

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING STEVEN LOMBARDI AS
PUBLIC SAFETY HERO OF THE
YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Senior Deputy Steven Lombardi, whom I have named a Public Safety Hero of the Year in Napa County, California. Mr. Lombardi has provided 28 years of exceptional public service to the people of Napa County and acted with true heroism on March 9, 2018.

Mr. Lombardi is an honorable community member and public servant who does not hesitate to help and protect others. On March 9, 2018 Mr. Lombardi responded to an active shooter call at the Pathway Home on the grounds of the Yountville Veteran's Home. Backup units were still minutes away when Mr. Lombardi entered the facility alone with the goal of locating and containing the heavily armed shooter. Mr. Lombardi knew the danger he was putting himself in, but rushed inside the building anyway and made contact with the suspect. Mr. Lombardi engaged him with gunfire to prevent the shooter from harming others. The suspect returned fire and narrowly missed hitting Mr. Lombardi. Mr. Lombardi remained inside the facility for over eight minutes until other responding units arrived on the scene. He selflessly put his life in danger to prevent the shooter from causing more harm and pain upon others.

Mr. Lombardi is known for his compassion, tireless work ethic and staunch commitment to law enforcement and the people of Napa County. Mr. Lombardi has served with the Napa County Sheriff's office for 28 years. He has served as a range master, Mounted Posse Coordinator, Administrative Deputy, Patrol and Yountville Patrol during his tenure with the Sheriff's office. In addition, Mr. Lombardi is a member of the Napa Valley Horsemen's Association and the Skyline Riders, which he helped found.

Madam Speaker, we thank Senior Deputy Steven Lombardi for his dedication. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I regretably missed votes on Thursday, February 7, 2019. I had intended to vote "yes" on roll call vote 68, "yes" on roll call vote 69, "yes" on vote 70, and "yes" on vote 71.

HAPPY 87TH BIRTHDAY, VERA
MORRIS

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary constituent of mine, Mrs. Vera M. Morris of Yuma, Arizona who today is celebrating her 87th birthday. Vera has been a resident of Yuma for most of her life, proudly serving her community in many distinguished ways. Most notably, Mrs. Morris served as the first librarian at Gadsden Elementary in Yuma County. She taught at Gadsden for over two decades, inspiring hundreds of children and showing them the importance of reading at an early age. Mrs. Morris is the proud mother of three children and has 25 grandchildren, and more than 30 great-grandchildren.

I hope the whole House will join me in wishing Vera a very happy 87th birthday surrounded by her loving family and her many friends. We also wish her many more happy birthdays in the future.

HONORING CRISTINA MONTOYA AS
PUBLIC SAFETY HERO OF THE
YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Cristina Montoya, whom I have named a Public Safety Hero of the Year in Sonoma County, California. Ms. Montoya is a dispatcher at the Cotati Police, and has committed her life to public service.

Ms. Montoya is a Santa Rosa native. She earned her associate degree in General Education from Santa Rosa Junior College. She also graduated from the Public Safety Dispatcher Academy in Windsor, California. Ms. Montoya joined the Cotati Police Department as a part-time dispatcher, but once her natural calmness and ease on the job was apparent, she became a full-time dispatcher.

On December 26, 2017, Ms. Montoya showed great initiative and saved lives. She took a phone call reporting that an individual stole a shotgun from B2 Enterprises Gun Store. After dispatching officers to the location, she became aware of pertinent details about the suspect. She searched the Computer Aided Dispatch communications of the Sonoma County Sheriffs Department. Using that database, Ms. Montoya recognized a similar description of a suspect involved in an assault on a family in Penn Grove and connected the two incidents. She shared the connection she had discovered with the Cotati Police Department, which was then able to work

with deputies to apprehend the suspect and stolen gun. Ms. Montoya was able to mitigate a situation that could have easily escalated by thinking quickly and using the knowledge she has gained as a dispatcher.

