

servant. Serving two separate terms as the President of the Soroptimist International of Dixon, Mary Lou Batchelor has worked tirelessly to advance the status of women and girls, continually advocating for equality and opportunity. She also served as chair of the Soroptimist's countless events, programs, local projects, and fundraisers. She has been instrumental in bringing positive and significant changes to her community. She is especially devoted to generating financial support for cancer survivors and for the families of those who have lost their battle with cancer. Mary Lou was also a former President and is the current Treasurer of the Women's Improvement Club of Dixon, and as an active member of Dixon Advocates for Seniors, Mary Lou was recognized as the 2017 Dixon Senior Citizen of the Year. Her passion for volunteerism in the community is evident in her role at the League of Women Voters, helping to encourage and engage women in the community to become informed voters. She currently is involved in the city of Dixon's Volunteer Program in which she will be assisting agencies such as the Police Department, Fire House, or City Hall when needed. Mary Lou is hard-working, responsible, compassionate, and an effective community leader who truly cares about her community and embodies all the qualities of a true public servant.

IN MEMORY OF BENJAMIN MARIO
BELTRAMO

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman JIMMY PANETTA to honor the life and memory of Benjamin Mario Beltramo who recently passed away.

Ben was the middle child of five born to Mario and Linda Beltramo. He grew up in Fresno where he attended catholic schools throughout his lower education. Upon graduating from high school, Ben decided to follow in his father's footsteps and attend the University of Notre Dame, where he majored in English. After completing his undergraduate studies, Ben again followed in his father's footsteps and chose to become a lawyer by gaining entrance into Berkeley's prestigious Boalt Hall School of Law. Soon thereafter, Ben accepted a job with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, to begin after completing a clerkship with a federal court judge in southern California.

On November 12, 2002, Ben officially began serving the citizens of Alameda County and the State of California as a Deputy District Attorney. He joined his brother Matt there, who in part had inspired him to join the District Attorney's Office. In less than a year, Ben's work ethic, intelligence and commitment to justice was recognized when Ben was asked to sit second chair on a high-profile case involving corruption in a local police department. Ben impressed not only the Senior District Attorney assigned to the case but gained the respect of the defense attorneys and the judge presiding over the case. Ben played an active role in the prosecution of that case and was subsequently assigned to the Felony Trial Team at

the Rene C. Davidson Courthouse in Oakland. During his career, Ben held a variety of important assignments; specifically, he was assigned to the Law and Motion division, the Strike Team which targeted dangerous felons within the City of Oakland, and Felony Trial Staff on three separate occasions. He also headed the Narcotics Task Force, and on November 22, 2013, was assigned to the Alameda County Gang Team. He served on the Gang Team until his untimely death.

An effective trial lawyer is equal parts effort, determination, intelligence and charm. In all of these aspects, Ben excelled. Even before his untimely passing, Ben was often described as "the best of us" by many of his friends and colleagues. Ben successfully handled several high-profile cases as a trial lawyer. In August 2006, Ben obtained a guilty verdict in the brutal beating death of a homeless woman in Berkeley. In February 2010, Ben prosecuted the murder of a 17-year-old young man who was tragically killed a short time before he was scheduled to attend the University of Oregon on a football scholarship. In May 2014, Ben prosecuted two gang members responsible for the fatal shooting of three-year-old victim Carlos Nava. Ben treated victims and their families, defense attorneys and their clients and the process with the utmost professionalism.

Even with the professional accolades and quiet contentment Ben received from his accomplishments, he would argue, and convince everyone, that his real success was in his personal life. On October 7, 2006, Ben married his amazing wife Shara Mesic Beltramo. The two of them met at work as Shara was also a Deputy District Attorney. Ben often remarked how lucky he was to have found Shara. From their union, Mateo, age 8, and Luke, age 6, were born. Anyone who saw Ben with his boys knew that he had no greater joy than being a father. Ben loved spending time with his family and was always the proud father and husband. In addition to all of these remarkable qualities, Ben was a bit of a renaissance man. He really enjoyed the outdoors and working with his hands. He worked diligently to remodel his family home, removing and replacing most of the woodwork in the house, as well as installing skylights in his master bedroom. Making his and Shara's house a home was foremost among Ben's many goals.

On October 8, 2018, Benjamin Beltramo's family, the citizens of Alameda County and everyone touched by Ben's life, suffered a tremendous loss. Despite this loss, we are made better by having known Ben.

HONORING CHIEF KEN ARNOLD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Ken Arnold, on his retirement as the Chief of Police for Napa Valley College in Napa, California.

Chief Arnold was born in Orlando, Florida and raised in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas. In 1983 he graduated from Napa Valley College with two Associate of Science degrees in Law Enforcement and Private Se-

curity. Chief Arnold also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Saint Mary's College of California in 1991. From 1979 to 1997 he served in the Army Reserve and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant First Class.

Chief Arnold has served Napa Valley College as Chief of Police since 1990. He also is the head of parking services and emergency management, among many other responsibilities that are essential to keeping the students and college safe. Chief Arnold is an adjunct professor at the Napa Valley College Criminal Justice Training Center. He teaches first aid for law enforcement, cultural awareness, emergency management and campus law enforcement, among other courses. In addition, Chief Arnold coordinates the Napa Valley College police academy and in-service training programs. Since 1989, he has also taught emergency preparedness and trained other instructors for the Napa County Community Emergency Response Team training program.

During the October 2017 wildfires, Chief Arnold displayed incredible leadership and greatly assisted our community. He set up a temporary shelter at Napa Valley College for fire evacuees when the fire first broke out and included a kennel for displaced animals. At the college, Chief Arnold led the coordination of emergency operations, community donations, distribution of food and clothing, staff shift management and volunteers.

Chief Arnold has held numerous leadership roles. He is the former president of the California College and University Police Chiefs Association and Napa and Solano County Training Managers Association and was Board Chairman of the Napa chapter of the American Red Cross. He has also served on the board of Saint John's Lutheran School.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Arnold is an admirable leader who is dedicated to serving and protecting our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Chief Ken Arnold here today.

CONGRATULATING DAN ROACH ON
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE ILLINOIS
STATE POLICE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dan Roach, who is retiring from the Illinois State Police. Mr. Roach has a diverse background in police work, and has been an asset to the community.

Mr. Roach has served as an Illinois State Police law enforcement professional for 26 years, including over 21 years of investigations, patrol, and administrative leadership experience, retiring as Captain. Mr. Roach served as the Deputy Chief of the Schaumburg Police Department for the last 4 years, where he oversaw the Patrol Division, the Investigations Division, and the Special Operations Division. Mr. Roach has accrued extensive experience in team-building, and interpersonal and management skills such as employee development, problem-solving, and networking with diverse groups of people at all levels. I commend Mr. Roach on an outstanding career of public service and wish him