

HONORING ROBERT GOAD

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Robert Goad, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

Rob has been on our team from the very beginning and has worked in a variety of capacities, both in our Indiana and Washington, D.C. offices. As a senior member of my policy team, Rob was responsible for advising me on a variety of issues including education, financial services, transportation, and natural resources. He spearheaded the creation of the Congressional School Choice Caucus and developed landmark legislation expanding parental choice in education. Since leaving our office, Rob has gone on to serve as a Special Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, focusing on education.

On a personal note, Rob Goad is my friend. We share a love for the life lessons of sports and a commitment to family. I want to thank Rob for his patience, friendship and hard work in our office. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family. No doubt, Rob's biggest impact on our state and Nation is yet to come. I will be cheering Rob on every step of the way.

CELEBRATING CATHY HURWIT
FOR A LIFETIME OF PUBLIC
SERVICE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the most important people in my life for the last twenty years, my treasured friend and Chief of Staff, Cathy Hurwit. After two decades of working by my side, supporting, counseling, directing, and making all things happen, Cathy is retiring at the end of this year.

I think it says a lot about Cathy that she began her service to our county right out of college as a VISTA volunteer. Having never previously been west of the Hudson, she spent a formative year working on a migrant housing project in Davis and Weber Counties in Utah. Her project fixed up homes, developed a community health center, and worked with the children. That year set the stage for Cathy's never-ending commitment to do everything she could to make life better for every-day people.

Cathy Hurwit is well known on Capitol Hill as one of the most knowledgeable, savvy, brilliant, literate, helpful, visionary, hardworking, effective, strategic and relentless progressive leaders. She is the go-to person for staff and members inside the Congress as well as advocates, constituents and lobbyists outside. She is a skilled organizer who knows how to move a progressive agenda.

Cathy's history on the Hill began forty years ago. She served on the staff of Congressman

Toby Moffett (D-CT) as Energy Policy Director from 1976 to 1979. She then worked as advisor to the Subcommittee on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources of the House Government Operations Committee from 1979 to 1982, followed later by two years for Congressman (now Senator) ED MARKEY (D-MA) from 1987 to 1989 as his Legislative Director.

Cathy then left the Hill to become the Legislative Director for Citizen Action, a multi-issue coalition of progressive organizations from 1988 to 1997, overseeing campaigns that blocked President Reagan's efforts to deregulate natural gas—while passing legislation to protect homeowners from utility shutoffs, winning worker and community “right to know” about toxic emissions and promoted Patients’ Bill of Rights in Congress and around the country. Through that period, I became friends with Cathy through our mutual work with our Illinois affiliate.

The American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees, one of the great public employee unions in our country, hired Cathy as their Legislative Affairs Specialist from 1997 to 1999—until I was able to lure her back to the Hill as my Chief of Staff. By then she had vowed never again to work in Congress, but I am grateful that she came back to get me started, and even more grateful that she stayed!

Cathy has built and led incredible staffs in our office over the last twenty years. At the heart are my Deputy Chief of Staff, Kim Muzeroll, who is the glue that holds our D.C. office together, and Leslie Combs, my fabulous District Director who oversees a renowned constituent service operation. Along with Cathy, they make up a team of powerful women who have been in charge of our staff since my very first day in Congress.

Alumni of our office have served in the White House, as Chief of Staff to NANCY PELOSI and others, as Deputies to Cabinet Secretaries, and major leaders in not-for-profit and labor organizations. All of them benefited greatly from Cathy's mentoring and still consider themselves part of Team Schakowsky.

As I write this Extension for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, I still find it impossible to imagine future sessions without Cathy Hurwit right next to me, strategizing about how to move our progressive agenda forward. Her expertise in health care made it possible for me to write portions of the Affordable Care Act. Opportunities like that will hopefully come again soon. Cathy tells me that she will still be available to help, and I will be certain to test that. She remembers all the complicated details of so many issues and bills, the struggles and the victories, the names of all the players on every side of the issues. Her institutional memory is exhaustive. (There are some people who should hope that Cathy does not write a book!)

Even when she leaves, Cathy will be a force to be reckoned with. She has a lifelong commitment to social justice and to working for progressive change. I am sad that this phase is over knowing I have a lot more to learn from Cathy. My precious friend, as you leave the Rayburn Building, know that you have dramatically improved so many individual lives, including mine. And, more importantly, that you have made life better for millions of people who, through your work, now have access to health care and hope for a better future.

