HONORING CHIEF WILLIAM GOSWICK

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief William "Bill" Goswick of Hercules, California for 40 years of service to the Hercules Police Department in Hercules, California, including his seven years as the Police Chief.

Chief Goswick joined the Hercules Police Department in 1978 as a reserve officer while he was in the U.S. Navy. After being hired as a full-time police officer in 1980, Chief Goswick rose through the ranks of the Hercules Police Department, first as a patrol officer, and was assigned to the detective division in 1983. Chief Goswick was promoted to Police Sergeant in 1985, Detective Sergeant in 1987, and Commander in 2008. In 2010, Chief Goswick was promoted to Chief of Police and has served in that position ever since. Chief Goswick has also served as the Assistant City Manager of Hercules since 2016.

In addition to his service in the Hercules Police Department, Chief Goswick is an active member of our community. He is known as "Chef Bill" in our community because he organizes and volunteers to cook at many local events. Some of the events that he has lent his culinary talents to support include disaster relief in the Philippines, senior citizen groups, Parent Teacher Organizations, the Hercules Police Explorers and the Sea Scouts. Chief Goswick was a driving force in planning Hercules' Fourth of July celebration, and is on the committee to build a Veterans Memorial in Hercules.

Chief Goswick is a committed leader and has been recognized by Hercules Rotary, the Exchange Club, West Contra Costa County School District, Boy Scouts of America, Hercules City Council and Contra Costa County Supervisors. In 2001, Chief Goswick was named the Police Officer of the Year. Chief Goswick was born in Piermont, New York and is married to Karen Goswick. They have one daughter, Amy. He is a grandfather to Jake, Ally and Ashley.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Goswick is a life-long police officer with a deep sense of duty and public service. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Chief William Goswick here today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 119TH AN-NIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISH-MENT OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to recognize the 119th anniversary of the creation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and celebrate their fervent service to veterans, service members, and their families. This year's annual VFW convention will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, and it is truly an honor for our city to host such a noble event.

The VFW was established in 1899 in the wake of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection. Many soldiers returned home sick or wounded with no means of medical care, so organizations formed to aid these recently established veterans. Through the resilient spirit that they have come to be known for, veterans came together in unity to establish the monumental institution known today as the VFW.

Over one hundred years later, the VFW is now comprised of over 1.7 million members spread across nearly 6,374 posts worldwide. Today, the VFW continues to change the lives of veterans, military service members, and their families through their altruistic commitment to service and advocacy. Moreover, through their advocacy efforts, the VFW has been instrumental in moving veteran's rights and issues to the forefront of American policy.

The VFW has stated its mission is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts, to serve our veterans, the military and our communities, and to advocate on behalf of all veterans. In this regard, the VFW has continuously kept its promise, ensuring that the service the organization provides is a direct reflection of its core values. Just as veterans and service members commit to putting the people of this country first, the VFW serves veterans, service members, and their families in the same manner.

This noble organization commemorates the meritorious women, men, and families who have made monumental sacrifices and stood tall and valiant in the face of adversity. It is truly an honor and a privilege to stand today and recognize their outstanding work.

Mr. Speaker, while a simple "thank you" could never properly describe our appreciation for these American heroes, please join me in honoring and showing our gratitude, not only for the VFW, but for those it serves.

RECOGNIZING THE HISTORY OF THE DERBY & MILLER PUB-LISHING COMPANY

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the historical marker recognition awarded this summer to Derby & Miller by the City of Auburn.

Established in March of 1848 after James C. Derby offered his then clerk Norman C. Miller partnership, the two worked in conjunction to plate, stereotype, bind, and emboss books for public consumption. Responsible for publishing more than a hundred books, Derby & Miller proudly developed their business to become the leading publisher of the 19th century in Cavuga County.

With books on topics ranging from law to culture, Derby & Miller's publishing firm worked tirelessly to bring authors' words to life. Together, they served their community by providing the public with books that taught valuable lessons and inspired great minds.

Notably, on July 15, 1848, Derby & Miller published the critically acclaimed manuscript "Twelve Years a Slave" by Solomon Northrup. Recounting Solomon's life experience as a free-citizen of color, kidnapped and sold back into slavery, "Twelve Years a Slave" brought awareness to the horrors of slavery and joined other abolitionist texts in provoking readers to demand for the abolition of slavery.

I am proud to stand with the City of Auburn in recognizing the historic contributions of Derby & Miller to our community.

HONORING THE MEMORY AND SERVICE OF CAL POLY POMONA PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIALIST MARK MANLAPAZ

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, on Friday June 29th, an altercation took place on the Cal Poly Pomona campus in an area known as Campus South. It is with a heavy heart that I stand here on the House floor to say that Mark Manlapaz, a dedicated public safety officer, lost his life in this horrific, senseless act of violence.

Manlapaz, an immigrant from the Philippines, served as part of the Cal Poly Pomona Campus Security team since 2006 and as a park ranger for the City of Claremont for three years. An only child, Manlapaz moved to the United States with his parents at the age of 13 and learned English by reading the dictionary. After his father's passing two years later, Manlapaz chose to attend Cal Poly Pomona to remain close to his mother. He earned two degrees from the university, a bachelor's in psychology in 2006 and a bachelor's in human resource management in 2012.

Throughout his life, Manlapaz touched so many people's lives. In high school, he was successful in convincing a friend not to commit suicide. His passion for education led him to quietly provide funds for several of his cousins in the Philippines to attend college, children who his aunts and uncles referred to as his 'scholar kids.' And he was always willing to lend a helping hand, regularly driving his elderly neighbor to buy groceries.

His time spent as a Boy Scout and dedication to serving others led Manlapaz to pursue a career in law enforcement. Though he was not a sworn officer, the Cal Poly Police Department saw him as one of their own and his commitment to public service was evident.

For his selfless devotion to his family, friends, and community, Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Mark Manlapaz. We are eternally grateful for his service and his memory will live on through the impact he has made in others. May he rest in peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 16, 2018

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call votes held on July 13th of 2018, I was inescapably detained handling important matters related to my District and the State of