

Over his life of work and community service, Jim Camp has distinguished himself as a man who always put the needs of others first. We have known Jim as a humble servant to Bakersfield—a man who never sought credit or recognition, but always had his community's best interest in mind. He is a giver—pure and simple—a man with a heart of gold with an insatiable desire to enrich the lives of others. That's a rare quality to come by, and our community is a better place because of Jim and his love for the people of Bakersfield. His efforts have measurably changed the Kern County community for the better, and one would be hard pressed to find a person worthier of the designation of 'Man of the Year' than Jim Camp.

CITY OF ORANGE FIRE CHIEF
JACK THOMAS

HON. MIMI WALTERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jack Thomas on his recent retirement from the City of Orange Fire Department.

Chief Thomas, who served the City of Orange for thirty years, began his long and impressive career journey as a volunteer in the Fire Explorer program.

After joining the City of Orange Fire Department in 1988, he quickly rose through the ranks to become Fire Chief in 2015.

As a first responder to some of the worst natural disasters in recent history, Chief Thomas has proudly served communities throughout the country, including the City of New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Los Angeles County during the 2009 Station Fire, and most recently, Orange County during the 2017 Canyon 2 Fire.

Please join me in thanking Chief Thomas for the many selfless contributions he has made to the City of Orange, the State of California, and our Nation.

I wish him the absolute best as he begins the next great chapter of his life.

COMMENDING MRS. LALANIA S. VAUGHN FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE AT TIPTON-ROSEMARK ACADEMY

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commend Mrs. Lalan S. Vaughn for 20 years of service at Tipton-Rosemark Academy (TRA) as the Director of Fine Arts. In a career spanning two decades, Mrs. Vaughn has directed over 27 shows for the TRA Theatre Department and led the TRA choir to three Overall National Winner Awards in the Festivals of Music.

In addition to teaching, Mrs. Vaughn has been selected five times as Outstanding Music Educator in Tennessee by the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts, served as President of the West Tennessee Vocal Music

Educators Association in 2014 to 2016, and is a four time nominee for the Orpheum's Theater "Outstanding Musical Direction Award," winning in 2016.

Her desire to impact her community continues to extend beyond the halls of TRA, as she is a seasoned member of the National Association for Music Education and participates as a key soloist for Bellevue Baptist Church.

It is due to the passion of servants like Mrs. Vaughn that young people across our country are equipped with the tools to follow their own dreams. I thank her today for her accomplishments and dedication to Tennessee.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF
ROBERT "BOB" SEWELL

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert "Bob" Sewell, Business Manager of Plumbers and Steamfitters UA Local 159 in Martinez, a respected member of the community, for being recognized as the Labor Leader of the Year.

Bob joined Plumbers and Steamfitters UA Local 159 in July 1979, where he went on to complete his apprenticeship in June 1984. He later had a long career at Lescure Company Incorporated, where he served as a foreman, general foreman, and field superintendent.

In addition to his daily responsibilities on the job, Bob served on the Craftsman Committee, and later on the union's Executive Board. On top of his leadership positions, Bob taught classes at Local 159, specifically in medical gas installation to journeymen and apprentices. In 2002, the members of UA Local 159 recognized his dedication and elected him to serve as the union's Assistant Business Manager and Financial Secretary-Treasurer.

In 2009, Bob served as Recording Secretary for the Contra Costa Building Trades and was instrumental in securing Project Labor Agreements in the region, which have provided prevailing wage jobs and apprenticeship opportunities to local residents.

His skill and service as a leader have benefited his fellow union members of Plumbers and Steamfitters UA Local 159, and the community. Bob's dedication to his job, his family, and his community as a lifelong Contra Costa resident is admirable. I congratulate him on this award and thank him for his dedication to our shared mission of promoting the rights of American workers.

HONORING MASTER SERGEANT CHAD M. SHIFFLET, U.S. AIR FORCE, ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 24 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Chad M. Shifflet, a resident of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, on

his retirement upon 24 years of selfless service to the United States of America.

Master Sergeant Shifflet currently serves as the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of Operations and Training at the 193rd Special Operations Security Squadron. He entered the United States Air Force in 1994, and served in numerous assignments and deployments over his distinguished career.

In November 1994, Master Sergeant Shifflet was assigned to the 377th Security Forces Squadron at Kirtland Air Force Base from November 1994 to 1998. Following his exemplary commitment to service, he joined the Department of Corrections in July 1998, and went on to enlist in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard (PaANG) in August 1999. Master Sergeant Shifflet was selected to serve on full-time military duty in the PaANG's Active Guard & Reserve force in January 2000.

MSgt Shifflet's numerous commendations and awards—which include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Commendation Medal, Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, to name a few—are a testament to his steadfast courage, personal integrity, unwavering work ethic, and impeccable character. His enduring legacy of service to our Nation is exceptional and sets the standard for all to follow.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate my fellow Brother-in-Arms, Master Sergeant Chad M. Shifflet, upon his retirement and for his tireless and selfless service to the United States of America.

FORT BEND COUNTY MOURNS THE LOSS OF DEPUTY CHIEF (RET.) KEVIN CRESS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn and celebrate the life of Deputy Chief (Ret) Kevin Cress of Fort Bend County's Emergency Medical Service (FBCEMS) team.

Deputy Chief Kress worked for the FBCEMS for many years as a part-time paramedic before transitioning to full time in 1981. Kevin was promoted to Deputy Chief in 1984 and remained in that position until he retired in 2013. Deputy Kress completed over 35 years combined years of service at FBCEMS. He will receive full EMS honors at his visitation and memorial service. The Fort Bend community is humbled and grateful to Deputy Chief Kress for his outstanding commitment to service.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, we say goodbye to a valued public servant. Deputy Cress will be an example for future generations to come, and will be missed deeply. We wish him fair winds and following seas.

TRIBUTE TO CAROLE CHAMBERS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Carole