

RECOGNITION OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER AGENCY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DOUG LAMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to commend the Northern California Power Agency, also known as NCPA, on its 50th anniversary. NCPA was established in 1968 by a consortium of locally owned electric utilities to make joint investments in energy resources that would ensure an affordable, reliable, and clean supply of electricity for customers in its member communities. By banding together, these local consumer-owned utilities, including several in my District, achieved economies of scale necessary to build generation and collectively face the challenges of an evolving electric utility industry.

The Agency's mission is to provide members with reliable, efficient, and cost-effective wholesale power, energy-related services, and advocacy on behalf of public power consumers through joint action. I can tell you, through my decades of dealing with NCPA during my tenure in Congress as well as the California legislature, that the Agency meets that mission with flying marks.

NCPA has been a pioneer in implementing innovative technologies that benefit the environment, as highlighted through its construction of both the world's first integrated wastewater geothermal system, which greatly prolongs the life of invaluable geothermal renewable resources, and the nation's first "fast start" combined-cycle natural gas turbines. The Agency also owns and operates nearly 260 megawatts of in-state, hydropower resources that generate carbon-free electricity for Californians while also providing outdoor recreation benefits. NCPA also regularly represents its members' interests in issues related to the Central Valley Project.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending and congratulating NCPA on 50 years of invaluable service to its public power members and their respective communities, the State of California, and the country.

MICHAEL CAMELO, JR.

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Camelo, Jr. Camelo, a second-generation Cape Coral firefighter, who passed away on May 29th at the age of 37.

Engineer Camelo joined the department in 2006 and served honorably in several critically important positions including paramedic, hazardous materials technician, public safety boat operator, and as member of the Firefighter Survival and Rapid Intervention team.

Mr. Camelo is survived by his two children, Anna, 5, and Michael Camelo III, 3. Both of these young children will forever be a part of the Cape Coral firefighter family that Michael cared about so deeply throughout his entire life.

I would like to offer my deepest condolences to the family of Mr. Michael Camelo, Jr. This is an immense loss to the Cape Coral Fire Department and to the city. Although short in years, Michael's life was filled with great accomplishment and a spirit of service to others—he and his family will be in my prayers, and the prayers of our community.

TRIBUTE TO GRACE McDONALD

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Grace McDonald of Winterset High School. Grace was recently honored for outstanding academic achievement at the Sixteenth Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition on April 29, 2018.

This statewide program is sponsored by the Iowa Governor's Office, the Iowa High School Athletic Association, and the Iowa Farm Bureau. Each Iowa high school was invited to select a senior with the highest academic ranking. Not only are they academically gifted, but the selected students are often the youth who are successful in extra-curricular activities and community endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Grace in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to reach her goals. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Grace on receiving this esteemed designation, and wishing her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

RICHMOND STUDENTS EARN GOLD SEAL AWARDS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Favour Umeakuana and Sonali Puri of Richmond, TX for both earning a Gold Seal at the 2018 State Visual Arts Scholastic Event contest.

The State Visual Arts Scholastic Event, or "VASE", is part of the Texas Art Education Association and awards Gold Seals to its most talented high school artists. It is the highest honor a Texas high school art student can obtain. Favour, a freshman at George Ranch High School, and Sonali, a junior at Foster High School, were two of the 150 students awarded a Gold Seal out of over 35,000 entries. These students have demonstrated incredible talent and are thought of by their classmates to be truly unique. Favour and Sonali are in elite artistic company and deserve the recognition this award displays.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Favour and Sonali for receiving Gold Seal awards. We look forward to seeing their future artwork.

RECOGNIZING FRANK EMOND

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and pay tribute to a local hero and national treasure who has dedicated his life to humble service; service to his country and service to others. Mr. Emond is a Pearl Harbor survivor and recently celebrated his 100th birthday on May 21, 2018.

The history of the life and work of Frank Emond is nothing short of astounding. Francis "Frank" Emond, originally from Rhode Island, played the French horn in his high school band. After graduating and working for three years, he joined the U.S. Navy in 1938, leaving his home in Rhode Island to serve as a musician.

