

CONGRATULATING CHRIS JEFFERS
ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chris Jeffers, a true public servant, on his retirement after a remarkable 38 years serving in local government.

For the past 29 years, Chris has served as City Manager of two San Gabriel Valley cities in my district, Monterey Park and Glendora, where his leadership and dedication have made him a pillar in our communities. As City Manager of my hometown of Monterey Park for 16 years, Chris led an expansion of our library, added hundreds of new housing units for seniors and new residents, and expanded the city's business and retail space. He chaired the American Communities for Clean-up Equity, a nationwide coalition of local governments working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and coordinated development of the Greater San Gabriel Valley Community Development Corporation, a partnership of local cities and banks created to invest in small business startups.

In 2007, Chris accepted the role of City Manager in nearby Glendora. During his tenure, the city was named the Los Angeles area's most business-friendly city under 65,000 residents in 2014 and was twice recognized by the Public Technology Institute for its adoption of new technologies to streamline the way that the government interacts with citizens and businesses. Glendora has even been awarded best downtown and friendliest city by the San Gabriel Newspaper Group for four years running, and a survey of local small business owners showed that over 80% found the city to be an excellent place to have a business.

Chris's record speaks for itself, and he is proof of the tremendous impact that one can make through dedication to public service. I thank him for his 38 years of contributions to our communities and wish him nothing but the best in retirement.

COMMEMORATING THE 90TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE PECOS COUN-
TY STATE BANK

HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. HURD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pecos County State Bank on their 90th Anniversary.

Pecos County State Bank was first founded by farmers and ranchers on July 3, 1928. From its beginnings in pre-Depression-era America, to its current range of locations, services and clientele, the Pecos County State Bank has truly become an example of innovation and growth in Texas's 23rd Congressional District. Since its opening day, the Pecos County State Bank has maintained strong cus-

tom relationships throughout the community and expanded its operations to six locations across the southwest region of Texas.

I am proud to represent the hardworking men and women of Pecos County State Bank and celebrate the 90 years of economic prosperity it has experienced. I want to thank the dedicated employees of the Pecos County State Bank for their service to the community and look forward to continuing my work with them moving forward.

HONORING TERRY HADLEY OF
ADAIR COUNTY, KENTUCKY

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Magistrate Terry M. Hadley of Adair County in the First District of Kentucky upon his retirement from Duo County Telecom.

Over the past 37 years, Terry has developed a well-deserved reputation as an expert technician and loyal employee throughout multiple changes in his company's ownership. He is known throughout his community of Columbia, Kentucky for having an excellent rapport with customers and colleagues alike, and his knowledge and experience made him the first choice for customers in need of assistance with their phone, cable, or internet service.

After retirement, Terry Hadley plans to continue serving his community as a magistrate for Adair County, Kentucky. He also looks forward to spending time with his wife, Rita Hadley, and their children and grandchildren and pursuing his interest in collecting antiques, particularly antique cars.

I join with Terry's family and friends, as well as all those he has helped during his career, to express our appreciation for his years of service to his community. I am honored to represent him and wish him well in his retirement.

HONORING THE BRAVERY OF
SOUTH TEXAS LAW ENFORCE-
MENT OFFICERS

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the bravery of fellow South Texans: Lieutenant Phillip Foley, Officer Lucino Cabrera, Officer Ulysses Guerrero, Officer Alberto Rios-Cantu, and Officer Osiel Reyes of the City of McAllen Police Department. These five law enforcement officers engaged and prevented the Deutsch and Deutsch Jewelry store robbery on Saturday, July 28, 2018, at La Plaza Mall in McAllen, Texas. They apprehended seven male suspects who were attempting to rob this jewelry store midday during an otherwise calm weekend in South Texas.

After entering the store with what appeared to be firearms, the suspects intimidated and threatened store staff while smashing glass

displays. One off-duty officer working at a nearby store was alerted to the commotion and immediately went to appraise the situation. He then approached the active scene with the assistance of an off-duty Pharr Police narcotics officer, an off-duty McAllen Police lieutenant and off-duty McAllen Police officers. Together they arrested the suspects and secured the scene.

Thanks to the brave actions of these officers, all seven suspects were taken into custody, and no one was harmed and no shots were fired. Though off-duty, these officers remained committed to the safety and well-being of our community. I would be remiss to not thank McAllen Police Chief Victor Rodriguez for his leadership at the helm of the police department for now more than 17 years. His vision, tenacity, and approach to guiding the more than 400 people under his command at McAllen Police is admirable and second to none.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to represent and recognize these courageous officers from South Texas. These heroes deserve our utmost respect and gratitude for a job extremely well done.

TRIBUTE TO FEDERICA ANTONIO

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 10, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Frederica Antonio of Acoma Pueblo in New Mexico for her role in the Pueblo Pottery Mug project and her success as a Native artist.

The Pueblo Pottery Mug project started as a collaboration between five Pueblo artists and the first Pueblo-owned Starbucks in New Mexico. The mugs were first sold in 2016 at the Starbucks store in Albuquerque. Each mug was hand-crafted by a different Pueblo artist to celebrate the opening of the new store and to symbolize the collaboration between New Mexico Pueblos and Starbucks. After quickly selling out of the unique mugs—selling over 6,000 mugs—the Shumakolowa gift shop collaborated with the artists to sell mugs at their location in the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

Growing up in the Pueblo of Acoma, Frederica's intricately designed work is a continuation of her long family tradition of hand-coiling and painting pottery. Much of the symbolism found on her pottery is connected to Mother Earth and prayers for rain.

Frederica's work heavily relies on the resources of the land. She hand-paints her vessels with fine-tipped brushes she fashions from the stems of yucca plants. She uses these traditional methods, taught to her by her mother-in-law, Mildred Antonio, to create her contemporary pieces.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Frederica Antonio for being a part of the Pueblo Pottery Mug project. This project has given the community, as well as visitors to New Mexico, an opportunity to appreciate usable pieces of art that are inspired by Native culture and traditions. I look forward to seeing this project continue to flourish and support talented Native artists from Pueblos throughout New Mexico.