

Services—Infant of Prague, Right to Life of Central California and the Ministers of Presence Guild of Catholic Charities. One accomplishment she was particularly proud of was her role in the founding of Catholic Charities, an organization which serves the needs of those in crisis by providing food for the hungry and hope for the weary. Betsy saw her work as an extension of one's home and love for God. She was always willing to give a helping hand and recognized everyone as a unique child of God.

Betsy's active work in the Fresno community has not gone unnoticed. She was honored by the Fresno County Women's Chamber of Commerce as the "Fresno County Mother of the Year" in 1998. In 2012, Betsy and Bill were the 2012 honorees at the Right to Life of Central California annual celebration dinner.

Betsy is survived by her husband Bill and daughters, Maribeth, Anne, Katie and Monica. She leaves behind her grandchildren Maxwell, Hemy, Logan, Paige, Lindsey, Grace and Corbin, and many close friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Elizabeth "Betsy" S. Lucido. Betsy leaves behind a remarkable legacy of love and selflessness, which helped change the lives of countless men and women in our community. It is my honor to stand with Betsy's family in celebration of her great life.

HONORING GIRLS SCOUTS OF CONNECTICUT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Girl Scouts of Connecticut, and everyone who supports the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. Participating in Girl Scouts helps prepare young women to lead.

I include in the RECORD this letter, written by Girl Scouts Connecticut CEO Ms. Mary Barneby and originally published in the New Haven Register:

GIRL SCOUTS LEADER EXPRESSES THANKS

(By Ms. Mary Barneby, Girl Scouts of Connecticut CEO)

The recently ended holiday season is a time for giving, reflection, and expressing gratitude for all we have been given. I know that I am thankful for everyone who has supported our Mission at Girl Scouts of Connecticut. Because of you, over 26,000 Girl Scouts in our state are thriving and building the skills they need to change the world.

At Girl Scouts, we put every ounce of passion and energy into ensuring a bright and equitable future for girls. It's important now more than ever that we support and pave the way for girls and women. We've definitely seen some progress: this past election season, more women ran for public office and more women went to the polls to share their voice and vote.

Girl Scouts prepares girls for life, and recent stats from the election prove that fact. In the 116th Congress, 17 out of the 23 women in the U.S. Senate are Girl Scouts alum, and 57 percent of women representatives in the House of Representatives are Girl Scouts alums, including our own Jahana Hayes, the first African American woman from Connecticut elected to Congress!

At Girl Scouts, you become part of a global sisterhood for girls to take action, lead the way, explore the unknown, and change the world. We offer each girl unique and unparalleled opportunities to pursue what she care about, whether its technology, sports, the arts, environmentalism, and more. No matter her passion, Girl Scouts helps her live it out.

Again, thank you to everyone who helped support girls and women this year. I wish you and yours happy holidays, and look forward to having more join us in the New Year.

SHUTDOWN IMPACTS ON AN IL-09 CONSTITUENT

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD a letter from Antonio, a constituent of mine affected by this shutdown:

"I am an air traffic controller at O'Hare. This is already a stressful job, but a job that I love. This shutdown is adding an extra layer of stress to all of the controllers across the country. Our day off are the time that we have to decompress from work and focus on mitigating stress. With the shutdown going past a month, we are stressing about bills, how to put food on the table, how to pay for childcare, etc. We don't have the luxury of escaping from the stress of the job, because we come to the stress of worrying.

Finding out that our vision and dental benefits would be billed to us, with the expectation that we pay out of pocket, despite not having a paycheck for over a month, has only added to that stress. This shutdown is going to be a massive safety risk for the flying public if it doesn't end soon.

Controllers will retire or quit to find another source of income. It would be heart-breaking to have to leave this job, that I love so much, because I had to find a way to feed my family. It would mean a lot to me if there was any way this could be distributed to the other members of Congress. I feel it is a very important message for them all to see."

Everyday this week, I will be coming to the House floor to tell stories of everyday people who are affected by this Trump I Shutdown. It is time for President Trump to re-open the government and pay the hard-working Americans serving their country through public service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I was not present for Roll Call vote No. 45 on H.R. 328. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO CRAIG W. FLOYD

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate my good friend Craig W. Floyd on

his retirement after thirty-four years of service as the founding Chief Executive Officer of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Craig retired at the end of 2018 and leaves behind a powerful legacy of service to the men and women of law enforcement across our nation. I have been proud to work closely with Craig over the years on a cause about which we both care very deeply: honoring those who have fallen while protecting our communities.

Craig helped launch the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund in 1984, partnering with his former boss—and my friend—former Rep. Mario Biaggi of New York and others to establish a permanent memorial in Washington. In 1991, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was unveiled, and it now preserves the names of 21,541 law enforcement officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. It stands as a powerful reminder to the millions of visitors to the nation's capital of the service and sacrifices of those keeping them safe back home and in every community. In 2018, the National Law Enforcement Museum was opened near the memorial to tell the stories of the men and women whose names are borne upon its walls.

Craig was instrumental in bringing this vision to completion and establishing the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and the National Law Enforcement Museum. Under his guidance, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund launched the world's most comprehensive database of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty; published To Serve and Protect—a Tribute to American Law Enforcement; built partnerships with the Department of Justice and Department of Transportation to promote officers' safety and wellbeing; and inaugurated the tradition of holding annual candlelight vigils during National Police Week in May. In many ways, these all stand not only to pay homage to the men and women of law enforcement but also as a lasting tribute to citizens like Craig W. Floyd who dedicated their careers to honoring and aiding these heroes.

I hope my colleagues will join me in thanking Craig for his service and wishing him well in his retirement. I encourage everyone to visit the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and the National Law Enforcement Museum in our nation's capital to learn about the service of those who put their lives on the line to protect our communities every day.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. RONALD WAYNE MERTHIE

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mrs. MURPHY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of a spiritual leader in my central Florida community, Dr. Ronald Merthie, who recently passed away.

A proud son of Seminole County, Dr. Merthie attended Crooms High School, where he was elected class president. He went to Texas Southern University on an athletic scholarship and, upon graduation, returned home to become a teacher, assistant principal, and coach.