Ms. Montoya is active in our community when she is not at work, as well. She volunteers at Gravenstein Elementary School, where her son attends first grade, and supports the Gravenstein School District's Enriched program.

Madam Speaker, we thank Cristina Montoya for her dedication. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

IN HONOR OF BILLY MARTIN

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. GOODEN. Madam Speaker, Billy Martin joined the National Guard while a senior in high school and subsequently applied for active duty in the United States Army receiving his first permanent duty station in Idar Oberstine, Germany from 1956 to 1959. Over the next 16 years he went to the Seventh Army NCO Academy, Officer Candidate School and Fixed Wing Flight School attaining the rank of Major. After his first 12-month tour in Vietnam, Billy transitioned into CH-47 (Chinook) helicopters returning to Vietnam as Executive Officer of the 178th Aviation Company and as the Combat Operations Officer (S3) of the 123rd Aviation Battalion in support of the American Division. During Billy's two tours in Vietnam he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross twice, the Bronze Star 3 times (one for Valor), the Air Medal thirteen times (one for Valor), the Army Commendation Medal for Valor, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Vietnam Gallantry Cross. In 1971 he was transferred to the University of Nebraska at Omaha for one year so he could complete requirements for his Bachelor's degree. In June of 1972, Billy became an Assistant Professor of Military Science at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN. He retired from Military Service on December 31, 1975.

In retirement Mr. Martin worked as a business consultant eventually moving to Dallas. But Billy had always believed he had a calling to be a missionary. He taught Sunday school and Bible study, but grew to believe he was meant to be a preacher. Due to his age he faced roadblocks. Not to be deterred, however, he started taking seminary courses and achieved his Master's in Theology degree in 1994.

In 1998 Billy was told there was a church in Terrell in need of a pastor. He went to Terrell and spoke with the Director of Missions, Brother Jerry Griffin. Brother Jerry recommended Billy give his resume to Emmanuel Baptist Church instead of Grace Temple. Emmanuel called him as its pastor that August. More than 20 years as pastor of Emmanuel,

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the church has thrived, increasing attendance and adding a new education building.

Pastor Martin has been married to his high school sweetheart Nancy for 64 years.

VETERANS' ACCESS TO CHILD CARE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 840) to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide child care assistance to veterans receiving certain medical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs:

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 840, the Veterans' Access to Child Care Act, which permanently authorizes the Veterans Affairs' (VA) Child Care Program.

Absent Congressional action, the VA's Child Care Pilot Program will expire on October 1, 2019.

This bill would ensure that all veterans who are primary caretakers have a safe, reliable, and cost-free option for child care when they access VA healthcare.

I have previously supported this bill, when the House of Representatives passed H.R. 95 in the 115th Congress.

I support H.R. 840, and I would vote for this legislation tomorrow. However, I will be speaking at the funeral of a dear friend.

HONORING RITZIE TOLENTINO AS PUBLIC SAFETY HERO OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Corporal Ritzie Tolentino, whom I have named a Public Safety Hero of the Year in Solano County, California.

Mr. Tolentino has dedicated himself to public service and our community since he graduated from the Napa Valley Police Academy in 2002. After graduation, Mr. Tolentino worked for the St. Helena Police Department until 2006. In 2006, Mr. Tolentino made a lateral move to the Vallejo Police Department and in 2010 joined the Richmond Police Department. Mr. Tolentino returned to the Vallejo Police Department in 2011 and has continued to serve our community since then. In November of 2018, Mr. Tolentino was promoted to the rank of Corporal. He has served as Patrol, Kaiser and SWAT, and is a Force Operations Instructor as well.

