

And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL P.
GUINGONA

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Michael P. Guingona for his remarkable 25 years of dedicated service on the Daly City City Council, including five terms as Mayor. Mike has worked continually to improve the quality of life for all Daly City residents while also raising a family, maintaining a full-time public defender career, and coaching wrestling and judo.

Mike was the first Filipino-American elected to the council in 1993 and then re-elected to four consecutive terms. In 1995, at age 33, he became the youngest Mayor in Daly City's history.

Born in San Francisco and raised in Daly City, Mike attended Westmoor High School and Skyline College. He earned his B.A. in History at the University of California Los Angeles and then his JD at the University of San Francisco School of Law. Soon after, he was hired as a Deputy Public Defender in San Francisco.

Mike's interest in local government grew after he finished law school. He saw the rapid growth and demographic changes in Daly City. The population grew from 40,000 to over 100,000 and by 2000, the Filipino-American community accounted for almost one third of the city's population.

After being elected to the council, Mike continued his full-time work as deputy public defender in the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. In 1999, he established his own law firm on Mission Street in Daly City. He is a member of the State Bar of California, the Bar Association of San Francisco, and the Filipino Bar Association of Northern California.

During his tenure on the council, Mike served on the SamTrans Board of Directors for ten years, and on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority for eight years. He represented Daly City's interests as an appointed member of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) served as board chair for North County Fire Authority, and served on the Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Services Board of Directors.

Among Mike's top priorities and passions are health and fitness. He supported a resolution adopting a city-wide wellness policy and initiated legislation to fight second-hand smoke. He also made a pledge that I believe no other council member has duplicated. He rode his bike on every street in Daly City to raise awareness for health and safe bike routes. For many years he was a judo coach at Cahill's Judo Academy in San Bruno and a wrestling coach at Terra Nova High School. He is a Mixed Martial Arts Judge for the California State Athletic Commission, Director of Operations and Coach for the Wrestling Association of the Philippines, and a swim instructor and certified personal trainer working with employees at Google and YouTube.

While Mike will retire from the city council, he will continue his interest in everything Daly

City, many of his athletic activities and his work as an attorney. Mike is looking forward to spending more of his freed-up time with his wife Jackie and son Kai who is a member of the Philippine National Wrestling Team which Mike is coaching.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in thanking my long-time friend and colleague Mike Guingona for his outstanding and dedicated public service to the residents of Daly City. His likeability, charm and optimism have been assets as he represented Daly City in many positions. He beautifully reflects and advances the spirit and character of his beloved home town. I join the community in wishing him the best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING KOESTERS BODY &
FRAME SHOP

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Koesters Body & Frame Shop of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Koesters Body & Frame Shop recently received the HIRE Vets Medallion Program award. The HIRE Vets program, administered by the Department of Labor, recognizes businesses for their commitment to recruiting, employing and retaining veterans. Koesters Body & Frame Shop was recently awarded a gold medal in the small employer category.

Koesters Body & Frame Shop was founded in 1970 by Steve Koester and has grown into a thriving body and frame business. Today, Koesters is a leader in automotive repair and body work in northeast Indiana, with over 50 employees and a state of the art facility.

I applaud Koesters Body & Frame Shop for its commitment to our veterans. As a member of the House Veterans Affairs committee and a veteran myself, I am pleased to see northeast Indiana embracing the unique skills that our veterans bring to the workforce. I applaud the efforts of companies like Koesters to hire the men and women who have given so much to serve our nation. Congratulations to Koesters Body & Frame Shop, and I thank them for their commitment to our veterans and our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHUCK
CARPENTER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chuck Carpenter for his 36 years of service and leadership with the Denton Chamber of Commerce.

Chuck first arrived in Denton as a recent Baylor University graduate, and joined the Denton Chamber to launch and lead the Denton Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) as its first director. In this role, Chuck was tasked with promoting the City of Denton and bolstering tourism. In 1982, Chuck was selected to be the President of the Denton Chamber of

Commerce. He has remained at the helm ever since as a steady figure for the community.

During his 36 year tenure as president, Chuck has been a major player as Denton has grown to our current population of more than 137,000 citizens. This growth included the relocation of Peterbilt's Divisional Headquarters and dozens of other businesses that comprise the strong employment base of the city. Chuck established the joint Chamber-City Office of Economic Development to continue the work in drawing employers to the City and launched to first official relocation guide to assist these companies and their employees in becoming a part of the community.

Chuck supported community interests and awareness by starting the Small Business Development Center, Adopt-a-School and the creation of the Discover Denton Welcome Center on the Square. He engaged the community in civic and community matters through Denton County Days in Austin, the DC Fly-In and his Chamber Action column in the Denton Record Chronicle. He also launched Leadership Denton, the Small Business Development Center and Women in Business to better engage both current and future leaders. In addition, he sought to recognize leaders and community milestones through the Volunteer of the Year Award and the celebration of both the 75th and 100th Chamber anniversaries.

For more than 36 years, Chuck has been an institution to leaders representing business, industry, non-profits, and elected office. Chuck's daily community presence, his wisdom, and community knowledge will be sorely missed as he moves into retirement. On behalf of the 26th District of Texas, I extend my sincere thanks to him for the impact he has made, and wish him and his family the very best.

HONORING GREG AND DENISE
PENCE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to congratulate Congressman-elect Greg Pence on his election victory.

Greg will be an outstanding Congressman for Indiana's 6th District and will fight for working Hoosiers every day. Greg is a lifelong 6th District resident, an accomplished small businessman, a family man and a veteran U.S. Marine Corps officer.

Like me, Greg overachieved in marriage. He and his wife Denise are proud to call Columbus home. They have raised their family, built a business and continue to create jobs in the 6th District. I thank Greg and Denise for their continued service and look forward to all they will accomplish for the 6th District in Congress.

On a personal note, Greg Pence is my friend. I would like to thank Greg for many years of loyal friendship, candid advice and wise counsel. I could not be prouder to call him our next Congressman for Indiana's Sixth District. Without a doubt, Greg Pence is Ready to Serve, Again.