

walk more than 60 miles to Camp O'Donnell in what became known as the Bataan Death March.

For almost three years, despite facing malnutrition, torture, and forced labor, Mr. Rodriguez did his best to provide medical care to his fellow soldiers without the use of proper supplies. He also kept handwritten records of his fellow prisoners, many of whom succumbed to a range of ailments. He was finally liberated and returned to New Mexico in January 1945.

After returning home, Mr. Rodriguez worked for a variety of lumber businesses in the Albuquerque area. Additionally, he served in leadership roles at the Bataan Veterans Organization and the American Ex-Prisoners of War Organization. He also met his wife, Elizabeth, and had three children, Mona Lisa, Ralph III, and Charles.

Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to the loved ones of Mr. Ralph Rodriguez, Jr., and honor Mr. Rodriguez for his valiant service to our country.

RECOGNIZING RUDY GRASSESCHI

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rudy Grasseschi, who is celebrating 60 years in business as the owner and operator of the Cobblers shoe store and repair shop in Hayward, California.

Rudy opened Cobblers on June 13, 1958, but the store traces its roots much further back. Rudy's father, who arrived in the Bay Area in 1906 from Italy, sold and fixed shoes elsewhere in Hayward, as Rudy's grandfather had done in Italy. Today, Rudy's sons Dino and Rodney work with him in the store, as does his grandson Kenneth.

For generations of Bay Area residents, Cobblers has been a comforting throwback to the old-world tradition of mixing craftsmanship and fellowship, with Rudy working his restorative magic on all sorts of footwear while dispensing free wisdom and kindness to all who pass through his door.

A Hayward native who lives in nearby Castro Valley with his wife of 61 years, Lois, Rudy has tirelessly given back to his community—he is a director emeritus of the Hayward Area Recreation District Foundation's board, and a lifetime member of the Castro Valley Lions Breakfast Club. Cobblers was honored as the California 20th Assembly District's 2018 Small Business of the Year, and is among the Hayward Chamber of Commerce's oldest members.

At age 82, Rudy says he has no plans to retire. Like a well-made, well-worn, still-sturdy shoe, he remains the right fit for the East Bay.

I rise to congratulate Rudy Grasseschi on achieving six decades as the owner of one of the 15th Congressional District's quintessential businesses, a beloved community institution that continues to serve its customers with the highest degree of quality and care.

IN HONOR OF THE FATHERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of The Fathers of the Armed Forces, on this coming Fathers Day and their families. Who throughout the generations have selflessly sacrificed for us in the name of freedom. Take time to pause and reflect and give thanks. I ask this poem penned in their honor by Albert Carey Caswell be included in the RECORD.

THE FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

The Faith of our Fathers,
The Fathers of Freedom,
The Fathers of War,
The men who go off to battle and leave all they adore.
Who throughout the generations, for all of us, fought and died
For our freedom, giving up their arms and legs and so much more
And come home and live with PTS, The Scars of War,
All so we can live in this Nation we adore.
And then there are the ones who aren't coming home anymore.
Who lie in cold quiet graves lost in distant shores,
Who gave That Last Full Measure.
This Father's Day remember all of those who represent America's greatest of treasures,
Our selfless Fathers of Freedom, The Angels adore,
Who with The Faith of Our Fathers fought and died for.
So this Fathers Day, as you sit down to break bread,
With your beloved Father and all that will be said,
Remember there are Fathers all around the world who for us have led,
And died and bled.
Who have wives and precious boys and girls in harms way in sleepless beds,
Who won't be together this day,
As it's The Faith of Our Fathers who lead the way,
On this Fathers Day.
So give thanks and give praise,
And say a prayer for all of those families in anguish who live day to day,
And remember over decades what The Faith of Our Fathers have made
In this Land of The of Free,
in this Home of The Brave,
And what they give and what they gave,
And The Magnificent Faith of Our Fathers on this Fathers Day,
Who pray for peace everyday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Mr. ESTES of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote No. 258 on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 5237. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

I was not present for Roll Call vote No. 259 on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 5041. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

I was not present for Roll Call vote No. 260 on Approval of the Journal. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

GARY REYNOLDS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor one of my constituents, Gary Reynolds, a Physics Teacher from the City of Santa Ana.

Mr. Reynolds has been an important figure in the community, not only as a teacher, but also as a mentor to his students at Santa Ana High School for over 31 years. His love for the Sciences and desire to educate the city's youth, Mr. Reynolds has been able to create a career through his teachings in Physics, Chemistry, Earth Science, and Robotics.

After graduating from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1969, Mr. Reynolds became an Infantry Officer at Marine Corps Recruiting from 1969 to 1976. During his time in the Marine Corps, he also served in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971.

Mr. Reynolds is a former Postdoctoral Research Assistant from Louisiana State University and a Research Assistant from University of California, Irvine. Mr. Reynolds received his PhD in Environmental Chemistry at University of California, Irvine, and has studied Cell Physiology and Biochemistry at San Diego State University, and Zoology and Chemistry at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Mr. Reynolds' is dedicated to educating the city's students and has acted as a mentor to all those who may not have had someone who they can look up to. Through the years, he has acted as a mentor and has motivated students to be the best that they could be. Because of his guidance, many of his students have gone on to pursue a higher education.

Mr. Reynolds' tremendous efforts are not left unnoticed and his accolades are well-deserved. More importantly, it is the impact he has made in our community. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Reynolds, and I thank him for his positive impact he has made on the Santa Ana community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EVAN H. JENKINS

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, due to my attendance at a funeral, I was not present to vote on roll call votes 258 and 259 on June 12th. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 258, and YEA on Roll Call No. 259.