On August 29, 2018, Mr. Tolentino showed his deep commitment to public safety when he helped a suicidal man and convinced him not to jump from an overpass and to instead receive mental health treatment. Mr. Tolentino talked with the distressed man and built the rapport necessary to make progress in this situation. When members of the Vallejo Police

Department's Hostage Negotiation Team arrived, they saw Mr. Tolentino's connection with the man and progress in diffusing the situation. Mr. Tolentino talked and negotiated with the man for several hours until he agreed to climb back onto the overpass and get treatment from Solano County Mental Health Services. Mr. Tolentino's calm demeanor, patience and professionalism helped to save a life that day.

Madam Speaker, we thank Corporal Ritzie Tolentino for his dedication. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, on February 6th, I was unable to be present to vote on H.R. 831, The Reviving America's Scenic Byways Act. This legislation passed the House with strong bipartisan support. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 66.

RECOGNIZING DELISA RUSSELL

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Delisa Russell of Waco, Texas, former Executive Director of the Heart of Texas Veterans One Stop.

The Heart of Texas Veterans One Stop opened in 2013 as a central location where veterans and their families could access available resources under one roof. The first of its kind in the nation, Veterans One Stop is a comprehensive veteran service resource that offers mental health counseling, legal services, assistance with veterans' benefits and claims, and provides access to food, showers, laundry, and fitness facilities.

Prior to coming to the One Stop in 2016, Delisa served others, including veterans, through social work and counseling. Delisa graduated from Baylor with a bachelor's degree in Political Science with a minor in social work, and continued her education at Baylor with two master's degrees in Sociology and Psychology. She focused her career toward counseling those in need and leading organizations dedicated to the care of the most vulnerable.

Delisa recently stepped down from her position at the One Stop to pursue other opportunities to help the community. The impact of her time as Executive Director cannot be overstated.

In her three years as Director, Delisa supervised the transition of Heart of Texas Veterans One Stop to a larger location. This new location was able to increase the amount of services the One Stop provided, with new showers, laundry, and kitchen facilities, all donated by the members of our Central Texas community. In 2017, the Guardians for Heroes Foundation, which carries out the mission of the

late Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, installed a gym at the One Stop for veterans to maintain their physical and mental health.

Last year, the Veterans One Stop opened the Robert Carter Veteran Transition home. This home is aimed at helping veterans with families to create a stable environment during their adjustment from military to civilian life. Veterans One Stop covers the cost of utilities at the home, which was built and furnished with support from the community. One Stop helps the families develop a plan for life after living in the home.

Under Delisa's leadership, the Veterans One Stop has gone from serving less than 2,000 veterans to over 24,000. Each week, the One Stop serves meals to more than 200 veterans and last year's annual Thanksgiving dinner was its largest, serving more than 800 people.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank Delisa Russell for all of her service to the veterans in the Central Texas community. I wish her the best in her future endeavors and look forward to seeing the Veterans One Stop's continued progress.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize the accomplishments of Delisa Russell and the Heart of Texas Veterans One Stop.

As I close today, I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

HONORING ELONA PORTER AS PUBLIC SAFETY HERO OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Honorable Elona Porter, whom I have named a Public Safety Hero of the Year in Lake County, California.

Ms. Porter was born in Landstuhl, Germany and currently resides in Lake County, California. She holds an Associate of Science Degree in Administration of Justice. Ms. Porter began her career with the Lake County Sheriff's Office as a Records Technician, became Evidence Technician, and was then promoted as the supervisor of that unit. She is also the department's lead crime scene investigator.

Over her nearly two-decade tenure with the Lake County Sheriff's Office, Ms. Porter has worked on many high-level investigations, including sexual assaults, homicides, and burglaries. While these investigations are typically carried out by sworn deputies or police officers, Ms. Porter presides over these responsibilities at the Lake County Sheriff's Office because of her skill. Her work has led to the successful conclusion of many investigations and the administration of justice, that has in turn led to a degree of closure for the victims' family members. Ms. Porter is one of California's top authorities on crime scene investigation and has been recognized by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

Ms. Porter is continually striving to improve her skills as well as help the next generation

of crime scene investigators. She has attended trainings on crime scene reconstruction and scene logistics, crime scene photography, and the FBI's Field Evidence Response course, among others. She teaches crime scene investigation classes to police officers and investigators across California. Ms. Porter also regularly gives presentations to Lake County high school and middle school students, Boy and Girl Scouts, college classes, and Sheriff's Citizen's Academy students.

