

to helping others get out of their wheelchairs and continue to live their dreams.

In honor of his dedication and perseverance, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Sam Schmidt for his tremendous efforts to assist the disability community and encourage people to find their passion.

HONORING FRANK E. MARRA

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate one of my constituents who is larger than life itself, Mr. Frank E. Marra. I want to wish you the happiest of birthdays as you turn 100, just the latest amazing milestone in an amazing life.

The son of Italian immigrants, Frank, was the first of Arthur (Arturo) and Mary's (Carmelina) three sons born in New York City, just before the Armistice which ended World War I. Frank attended PS 57 Theodore Roosevelt High in the Bronx before answering the call to service. Frank would join the National Guard for a short period of time before enlisting in the U.S. Military in 1941.

As a member of the U.S. Army's 258th Field Artillery, Frank trained for several months in the United Kingdom before his deployment in Europe. Frank fought the Axis powers in Normandy, through Northern France, Belgium in Ardennes, at the Battle of the Bulge, in Lichtenstein, Austria, and Germany. It has been said that Frank was the first soldier to fire an artillery shell into Nazi Germany, as our forces pushed forward to victory.

Following WWII, Frank returned home, and married Cecilia Genovese, who had sent him care packages during his time in Europe. The two honeymooned across the country and settled in San Bruno, California. In late 1947, Frank and Cecilia returned to New York, and had their two sons, Albert, and Eugene. Frank and Cecilia had a remarkable romance, and were married an incredible 70 years, until Cecilia's passing 2 years ago at the age of 97.

Mr. Speaker, Frank Marra has lived quite a life. He saw the stock market crash of 1929, the resulting Great Depression, and served during World War II. He saw the Yankees greats such as Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio and Mickey Mantle play baseball, and witnessed the first men walk on the moon. He held down two jobs, which allowed him to send both his children to college and grad school, and he volunteered for many years at St. Bart's Church and the Jewish Home for the Blind. He danced with his wife at the weddings of two of his grandchildren and he has held in his arms three young great-grandchildren: Margaret, Cecilia, and Dominick. Frank Marra has experienced and achieved the American Dream, and his distinguished life deserves our honor and recognition. Happy birthday Frank, I wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.

OFFICER ADAM JOBBERS-MILLER

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Officer Adam Jobbers-Miller, who recently passed away at the age of 29.

Officer Jobbers-Miller spent his life placing service above self. From 2009 to 2015, Jobbers-Miller was a respected member of the Wayne Fire Department in Wayne, New Jersey. Then Fort Myers was fortunate enough to have Adam Jobbers-Miller join their team as a devoted officer of the law. As soon as he began his career with the Fort Myers Police Department, it was apparent to all those around him that Officer Jobbers-Miller would stop at nothing to protect and serve the people of Southwest Florida.

On Saturday, July 21st, Officer Jobbers-Miller responded to a call at a gas station in Fort Myers. An armed assailant at the gas station fired several shots at the FMPD officers, one of which struck Jobbers-Miller. He was immediately rushed to Lee Memorial Hospital, where he remained in critical condition until he passed away on July 30th. His passing brings great sorrow not only to the Fort Myers law enforcement community, but to our entire Southwest Florida community.

Every day, our officers and first responders put themselves in harm's way to ensure that the safety of all its citizens are protected. Officer Jobbers-Miller made the ultimate sacrifice to maintain this safety, and for that we are all immensely thankful.

In the face of certain danger, Adam Jobbers-Miller never hesitated to act in a truly heroic manner. His life of selfless service was tragically cut short, but his tireless dedication to the welfare of others will forever be remembered by all who were fortunate to know him. Kathleen and I extend our deepest condolences to Officer Jobbers-Miller's family, friends, and fellow officers.

HONORING ROBERT GHIRELLI

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement of a distinguished constituent of mine, Robert P. Ghirelli, of West Covina, CA. Mr. Ghirelli is retiring after almost four decades of public service to the citizens of Southern California. His career exemplifies the work of water quality professionals who every day advance the health of our nation's waters to provide economic, recreational, and environmental benefits to us all. He is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles with an undergraduate degree in bacteriology and a doctorate in environmental science and engineering, and he holds a master's degree in health science from California State University, Northridge.

Most recently, Mr. Ghirelli has served as the Assistant General Manager at the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD), the third

largest clean water agency west of the Mississippi River. In this role, he has overseen the day-to-day operations of six hundred employees and a \$164 million annual operating budget that delivers water quality improvements to the regions rivers, streams, and coastal waters for the 2.6 million residents served by OCSD.

Prior to joining OCSD, Mr. Ghirelli had a distinguished role serving for 13 years as the Executive Director of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles/Ventura Region. He reported directly to a nine-member board of directors appointed by the California Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. In this position, he administered the region's clean water programs and the management of one hundred water quality professionals that ensured the approval of water and waste discharge permits, compliance with federal and state water quality mandates, and effective monitoring of water quality. Following the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Mr. Ghirelli entered the private sector to provide his expertise in demystifying the regulatory process and enhancing efficient and effective compliance with our state's water quality protection programs.

Mr. Ghirelli returned to the public sector in 1998 when he joined OCSD as its Director of Technical Services where his responsibilities included managing the District's environmental affairs and regulatory compliance programs, environmental laboratories, and industrial waste control programs.

Mr. Ghirelli has dedicated his life to advancing the professionalism of his vocation by actively participating in regional, state, and national public agencies and trade associations related to water quality, water resources, and utility management. He has served in the following organizations: Board of Directors of the San Gabriel River Watermaster; Board of Directors of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies; Member of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies; Valencia Heights Water Company, West Covina; Commissioner and Past President of the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project; Board Member and Past President of the Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works; Board Member of the National Water Research Institute; Board Member of the Southern California Salinity Coalition; Board Member of the Orange County Business Council; Member of the Science Advisory Panel of the American Association of Environmental Engineers and Scientists; Member of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies; Member of the American Public Works Association; Member of the Water Environment Federation; Member of the California Water Environment Association; and Member of the Executive Advisory Council of the Environmental Science & Engineering Program at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Mr. Ghirelli has been a leader in providing common sense solutions to waste water problems and delivering the highest level of water quality to the citizens of Southern California. He has also mentored the next generation of water professionals. After decades of dedicating his time to improving our water resources, I wish Mr. Ghirelli the best in his retirement.