In the summer of 1941, Mr. Emond was assigned to Pearl Harbor, aboard the battle ship USS *Pennsylvania* with Admiral Kimmel, Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet.

On the night of Saturday, December 6, 1941, bands from the *Pennsylvania*, the *California*, and the *Arizona* held a dance band contest on the docks; bragging rights for the winner and great entertainment for the troops and civilians. Mr. Emond's band won the trophy, which they later donated in memory of all 21 *Arizona* band members and 1,100 hands that went down with them.

On the morning of December 7, 1941, "a date", in the words of President Roosevelt, "which will live in infamy", Mr. Emond was playing the French horn with his band mates as they were preparing to play for the morning flag raising.

The ceremony was horrifically interrupted by hundreds of Japanese aircraft dropping bombs and riddling the harbor's battleships with machine gun fire.

The *Pennsylvania* was struck by a bomb, killing 15 and launching men, including Mr. Emond, into a rescue operation. Mr. Emond was trained as a stretcher-bearer and began retrieving the injured and the dead.

Mr. Emond retired from the Navy in 1968 and spent a decade working as a civilian employee at Pensacola Naval Air Station.

To this day, Mr. Emond continues to serve his country and his community. He has been a Red Cross volunteer at Pensacola Naval Hospital for the last 15 years. He works at the hospital's front desk where he frequently brightens the day of many visitors as he greets them and works the switchboard.

Mr. Emond expresses that "time is one of the easiest gifts to give, and is an important one that could change the outcome of somebody's day or maybe even their life." Mr. Emond has certainly given generously of his time and has, no doubt, positively impacted the lives of countless people who are blessed to know and work with him.

Frank Emond's presence and service has been, and will continue to be, an invaluable asset to Northwest Florida. We are proud that he calls our area home and honored that he chooses to spend his time volunteering here.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am humbled and privileged to recognize and honor Frank Emond for his countless contributions and service. I'd like to extend my gratitude to Mr. Emond and his family

for all they've sacrificed for this country and our community. I would also like to wish him a happy 100th birthday and best wishes.

JACK CLAWSON

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jack Clawson, who recently passed away at the age of 90.

Jack was a highly respected resident of our district, not only as the father of my predecessor, Congressman Curt Clawson, but also as a passionate family man and follower of Jesus Christ. He led a remarkable life, having grown up working on his grandfather's farm in Utah and a shipyard in Seattle. As a member of the greatest generation, he joined the U.S. Army and fought for our country during WWII, in Japan between 1945 and 1947 while serving on the staff of General Douglas MacArthur. For three years thereafter, he would serve as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Denmark. His service to his church would continue throughout his life.

A graduate of Brigham Young University and Harvard Business School in the 1950s, he began a successful business career, serving as the President of Thonet Manufacturing Corporation, DeSoto Furniture and Hill-Rom Company. As with every other aspect of his life, Jack instilled a sense of belonging and caring at each of the companies he led. To his friends and family, however, Jack Clawson was known as a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him and well-remembered by all.

TRIBUTE TO CLAUDIA SCHNAIBLE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Claudia Schnaible of Council Bluffs, Iowa on her induction into the Thomas Jefferson High School Hall of Fame. Claudia is a 1955 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in Council Bluffs.

Claudia has been a lifelong resident of Council Bluffs. She attended the University of Nebraska, but left to join the workforce and start her career. Claudia worked at Phillip's Department Store where she was promoted to clothing line buyer. She owned her own clothing store and ended her career working for Younkers and Von Maur Department Stores. Claudia has always been dedicated to giving back to her community. She has volunteered her time as a youth leader for the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, served as president of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, as a member of the Alzheimer's support group at St. Joseph's Villa, Bethany Lutheran Home, and as a member of the Hall of Fame committee.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Claudia on achieving the honor to be a mem-

ber of the Hall of Fame at Thomas Jefferson High School. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in congratulating Claudia and wishing her nothing but continued success.