Madam Speaker, we thank Ms. Porter for her dedication. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

VETERANS' ACCESS TO CHILD CARE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 840) to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide child care assistance to veterans receiving certain medical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs:

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of the Veterans' Access to Child Care Act. This bill ensures that Veterans in my district and around the country have convenient access to no-cost child care when visiting a VA facility for a medical appointment.

After a survey conducted by the VA last decade found that access to child care was a top reason as to why some veterans were missing their medical appointments, a pilot program providing no-cost drop-in child care service for veterans was established as part of the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010. I am proud that the Dallas VA Medical Center is one of four VA facilities that are currently piloting the program. This legislation would make the pilot program permanent across the country.

This program has made it easier for parents within my district to schedule appointments at the Dallas VA Medical Center without having to deal with the stress and worry of finding safe and affordable child care options for their children. I am pleased to see that thanks to this important legislation, child care facilities like the Carousel Academy at the Dallas VA Medical Center may soon open up across the country. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation because veterans nationwide should have access to the same quality child care services that veterans in North Texas have been fortunate to have for the past six years.

HONORING FIRE CAPTAIN RICHARD LAWLER AS PUBLIC SAFETY HERO OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor CAL FIRE Fire

Captain Richard Lawler, whom I have named a Public Safety Hero of the Year in Lake County, California.

Mr. Lawler is from Huntington Beach, California. He began his career in public service in the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to Operation Desert Storm. Mr. Lawler then joined the United States Forest Service's firefighting team. He worked on Hot Shot Crews and fire engines in southern California until he was assigned to the Mendocino National Forest. In 2008 Mr. Lawler joined the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). He spent three years serving at Parlin Fork Camp, three years at Konocti Camp and two years at Kelsey Cobb Station. For the last three years he has been assigned to Clearlake Oaks Station.

For over twenty years, Mr. Lawler has been a member of the Northshore Fire Protection District. He is a senior member of the Water Rescue and SCUBA Dive Team that serves Lake County and is a firefighter and paramedic for the district. He is also a member of the Lakeport Fire Protection District. Mr. Lawler is also a certified paramedic, rescue diver, and Haz-Mat technician.

Mr. Lawler is committed to public service and dedicated to protecting our community from the ever-present threat of fires. During the Tubbs Fire in 2017, Mr. Lawler was part of a small group that worked to prevent the fire from crossing Calistoga Road, stopping additional damage to Sonoma County. He was then reassigned to the Napa County portion of the fire. He joined the leadership and they worked to stop the fire's advancement towards Lake County. When the Pawnee Fire broke out in 2018, Mr. Lawler raced to keep the fire from spreading into Colusa County in just a few hours. He was also active in the response to the Ranch and River Fires. He was part of the initial attack against the fires and still helps property owners fix their damaged fencing.

Madam Speaker, we thank Mr. Lawler for his dedication. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I was unavailable to vote in the House on January 30, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call 60: NAY; Roll Call 61: NAY; Roll Call 62: YEA; Roll Call 63: YEA; Roll Call 64: YEA; and Roll Call 65: NAY.

HONORING FIRE CAPTAIN STEVE BECKER AS PUBLIC SAFETY HERO OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Fire Captain Steve Becker, whom I have named a Public Safety Hero of the Year in Napa County, California.

Mr. Becker was born in Auburn, California, moved to Napa as a young child, and has lived in Yountville for the past twenty years. He took general education courses and received EMT and Law Enforcement certifications from Napa Valley College. He graduated from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo with a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation Administration, with a focus in Programming and Leadership.

