

years of friendship and support. She has been a kindred spirit since we first met—she is more than a friend, she is family. I am grateful every day that she is always in my corner. Today, as she marks the end of one career and looks ahead to new opportunities, I am honored to stand and express my deepest thanks to Lyn Caliendo for her many invaluable contributions to our community. I wish her many more years of health and happiness as she embarks on this new chapter.

CONGRATULATING LTC(RET) NICHOLAS M. LAIACONA ON RECEIVING THE 2018 VETERAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 26, 2018*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate LTC(Ret) Nicholas Laiacona on receiving the 2018 Veteran of the Year Award.

Each year, the Friends of the NYS Military Museum and the Capitol District of NY Chapter, Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) recognize an outstanding veteran from the local community. This year's awardee, LTC Laiacona, has made distinguished contributions to his country as a soldier and to his community as a veteran.

After entering the Army in 1966, LTC Laiacona served in the Mekong Delta region of Vietnam as a Platoon Leader and Company Commander in the Mobile Riverine Force of the 9th Infantry Division. He would later fulfill a number of assignments as a member of the Army's Ordnance Corps, and was selected as one of the first officers in the Army Acquisition Corps in 1985. By the end of his 24 years of service, LTC Laiacona had received numerous awards and decorations, among them the Purple Heart and Vietnam Service Medal with 4 stars.

LTC Laiacona's service to his country did not end with his retirement from the Army in 1991. His expertise has supported the work of the U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, and he remains actively involved in several Veterans organizations, including the AUSA, where he formerly served as President of the Capital District Chapter and currently serves on its Executive Committee.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate LTC(Ret) Nicholas Laiacona on his well-deserved award of 2018 Veteran of the Year. We are thankful for his service and dedication to both his country and community.

HONORING ANNA SUTTON WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 26, 2018*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anna Sutton as a woman of the year. She is a healthcare professional who has dedicated her career to the care of mothers and children. From her work as a school nurse

to her current role as Director of Public Health Nursing at the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency, her goal has always been to improve the health and quality of life of families in her community. Ms. Sutton fulfills many roles, lending her time and expertise to the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Program, the Yolo County Infectious Disease Programs, the Yolo County Help Me Grow Leadership Team, the Child Abuse Prevention Council, the Programs Benefitting Children Workgroup, Resilient Yolo, the American College of OB/GYNs Maternal Mental Health Expert Workgroup, and the Yolo County Maternal Mental Health Collaborative. As Chairwoman of the Yolo County Maternal Mental Health Collaborative, she has used her career expertise and firsthand experience as a mother to create an organization which promotes the health and wellbeing of new and expecting mothers. Under her leadership the organization has developed educational tools to create awareness of maternal mental health disorders and guide those in need to treatment. Her work gained recognition across disciplines and brought stakeholders together to create a common strategy for helping vulnerable mothers find help. Ms. Sutton dedicates her time, talent, and expertise to improving the health and wellbeing of mothers throughout Yolo County and works tirelessly to help particularly vulnerable mothers facing the stigma and isolation of maternal mental health disorders. Ms. Sutton is an integral part of Yolo County's outreach to mothers in need. She is continuously working to make a positive difference for mothers and children in her community and does so with unparalleled compassion and dedication.

HONORING TAMIE FRASIER

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 26, 2018*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Tamie Frasier's retirement after twenty-four years in public service, ten of which she served as the Napa County Treasurer—Tax Collector.

Ms. Frasier is a fourth generation Napan, who is dedicated to our community. She has shown her commitment to Napa County throughout her twenty-four years working for the County, first as the Treasury Supervisor and then as the Assistant Treasurer—Tax Collector. In 2008, she became the Treasurer—Tax Collector. Throughout her tenure at the County, Ms. Frasier has worked to deliver the highest level of customer service for her fellow Napers. She has skillfully managed Napa County's funds, particularly during the Great Recession.

Ms. Frasier is always the first person to roll up her sleeves and help however she can, whether the person in need is a colleague or a taxpayer. She leads by example and never fails to pass up an opportunity to set an example of what professionalism and compassion in County Administration can, and should, be. Ms. Frasier has inspired her coworkers to provide a high level of service to their fellow residents of Napa County.

After working for Napa County for twenty-four years, Ms. Frasier has an impressive

breadth and depth of knowledge. She has taken it upon herself to share her insight by sitting on various panels whenever the opportunity arises. Ms. Frasier is also active in local and state-wide organizations. She is a past President and current Board Member of Soptimist International of Napa and the Bay Area Chair for the California Association of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors. She is a member of the California Associations of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors and involved with the Government Investment Officers Association and California Municipal Treasurers Association.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Tamie Frasier has had a long and rewarding career in public service and Napa County is better for it. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

PRaising SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR, THE FIRST FEMALE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 26, 2018*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and pay tribute to Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman to serve as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Among the 20th century trailblazers, Sandra Day O'Connor ranks among the greatest leaders.

It is a privilege to honor to this legal giant as we reflect on her career and commemorate her legacy as a path maker for women.

On October 23, 2018, Justice O'Connor courageously announced that she is suffering from early onset Alzheimer's disease and is retreating from public life.

Born in El Paso, Texas, on March 26, 1930, Sandra Day spent part of her youth on her family's Arizona ranch.

Her family instilled in her a love of education, but schooling options near the ranch were limited for a young woman so her parents sent her to live with her grandmother in El Paso where she excelled at the Radford School for Girls and graduated high school two years early.

After graduating from high school in 1946 and despite the probability that she might not be accepted because she was a woman, Sandra Day was accepted to Stanford University.

Sandra Day graduated in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in economics and was admitted to Stanford Law School where she was an editor of the Stanford Law Review.

Sandra Day graduated at the top of her law school class, finishing third in a class of 102 students, which included William Rehnquist whom she would later join as a colleague on the U.S. Supreme Court.

While a law student at Stanford, Sandra Day met her future husband, John Jay O'Connor III and the two were married shortly after graduation.

That union lasted for 57 years and produced 3 wonderful children: Scott O'Connor, Jay O'Connor, and Brian O'Connor.

After graduating from law school, Sandra Day O'Connor busily went about applying to law firms in San Francisco and Los Angeles,