Cathy will be deeply missed in our office and throughout the Hill. I look forward to maintaining our partnership in the ongoing struggles for justice, equality and peace. From the bottom of my heart, I thank her for her service.

RECOGNIZING CHRIS GRUDZINSKI
FOR THE 2018 MONTANA CON-
GRESSIONAL VETERAN COM-
MENDATION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chris Grudzinski of Billings, a recipient of the 2018 Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and leadership in his community.

Mr. Grudzinski served as an infantryman in the United States Army from 1996 to 2009. During his second combat tour in Iraq, Mr. Grudzinski was wounded in action and awarded the Purple Heart.

After his military career, Mr. Grudzinski returned to Montana and co-founded the Montana Veteran's Meat Locker in 2017 with his wife, Kristin. The non-profit food pantry served more 7,500 pounds of meat to over 450 Montana veterans in its first year alone.

Mr. Grudzinski is attending Montana State University Billings with the goal of serving veterans and others as a licensed counselor, using outdoor adventures as a form of therapy. At MSUB, Mr. Grudzinski serves as a Peer Mentor and veterans representative volunteer, assisting veterans with educational and financial needs.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Chris Grudzinski for his dedication and passion to serve.

IN RECOGNITION OF CUB SCOUT
FAMILY PACK 210

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cub Scout Family Pack 210, the first Sabbath Observant Kosher Family Cub Scout Pack in the nation.

Cub Scout Family Pack 210 was formed in conjunction with the Jewish War Veterans Post 210, the Grand Canyon Council and the National Jewish Committee on Scouting. The pack is open to Jewish boys and girls, and children of all faiths. Cubs will get to work on the values of good citizenship, character development and physical fitness.

I thank the leaders of Cub Scout Family Pack 210 for providing an inclusive space where children will experience enriching activities and grow into their best future selves. I look forward to the many future accomplishments of Cub Scout Family Pack 210 and the positive impact they will have on the community.

HONORING ASHLEY GUTWEIN

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Ashley Gutwein, for her work in my office and her service to our state.

Ashley served as Senior Counsel for more than a year in our Washington, D.C. office, handling my judiciary, financial services, national security, intelligence, foreign affairs, and armed services legislative portfolios. Before that, she was part of our office in Indiana during my first run for Congress. Ashley's dedication to our team has been outstanding, and it's been a pleasure getting to work with her over the years.

On a personal note, Ashley is a positive spirit, talented thinker and loyal friend, with a smile that lights up any room. I am grateful for her friendship and look forward to cheering Ashley on as her career, no doubt, continues to prosper.

HEZBOLLAH AND IRAN ARE
PREPARING FOR WAR ON ISRAEL**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the terrorist group Hezbollah and their Iranian patrons are preparing for war against our Israeli allies. We know this because Israel discovered at least two tunnels crossing into their territory from Lebanon. These tunnels are not for smuggling or any other purpose. They are for the sole purpose of enabling terrorists to sneak into Israel for attacks. This is just more evidence that Hezbollah and Iran are committed to Israel's destruction. We, as Israel's strongest allies, must act to prevent this.

For more than two decades Hezbollah and Iran have been building an arsenal of weapons tailored specifically for eradicating the Jewish State. The attack tunnels recently unearthed are just the latest addition to this growing arsenal. But like many of Hezbollah's weapons, these tunnels are not to challenge Israel's military but to kill its civilians. Despite this fact, no Lebanese leaders have condemned these tunnels or called for their destruction. This is unacceptable.

One of the fundamental responsibilities of a state is to live at peace with its neighbors. Lebanon, however, allows terrorists to stockpile weapons and build attack tunnels in order to wage war on its southern neighbor. If the war that Hezbollah and Iran want comes, it will be the Lebanese people who suffer. During the last war, only twelve years ago, over a thousand Lebanese civilians were killed in the crossfire. Today, with Hezbollah building attack tunnels and weapon stockpiles under homes and civilian structures, it is inevitable that this will happen again.

It is time that the international community and Lebanese government act. For too long they have bullied our friends in Israel while terrorists like Hezbollah prepare to commit mass murder. The warning signs are clear.