Mr. Becker began his career in 1990 as a Reserve Firefighter with the Napa Fire Department. From 1991 to 1996 he served in other fire departments as well. He worked for the San Luis Obispo County Fire Department, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Fire Department, Cal Poly Police Department and the San Luis Obispo County Sheriffs Office. In 1996 Mr. Becker became a Professional Firefighter in the Napa Fire Department. He was appointed as a Department Shift Inspector/Investigator in 2001 and in 2010 was promoted to be a Department Captain.

Throughout his life Mr. Becker has remained focused on public service and safety and the greater good of our community. After a Napa student caught on fire from a flame jetting incident at a science camp in the summer of 2018, Mr. Becker became determined to prevent such instances from occurring. He devoted much of his time to researching flame jetting and has become a passionate advocate for flame arrestors and H.R. 806, which would require compliant flame mitigation devices to be used on portable fuel containers for flammable liquid fuels.

Madam Speaker, we thank Steve Becker for his dedication. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING MRS. MICHELLE CROWLEY ON HER RECEPTION OF THE MOLLY PITCHER AWARD

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, today I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Michelle Crowley, a resident of Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania, who is receiving the Exchange Club of Carlisle's prestigious Molly Pitcher Award.

Chartered by the National Exchange Club in 1949, the Exchange Club of Carlisle gives individuals the opportunity to use their time and talents to benefit their local communities and the country as a whole. The Molly Pitcher Award, which has annually honored citizens for their outstanding service to the Carlisle community since 1969, is named after the revolutionary war heroine who risked her life to bring water to artillerymen under fire. As evidenced by receiving this honor, Mrs. Crowley's charitable endeavors have made a significant impact and improved the lives of many in central Pennsylvania.

Throughout her successful career in business, Mrs. Crowley has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Association of Chamber Professionals, the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation, and the United Way of Carlisle & Cumberland County, as well as serving as president of the nearly 700-member Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Crowley's

devotion to bettering her community is also underscored by her participation in education and workforce development efforts, such as working with Dickinson College and area school districts on student internships, job shadowing, and placement.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Tenth Congressional District, I express my sincere gratitude to Mrs. Crowley for all she has done and continues to do for the Carlisle community, and congratulate her on receiving the Molly Pitcher Award.

HONORING DAVE WOODS AS PUBLIC SAFETY HERO OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fire Captain Dave Woods, whom I have named a Public Safety Hero of the Year in Contra Costa County, California.

Mr. Woods was born in Pasadena, California and raised in nearby Glendale. In March of 1999 Mr. Woods joined the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District and has been heavily involved since. He is trained and certified as a Strike Team Leader and Fire Line Paramedic to assist on Strike Team assignments. Strike Teams consist of highly trained wildland firefighters, who are prepared to respond to wildland fires anywhere in the state with little support. They carry enough food and supplies to fight fires in the wilderness for multiple days and are essential in cutting off fires before they destroy population centers. Mr. Woods was assigned as a Strike Team Leader to the Thomas Fire that burned much of southern California in December of 2017. Mr. Woods also shares his knowledge and skills with others as a Wildland Firefighting Instructor.

Mr. Woods works in Contra Costa County Fire Protection District's busiest battalion. However, he does not let the fast pace prohibit his development as a leader within the battalion and Fire Protection District. For the past twenty years he has spent at the Fire Protection District. Mr. Woods has shown unrelenting commitment to serving the people of Contra Costa County and protecting our community and state from wildfires.

Madam Speaker, we thank Dave Woods for his dedication. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF TOMMY PAYNE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an exemplary public servant, Police Chief Tommy Payne, upon his retirement from the Aubrey, Texas Police Department. During his more than four decades in law enforcement, Chief Payne has endeavored to provide safety and security for those he has served.

Chief Payne's career began in his hometown of Dublin, Texas in 1977. He spent many years serving in various jurisdictions across Texas, including Stephenville, Llano, Brady, and Somervell County. He has been a Master Peace Officer since 1994, and was first named Police Chief in 2003 while serving the City of Brady.

