

breadth of mission. Since its inception, the organization has expanded to provide assistance in 21 counties within the vicinity of the Arlington Catholic Diocese. It has adapted over the years with new goals and a renewed vision, while remaining true to its core mission of collaborating with others to support the development, construction, and rehabilitation of affordable housing. Catholics for Housing projects include affordable housing initiatives, affordable rental housing, senior citizen rental assistance, security deposit assistance, and collaborative education and advocacy efforts.

Catholics for Housing is sustained through the dedication and generosity of its board, staff, volunteers, and many community partners.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following Catholics for Housing partners for sustaining the vision established by Father Creedon and our dedicated community members. The 2018 Father Gerard Creedon Housing Award honorees are:

Mr. Robert Gibson is one of the co-founders of Catholics for Housing and is being recognized for his steadfast support of affordable housing and homelessness prevention.

Mr. Jonathan N. Francis, Esquire is being recognized for the assistance he provided to the residents of East End Mobile Home Park when they all faced eviction when the property was declared a health hazard due to ongoing sewer leaks.

The City of Manassas is being recognized for approving the sale of East End Mobil Home Park and working with Catholics for Housing as it rehabbed the water and sewer problems.

The leadership and actions taken by these honorees resulted in the preservation of affordable housing for approximately 300 residents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the 2018 Father Gerard Creedon Housing Award recipients and in commending the efforts of Catholics for Housing, who continues to work with its partners to provide needed support and assistance to many of our most vulnerable neighbors.

RECOGNIZING OMNI FAMILY  
HEALTH, INC.

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 20, 2018*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Omni Family Health, Inc. for forty years of service throughout California's Central Valley.

Omni Family Health, Inc. was established in 1978 as a health center in the town of Buttonwillow, an unincorporated farming community in California's San Joaquin Valley. Responding to a profound shortage of medical care in the area, community members founded Buttonwillow Health Center. Before long, Buttonwillow Health Center was invited to expand to neighboring towns and eventually became Omni Family Health.

The San Joaquin Valley is an extremely rural region with a large population of underserved communities. Due to high unemployment and large populations of migrant workers, medical care can be difficult for many to

attain. Omni Family Health, Inc. directly responds to these needs, providing medical, dental, and behavioral health services to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. They strive to break longstanding barriers in the region and meet the communities' needs head-on. They are a mission-oriented organization, demonstrating a strong commitment to underserved communities. Omni Family Health, Inc. also prioritizes the respect of staff and the hiring of compassionate people. That simple show of respect has led to decades-long careers at Omni.

From their humble beginnings, Omni Family Health, Inc. has rapidly become one of the largest networks of health centers in the San Joaquin Valley. By the end of this year, they will be operating thirty health centers in Kings, Kern, and Fresno Counties. Their 750 employees serve over 100,000 patients, while their facilities generate \$123,000,000 in economic benefits. Their contributions have made them an invaluable and treasured member in the communities they serve.

Omni Family Health, Inc. has gained a national reputation for their exceptional care and compassion. In 2015, they were awarded two achievements by the National Association of Community Health Centers: The Outstanding Achievement Award and the Migrant Health Center of the Year Award, which they are extremely proud of. While Omni Family Health, Inc. serves a diverse population of patients, migrant workers will always be their passion. It was the small farming community of Buttonwillow, California, that birthed their mission, so being nationally recognized for their service to migrant workers was especially meaningful to them.

Omni Family Health, Inc. shows no signs of slowing down. As they continue to grow and meet the needs of the San Joaquin Valley, they remain committed to their two core ideals, providing healthcare for their community through compassionate service. The San Joaquin Valley will be forever thankful for the work they have done, and excited for the work they will still do.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Omni Family Health, Inc. for forty years of service and wishing them further success in their future.

IN MEMORY OF OFFICER MICHAEL  
HUFFMAN

**HON. DAVID P. JOYCE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 20, 2018*

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the life and service of a constituent of mine, Madison Village Police Officer Michael Huffman. Officer Huffman, a 19-year veteran officer, unfortunately passed away while on duty on Wednesday, November 14, 2018. Originally from Painesville, Officer Huffman enjoyed working on cars and spending time with his wife, Viola, and his family. His legacy and dedication to public service will always be remembered. My prayers are with Officer Huffman's family, his friends, the Village of Madison, and the Madison Village Police Department during this difficult time.

RECOGNIZING MICHELLE  
MCGOVERN

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 20, 2018*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I, along with Representative FRANKEL and Representative HASTINGS, rise today in recognition of the accomplishments and extensive public service record of United States Senator BILL NELSON's State Director, and our dear friend, Michelle McGovern.

Since her time as a student at Florida Atlantic University, Michelle has demonstrated a passion for government and the capacity to lead. Her tireless work ethic, combined with her many successes, earned her election as FAU's student body Vice-President and appointment to Florida's Board of Regents, as the first and only FAU student appointee.

Fast forward to today and Michelle has honorably served Senator NELSON and the State of Florida for 18 years. She rose quickly through the ranks from a Legislative Correspondent to her current position as State Director. In each of her roles, she exemplified leadership and collaboration, while providing superior service to the citizens of Florida.

In addition to serving the entire state, Michelle devotes much of her time to serving her local community. She is a past President of the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches, SunFest, and the West Palm 100. She has also served on the Mayor's Nominating Committee for the City of West Palm Beach, Charter Review Committees for West Palm Beach and Wellington, and Wellington's Education Advisory Board. Michelle is currently the Chairwoman of the School Advisory Committee at Binks Forest Elementary School, where she has long been active in the PTA. On top of all this, Michelle and her husband John, have raised two wonderful daughters, Emilia and Victoria.

Today we ask this body to recognize Michelle McGovern for her endless dedication and leadership in our community. Michelle has demonstrated a commitment to service that we should expect from all of our civil servants. We, along with the citizens of Florida, thank her for her service.

HONORING MONTEREY COUNTY  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY DEAN FLIPPO

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 20, 2018*

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the long and distinguished career of retiring District Attorney Dean D. Flippo, who has served the people of Monterey County since 1972. Mr. Flippo's retirement comes after serving eight terms as Monterey County District Attorney. I had the distinct privilege to serve under Mr. Flippo as an Assistant District Attorney and can personally attest to his character. While our community is losing an exceptional public servant, we certainly wish him the best on his well-earned retirement.

Mr. Flippo received his bachelor's degree in 1963 at the College of William & Mary and