BISHOP C. GARNETT HENNING, SR., CHAMPION OF THE AME CHURCH AND OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I am saddened to report the passing of the Right Reverend Coral Garnett Henning, Sr., a giant of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, a devoted defender of the less-fortunate, a tireless advocate for the empowerment of African Americans, and an unfailing friend of Africa.

Elected as the 112th Bishop of the AME Church in 1992, he had already served (and grown) congregations in his native Tennessee, as well as Kansas, Missouri and California, including Ward AME Church in my district. While assigned to Los Angeles from 1972–80, he worked to further economic development, education, the arts and civil rights, and Mayor Tom Bradley appointed him to head the Los Angeles Housing Commission twice. Wherever he went, Bishop Henning devoted his considerable talent, energy and intellect to ecumenical outreach, mentoring, political engagement, and supporting education. He also developed a well-deserved reputation for building and strengthening institutions.

Assigned to Africa in 1992 to serve the 14th Episcopal District—West Africa, he fortified both the church and education all over the region. He built Bethel AME Church in Ghana; in Côte d'Ivoire, he established C. Garnett Henning, Jr. Memorial High School in honor of his late son; and he founded AME University in Monrovia, which today is the second-largest university in Liberia. Assigned to the 19th Episcopal District—South Africa in 1996, he continued to create and build, both programs and structures, including re-opening the nearly century-old Wilberforce Institute (now Wilberforce Community College) which had been closed by South Africa's apartheid government.

Though he would continue to support African projects, he returned to the United States in 2000 when he was assigned to the 8th Episcopal District, which includes Mississippi and Louisiana. There, too, he did what he did best, but was called to extraordinary service when Hurricane Katrina struck in 2005. He would go on to administer millions of dollars to restore damaged churches and sustain ministers and members of the district in the wake of that historic disaster. He was also appointed to the National Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund, a committee that oversaw distribution of more than \$70 million. He successfully supervised the restoration of 49 out of 51 churches damaged by Katrina: In 2008 he received his last assignment, to the 3rd Episcopal District, from which he retired in 2012, freeing him to continue advocacy matters close to his heart, which is what he was doing the last time he came to see me.

His considerable legacy will benefit generations to come. I mourn with his widow, Ernestine Lee Henning, a leader in her own right, and his family, friends and colleagues. I am grateful to have known him, and grateful for all he has left us.

HONORING AUDREY KENT AND HER SON MIKE KENT

HON. JOHN R. CURTIS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to honor Audrey Kent and her son Mike Kent for their sacrifices on behalf of our nation.

Audrey Kent served as an army nurse for three years in San Francisco during the height of World War II. Working in an operating room, Audrey helped injured soldiers from the Pacific recover before being transferred home. In this capacity, Audrey alleviated the suffering of soldiers exposed to the horrors and carnage of war.

Mike Kent also heeded the call of duty and served in the Vietnam War. As a door gunner on a helicopter, Mike held an especially dangerous position that was often the focus of enemy fire. For eleven rigorous months, Mike inserted troops into the field, resupplied them, and conducted reconnaissance, besides other duties.

Doug Kent, Mike's brother and Audrey's son, also served during the Vietnam War repairing helicopters. Tragically, Doug was killed in a helicopter accident on the same day that Mike arrived in Vietnam. Doug's name is now inscribed upon the Vietnam Veterans Memorial with the names of other fallen heroes. Until now, neither Audrey nor Mike have had the opportunity to view Doug's name in person. Thanks to the generosity of the Utah Honor Flight program, both veterans will now have that opportunity.

As Audrey and Mike look forward to paying their respects to Doug, I honor them for their dedication to freedom and our country. The good that both have accomplished during their military service and throughout their civilian lives is immeasurable.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the service of Audrey and Mike to their country.

IN HONOR OF FORMER GEORGIA REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT F. RAY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable statesman, farmer, and public servant, former Representative in the Georgia General Assembly Mr. Robert F. Ray. Sadly, Representative Ray passed away on Tuesday, May 29, 2018. His passing marks the close of a long and prolific life, and his departure leaves a void in the hearts of many Georgians. A memorial service for Representative Ray was held on Friday, June 1, 2018, at First Baptist Church in Fort Valley, Georgia.