

as established multiple programs addressing poverty, hunger and addiction. Additionally, Rescue Mission received the Eleanor Roosevelt Community Services Award in 1985, New York State's high award for a voluntary agency. Clarence left Rescue Mission in 2000 and continued to fundraise for several community projects, including the creation of the Clarence L. Jordan Vision Center in 2012.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me to honor the remarkable life of Clarence Jordan. He was truly a model citizen for the Central New York community and dedicated his life to the well-being of others. His many contributions impacted hundreds of lives and will not be forgotten.

CELEBRATING MATHER FIELD'S
100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mather Field as they celebrate their centennial anniversary in Sacramento County.

During World War I the Army activated Mills Air Field, east of Sacramento. It was renamed Mather Field in honor of 2nd Lieutenant Carl Spencer Mather, killed in 1918 during a training flight collision in Texas, at the request of his classmates. Following World War I, Mather was temporarily shut down as a military base but reopened in 1925 and hosted the first annual "Aerial Circus", featuring 90 airplanes demonstrating aerobatic stunts and displays. Two years later, Charles Lindbergh and the famous The Spirit of St. Louis visited Mather Field following his first solo transatlantic flight.

In 1930, Mather was reactivated as a training center for the U.S. Armed Forces and later played an important role preparing the Army for the fight in the Pacific Theater. With an Allied victory in sight, Mather Field's training activities ended in 1944 and it became a major stopover point for troops and aircraft headed to and from the Pacific. Following U.S. victory in the Pacific, Mather returned to its status as a training base and ownership was transferred to the U.S. Air Force as part of the Air Training Command.

The Department of Defense moved all of its navigator training to Mather AFB in 1964 and navigator training became Mather's specialty for several decades. In 1976, the Interservice Undergraduate Navigator Training was established at Mather to serve Navy, Marine and Coast Guard students and trained the first female navigators.

While Mather AFB was decommissioned in 1993, Mather Field continues to support the Sacramento region. The Former base now hosts Sacramento's Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Mather Business Park and Mather Airport, which is an important regional cargo hub.

I am incredibly proud to represent Mather and the surrounding community. As Mather Field celebrates its 100th birthday at the 2018 California Capital Airshow, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this historic landmark for all it has provided our region and our country over the last century.

CELEBRATING HONOWAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S RECOGNITION AS A GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. COLLEEN HANABUSA

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Honowai Elementary School in Waipahu, Hawaii, and all its achievements in being designated a Green Ribbon School by the Department of Education.

As many of my colleagues know, Green Ribbon Schools are awarded for mitigating their environmental impacts, improving health and wellness within their communities, and pursuing effective environmental and sustainability education. The purpose of the award is to inspire schools, districts, and post-secondary institutions to pursue sustainable practices and education for the twenty-first century. State education officials nominate their top schools to be considered for this award. It is important to note that close to half of all Green Ribbon Schools honorees educate majority disadvantaged student populations.

Honowai Elementary has pursued the standards and values of the Green Ribbon Schools award through an interactive, community-oriented process. Not only has Honowai installed solar photovoltaic modules that reduce the school's carbon footprint, but the data collected on this array is used in classrooms to teach students about renewable energy. Students are taught and encouraged to spread green practices that conserve energy and reduce their carbon footprints. Through professional development and new curricula for faculty, the physical improvements to the school, which include aquaponics and hydroponics systems, extend learning beyond the classroom and to the campus and broader community.

At the same time, Honowai Elementary situates traditional and Native Hawaiian practices and concepts of sustainability within our contemporary economy and society. The lo'i patch on campus provides a sustainable source of taro for food while teaching students the unique practices and values of Hawaii's indigenous heritage. Students understand diverse cultures and histories through a curriculum focused on oral history, which in turn helps them forge stronger personal values and identities and connect with their communities.

These accomplishments cannot be understated for a community consisting of single family and low-income housing and in which sixty-six percent of students qualify for free or reduced price lunch. Through its efforts, not only has Honowai Elementary given much to the local community and all its members, but the school has also represented Hawaii well on the national stage. I am proud of what the students, parents, faculty, and staff have come together to accomplish, and I look forward to their continued success as a school and community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Honowai Elementary School, its students, faculty, and staff for their achievements, as well as all Green Ribbon Schools for what they contribute to our communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. ASCHLEY SCHILLER, PROFESSIONAL STAFF, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ashley Schiller, a member of the professional staff of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, who plans to pursue other opportunities after eight outstanding years of Federal government service.

Aschley started her Federal career in 2010 as a Presidential Management Fellow after receiving a bachelor's degree in history from Texas A&M University in 2008 and a Master's degree in public policy from the University of Michigan's Gerald Ford School of Public Policy in 2010. The Presidential Management Fellows program is a highly selective, prestigious two-year training and development program for recent graduates with advanced degrees.

As a Presidential Management Fellow, she worked for the Small Business Administration to improve its acquisition processes and for the Office of Management and Budget analyzing proposed business loan subsidy rates and agency activities for inclusion in the yearly President's budget request.

After completing her fellowship, Aschley worked as a strategic advisor to the Chief Financial Officer of the Small Business Administration. There, she evaluated government-wide budget and procurement policy changes and reviewed agency budgets, programs and performance.

Aschley came to the House Appropriations Committee in 2013 where she worked as an analyst for the Surveys and Investigations office conducting oversight of military construction and veterans affairs programs. She conducted reviews of several multi-billion dollar programs to identify weaknesses and recommending changes in program funding levels, policies and reporting requirements. In addition, Aschley helped improve the operations of the Surveys and Investigations office by reducing the time required to issue reports and improving communications with subcommittee staff.

I met Ashley in 2015 when she became a professional staff member of the Commerce, Justice, Science House Appropriations Subcommittee. Since that time she has done an outstanding job supporting the Subcommittee, the Federal government and the American people. Ashley is expert in the operations of the Departments of Commerce and Justice. She has provided me with analysis of their activities and budget requests, prepared me for hearings with agency heads and Cabinet secretaries, advised me on how to respond to funding and reorganizations proposals, and provided constant oversight of agency activities. Ashley has written several Appropriations bills, advised me how to respond to amendments during Full Committee meetings and House Floor consideration, and she has negotiated several Appropriations bills with the Senate and the Minority party.

Aschley should be proud that her intelligent and hard work for the House Appropriations