strong leadership over the course of his time at the company, only furthering the blossoming relationship between governments and private-sector tech companies that distribute health and human services programs across the globe.

Complementing his work with communities around the world, Richard serves as Vice Chairman for the Northern Virginia Technology Council and Vice Chairman of the Corporate Fund Board of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Richard Montoni and his commitment to providing invaluable health and human services. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his hard work and dedication as he celebrates his retirement.

JAMES JOHNSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor James Johnson for receiving the 2017 Arvada Young Professional Leadership Award from the Arvada Chamber of Commerce.

Each year the Arvada Chamber recognizes Arvada's finest men and women for their involvement and dedication to the community. James is being recognized for his outstanding contribution and leadership in the Arvada community. James' professional and approachable demeanor helped make a difference while he served as the 2017 Arvada Young Professionals (AYP) Chair. James also has recently stepped up as Chair of the Two Ponds Preservation Committee.

Congratulations to James Johnson for this well-deserved award, and I thank him for his contribution to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH INDEPENDENCE DAY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

HON. CHRIS COLLINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the Jewish state of Israel. In May of 1948, after centuries of foreign rule, persecution, and conflict, David Ben-Gurion declared the establishment of the state of Israel, which President Harry S. Truman also recognized on the same day.

While the state of Israel has faced much conflict since its founding, and violence between Israelis and Palestinians is common, the resilience and strength of the state and its people is astounding. The founding is a direct result of the hard work and perseverance of the Jewish people, who fought for their rights in the face of persecution. This passion and determination is why we are here today, celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the state of Israel.

The people of Israel plan to celebrate the anniversary with a "70 hours of Israeli Celebrations" ceremony, bringing together both the citizens of Israel as well as Jewish people all around the world. The theme of this celebration is "Heritage of Innovation", which highlights the success of the state at spearheading new technology in the fields of medicine and agriculture. I congratulate Israel on its 70th Independence Day, and wish them many more years of prosperity.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE JOHNSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on H.R. 4790 because I was in Louisiana attending a family event.