These tunnels show that it is Hezbollah and Iran who are the aggressors.

All who stay silent now must accept that the blood will be on their hands when war erupts. And that's just the way it is.

UPON THE OCCASION OF THE RE-
TIREMENT OF LARRY PATTER-
SON, CITY MANAGER OF SAN
MATEO**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Larry Patterson as he departs his position of City Manager after 18 years of stellar service in that role and as Public Works Director for the residents of San Mateo. His retirement has been planned for a while, but this does not make his departure any easier for those of us who've known this man for decades.

Larry has a reputation for taking on the toughest tasks of city governance. Thanks in great part to his efforts, the city's former race-track, Bay Meadows, has been transformed into a 21st century hub of high technology, housing and transportation-related businesses. Where ponies once trotted, Survey Monkeys now play. While many councils and staff contributed to this transformation, the roads, sewers, water, and rail station placement were heavily influenced by the expert vision of Larry Patterson.

San Mateo has several areas that flood. Larry was a champion of these residents through many years of heavy rains or drought. Every City Manager or Public Works Director must also be cognizant of the federal Clean Water Act and the responsibilities of the city under that law. In alliance with Foster City, Larry Patterson devoted countless hours to the development and construction of a \$1 billion + wastewater treatment plant improvement project that will soon allow residents to comply with federal law and to protect our environment for decades to come.

Some little boys really don't grow up, and Larry Patterson's interest in transportation—including trains and roads—illustrates that phenomenon wonderfully. Under Larry's stewardship, and in alliance with Caltrain, San Mateo replaced four rail bridges including one that had long given expensive haircuts to oversized trucks. During his tenure, the city began planning for the impacts of high speed rail and brought the grade separation project at 25th Avenue into construction. The intersection of Highway 92 and El Camino Real was a proverbial gleam in the eye of most San Mateo leadership, but Larry Patterson pushed forward over years and ultimately, in alliance with his highly capable staff, created an interchange that replaced a confusing cloverleaf with a safe intersection that efficiently serves the entire county.

Larry is not all about roads, bridges and rail. He's also a man of the people. San Mateo's Spanish-speaking residents increasingly have their voices heard in city hall because Larry began a program, in alliance with the San Mateo Adult School, to teach Spanish speakers in the city about city government. I should also note his service to the people of Half Moon Bay while on the City Council during the

1990's. It was an extraordinary time in that city's history. As a city manager Larry is, in effect, a "two-fer" for any city councilmember because he's walked in their shoes.

In the past year or so, Larry embarked upon a special assignment, in part at my request. He leads a countywide effort to create a flood and sea level rise resilience district. This district, once formed, will permit San Mateo County to play in the big leagues by securing Army Corps and other federal and state funding. San Mateo County is ground zero in California for sea level rise. Larry waded into this difficult discussion so that future generations in San Mateo County would not have to wade across incoming tides to get to their homes and places of work.

Mr. Speaker, San Mateo has been well served by Larry Patterson. He became City Manager at a time when the economy was accelerating, but he also worked as a senior manager during the darkest days of this nation's recession. He navigated public challenges brilliantly during his years with the city and has now earned a standing ovation for his good humor and great accomplishments across decades. He leaves behind a strong team and a grateful city council and community. He personifies the term public service. We wish Larry Patterson well in the years ahead. He is an outstanding leader, friend, and American.

HONORING EMILY DANIELS
SPAULDING**HON. LUKE MESSER**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a former member of my staff, Emily Daniels Spaulding, for her work in my office and her service to our state.

Emily worked in my Indiana office for nearly a year, serving as one of my most senior staffers. Emily has an incredible work ethic and was a tremendous asset to our organization. She brought a wealth of experience and knowledge to our team and was someone I could rely on for on the ground political advice.

On a personal note, I admire Emily's commitment to her faith and family. Emily works very hard and delivers great results. But, you always have the sense that Emily's priorities are in the right order.

I want to thank Emily for her friendship and her hard work in our office. I wish her and Brian continued success in all that God has planned for her family.

POSTMASTER FRAZIER B. BAKER
POST OFFICE**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 7230, a bill I sponsored to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 226 West Main Street in Lake City, South Carolina, as the "Postmaster