

offers a place for children to be creative and to exercise their minds and bodies.

Silt Wine Company and Muddy Boot Wine is Small Business of the Year Award. Muddy Boot Wine and Silt Wine Company boasts a long list of gold medals in various tasting competitions and is made less than thirty minutes from Midtown. Located along the Delta in Clarksburg, their wine is local, sustainable, affordable, and the owners constantly work to make our region an even better place.

Megan Blackwell, Marketing Manager for Otto Construction, is this year's Young Professional of the Year. Born, raised, and educated in Oregon, Ms. Blackwell has made Sacramento her home. She is also involved with Metro EDGE and is one of the Metro Chamber's 40 Under 40.

Julie Brown, Director of Resource Development at California Clothing Recyclers, is Ambassador of the Year. Julie's commitment to the region and furthering the mission of the Sacramento Metro Chamber do not go unnoticed. Julie is a valued partner and leader of the Ambassador Program and works to encourage members to become engaged and excited about the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize these individuals and businesses for their contributions to the Sacramento region that I love. I ask all my colleagues to join me in commending them for their unwavering commitment to Sacramento.

HONORING DAVID STANLEY M.D.

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. David Stanley as Napa Valley Medical Society's Professor Emeritus of the year. Dr. Stanley has provided outstanding medical care to our communities throughout Napa and Solano Counties and has been a mentor to many people in the medical community.

Dr. Stanley earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry at the University of Redlands and then attended Stanford University Medical School. While at Stanford he co-authored several scientific publications. He interned and completed his residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. While at Baylor he was the chief resident in medicine at Ben Taub General Hospital. Dr. Stanley also completed a fellowship in endocrinology at Baylor College of Medicine's Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism.

Dr. Stanley started practicing medicine in Napa County in 1977. He has held many positions at Queen of the Valley Medical Center, including chief of the hospital medical staff and chairman of the Department of Medicine. In 1989, he served as president of the Napa County Medical Society. Dr. Stanley joined the Permanente Medical Group in 1993. He has worked in hospital medicine, adult primary care and endocrinology at Kaiser Vallejo Medical Center and at the Napa medical offices. For more than five years, Dr. Stanley has been the chief of adult and family medicine at the Napa Kaiser offices. Dr. Stanley has dedicated his career to providing the highest qual-

ity of medical care to our community. In addition, he has been a lecturer and educator to other medical professionals in our area.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Stanley is a model community member who has dedicated his career to helping others. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Dr. David Stanley here today.

HONORING JOSEPH RUSS IV

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph Russ IV, who passed away on January 12, 2019. His advocacy for ranching and timber communities was vital to rural areas in Humboldt County and throughout California.

Joe was born to Joseph and Annette Russ III in 1936 and attended the one-room Cape-town Elementary School on the windswept Lost Coast in the northern part of my congressional district. He graduated from Ferndale High School in 1953 at the age of 16 and the next year was elected president of the California Future Farmers of America. He attended the University of California at Davis, then graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in business administration. Joe later enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Joe married Karen Lane in 1963. They were married for 55 years and had three children and eight grandchildren.

Joe's civic engagement spanned decades and resulted in many public benefits. He served 20 years on the Humboldt County Planning Commission, and he was president of the Humboldt Del-Norte Cattleman's Association, the Humboldt County Farm Bureau and the Humboldt Woolgrowers Association. Joe also became president of the California State Board of Forestry, the state Chamber of Commerce, and the California State Fair Association. He was a founding member of the Stockmen's Bank of Commerce, the Buckeye Conservancy and the California Rangeland Trust. Notably, he was key to the development of the Williamson Act, which governs property tax rates on agricultural lands in California.

Throughout his career, Joe knew the value of understanding politics and regulation as it related to the ranching and timber industries. His deep involvement in state and local associations and boards helped leave a permanent mark on rural agricultural policy in California. Joe was known to many as a vast resource for all things related to agriculture and had a deep sense of the region's history. He was a guiding example for ranchers trying to balance the hard work of ranching with the need for advocacy at the state and local levels.

Madam Speaker, Joseph Russ IV's contributions to agriculture and the communities of the Second Congressional District and the state of California, and his service to the country, are commendable and worthy of recognition. I urge my colleagues to join me in my deep appreciation of him.

JOHN COLE RETIRES FROM THE TWENTYNINE PALMS CITY COUNCIL

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2019

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and commitment of outgoing Twentynine Palms City Council Member John Cole, who departed the dais on Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

John was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1945. He attended Loyola University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, and later attended Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff where he earned a Master of Arts in Education. John spent 41 years serving the Morongo Unified School District as a teacher and administrator. He was first elected to the Twentynine Palms City Council in 2008 and served the city for eight years, from 2008 to 2012 and from 2014 to 2018. In addition to his position as council member, John served as the City of Twentynine Palms' representative to the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, the San Bernardino County Flood Control Advisory Committee, and as a Delegate for the League of California Cities' Environmental Committee. During his time on the council, John was an excellent advocate for the City of Twentynine Palms and its citizens.

I thank Council Member John Cole for his leadership and dedication to public service on behalf of Twentynine Palms residents. John's hard-work, experience, and wealth of knowledge will certainly be missed.

RECOGNIZING HOOSIER VETERAN JOE STEENBEKE AND HIS CANINE PARTNER TESS

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 4, 2019

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bravery, service, and friendship of Hoosier veteran Joseph Steenbeke and his beloved canine partner Tess.

Joe and Tess served side-by-side to defend our freedom, and they are true American heroes. Joe served in the U.S. Army, working as a Tactical Explosive Detection Dog, or TEDD, handler. From May 2012 to February 2013, he was deployed to Afghanistan with Tess, a Belgian Malinois trained to detect IEDs, at his side.

Joe served his country with courage and strength. But as Joe's wife Stephanie put it: "He risked his life fighting beside an even stronger force, Tess." She was Joe's partner, his protector, and his best friend. When their service together ended, Joe returned home to Indiana, and Tess moved on to her next mission for the Connecticut National Guard. But their bond remained strong.

Over the next five years, Joe never stopped thinking about Tess and never gave up on the idea of adopting her. Like so many of our brave veterans do when they return from war, Joe struggled with PTSD. But his love for Tess and his determination to bring her home