TRIBUTE TO LERON GUBLER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Leron Gubler, who is retiring as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Gubler is the longest tenured President in the 97-year history of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and is largely credited for the revitalization of Hollywood's flourishing economy.

Since 1992, Leron has transformed the organization to ensure it not only supports local businesses but is committed to serving all residents of the Hollywood community.

During his tenure as President, Leron fostered the development of four successful business improvement districts, and families and businesses from all over the world are moving to Hollywood.

With over ten thousand housing units in the development pipeline and three hotels under construction, Hollywood is flourishing, and Leron has played a significant role in this renaissance.

Leron founded the Hollywood Chamber Community Foundation, which has raised over $900,000 for non-profit organizations in Hollywood, and helped create the Hollywood Chamber Political Action Committee, which initiated the State of the Entertainment Industry Conference.

In 2008, Leron became the master of ceremonies for the Hollywood Walk of Fame following the passing of longtime Hollywood Honorary Mayor Johnny Grant. In his ten years as emcee for the Walk of Fame, Mr. Gubler has announced over three hundred Walk of Fame ceremonies.

Leron Gubler has worked to ensure that Hollywood remains safe, relevant, and economically vital, and I ask all Members of Congress to join me in congratulating him for twenty-six years of dedicated service.

IN HONOR OF ANNE GETCHELL

HON. ANN M. KUSTER
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anne Getchell who is retiring with 39 years of federal service to the Farmers Home Administration.

Anne started her career at the Farmers Home Administration in 1979 as a Student Trainee in Concord. When she graduated from University of New Hampshire in 1980, she was hired on as a full time employee in Bennington, VT.

In June of 1981 she was transferred to the Conway, NH office—where she is finishing out her career. When she arrived in Conway, she was an Assistant County Supervisor. She then took over for the retiring County Supervisor in 1982. During her time with the Farmers Home Administration, Anne has provided so many folks with single family housing assistance and business and community program loans and grants.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Anne for her many years of service, and for being a part of what makes the Granite State so great. I am honored to recognize and congratulate Anne on her retirement and wish her the best of luck in the years ahead.

HONORING FIRE DIVISION CHIEF RICHARD HANNA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fire Division Chief Richard Hanna, on his retirement after forty-five years of service as a Volunteer Firefighter for Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue Authority.

Mr. Hanna was born in 1933 in New York City to Irish immigrant parents and earned his Bachelor's degree on an ROTC scholarship. He served as a United States Marine Fighter Pilot for seven years before becoming a commercial airline pilot for United Airlines for over thirty years.

After he moved to the Diamond A area of the Sonoma Valley with his wife and five children, Mr. Hanna became a Volunteer Firefighter. He was instrumental in establishing a Fire Station in Diamond A—he agreed to become a Volunteer Firefighter at the age of forty if the Valley of the Moon Fire District built a fire station in Diamond A. As a Volunteer Firefighter, Mr. Hanna participated in weekly drills and put his training into practice as emergencies arose. After several years he was promoted to Captain. Mr. Hanna was heavily involved with training and training development for Valley of the Moon Fire District and the City of Sonoma Fire Department merged to form the Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue Authority. Mr. Hanna was crucial to the successful transition and stayed on as Division Chief.

Additionally, Mr. Hanna trained for and volunteered as a Civilian in Prevention and staffed local lookout towers. He is also active with the local Amateur Radio Operator Club, which is used when disasters arise. Mr. Hanna is knowledgeable about his work and willing to share his knowledge with trainees and other people in the Sonoma Valley.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Hanna is a committed Firefighter who is dedicated to serving our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Fire Division Chief Richard Hanna here today.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL CRYPTOLOGIC MUSEUM

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER
OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the 25th Anniversary of the National Cryptologic Museum (NCM) at the National Security Agency at Fort Meade, Maryland. As one of its first public museums, the NCM became the intelligence community's gateway to the nation's rich history of code-breaking. It brings to life the people who made that history and the story of the people when it opened its doors in December 1993 and its collection of stories and artifacts continue to tell the intriguing and exciting history of American cryptology.

The NCMs first curator, Earl "Jerry" Coates, laid the framework for what would become the nation's primary educational facility in cryptology. Stored with artifacts once stored in offices, warehouses and private collections in garages and attics, the museum tells the little-known history of code-making and code-breaking. It brings to life the people who made that history and the story of the people when it opened its doors in December 1993 and its collection of stories and artifacts continue to tell the intriguing and exciting history of American cryptology.

The museum, under the current leadership of Robert Simpson, continues to grow and modernize demonstrating the amazing evolution of technology from the American Revolution to present day. Artifacts include the German Enigma machines, the never-compromised Sigaba machine and one of the first super computers.

Today, the museum averages 70,000 students, educators, researchers, scholars, historians, and other visitors annually. During special events, Civil War and World War II reenactors bring to life accounts of signal intelligence and American cryptology. The NCM hosts festivals and celebrations that bring people of all ages to the museum to experience cryptologic challenges, learn the value of language skills, and gain a greater appreciation for the military men and women who have served throughout our history, protecting us and our way of life through cryptography.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me today in honoring the 25th Anniversary of the National Cryptologic Museum. I am proud that my district—the Second Congressional District of Maryland—is home to this impressive resource that has served my constituency well over the years. I congratulate all of the museum's staff on this milestone and wish them another 25 years of success and stewardship.