Chief Payne began serving the citizens and businesses covered by the Aubrey Police Department in April of 2010. For the past nine years, he has been a well-respected leader by his peers and colleagues and beloved by his community.

After 42 years of dedicated service, Police Chief Tommy Payne has more than earned his retirement. He has put strangers' safety above his own, and we are indebted to him. I wish Chief Payne and his family all the best in the years to come.

HONORING CORPORAL RYAN BAILLIE AS PUBLIC SAFETY HERO OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Corporal Ryan Baillie, whom I have named a Public Safety Hero of the Year in Contra Costa County.

Mr. Baillie was born in the Bay Area and has shown a penchant for public service since he was a member of the Boy Scouts of America. He was a Merit Badge Counselor and an Eagle Scout, the highest honor in the Boy Scouts of America, before beginning his career in law enforcement. Mr. Baillie joined the Martinez Police Department as a Cadet in 2004. In 2007, he became a Police Assistant and a Reserve Police Officer. He was sworn in as a full-time Police Officer in 2008 and has many roles within the Department since then. He has worked as a patrolman, detective, and a corporal. His collateral duties have included Hostage Negotiator and Explorer Advisor and he has been a member of the Patrol Rifle Team, Bicycle Patrol Unit, Off-Road Motorcycle Team and Honor Guard.

As a detective, Mr. Baillie works tirelessly to bring offenders to justice so victims can begin to heal. Mr. Baillie came across a March 2012 report of a woman detailing her kidnapping and forced sexual servitude. He dedicated three years to leading an investigation into the woman's claims. Mr. Baillie's investigation led him to additional victims and he uncovered what is considered Contra Costa County's worst human trafficking case. Mr. Baillie listened to many hours of recorded conversations from the perpetrator's time in jail on gun charges and persuaded some of the additional victims of the perpetrator of the trafficking ring to cooperate. In no small part because of his diligence and methodical approach to the case, the perpetrator was charged on 40 felony charges and sentenced to 180 years to life in prison.

Madam Speaker, we thank Ryan Baillie for his dedication. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF LISA FERRERO AT CORNING INCORPORATED

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of Lisa Ferrero at Corning Incorporated, and congratulate her on her retirement.

For more than thirty years, Lisa Ferrero has served Corning Incorporated in a spectrum of roles and functions. Her dedicated service and exceptional management has led her to rise from a statistician in the Corning Big Flats Plant to become Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of the company.

Throughout her career, Lisa has traveled the globe managing various aspects of Corning business. Her many years spent working in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and China, have fostered her success as head of Global Supply Management and Global Information Security. Lisa's leadership at Corning has touched many aspects of the company, lending her skills to Environmental Technologies, Display Technologies, Information Technology, and Government Affairs.

As Lisa moves forward with the next chapter of her life, we applaud her tireless dedication to Corning Incorporated, a cornerstone of our community, and we wish her all the best in her retirement.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate Lisa Ferrero and her extraordinary career.

HONORING DANIELA FLORES AS PUBLIC SAFETY HERO OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Emergency Medical Technician Daniela Flores, whom I have named a Public Safety Hero of the Year in Solano County, California.

Ms. Flores was born in Santiago, Chile and immigrated with her family to Vallejo, California when she was five years old. She was raised in Vallejo and has been a member of our community for the past nineteen years. When Ms. Flores was fifteen, she found out she was undocumented. She had hoped to get a job and begin to earn her own money, but was unable to because of her documentation status. After she graduated from Vallejo High School, she began taking classes at Napa Valley College. When the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program began accepting applications in 2012, Ms. Flores applied for a work permit through it, but was unsure of the career she wanted to, or could, pursue. She knew she wanted to find a path where she could help people, so she enrolled in an emergency first responder class. Emergency medicine quickly became Ms. Flores' passion. She took emergency medical technician classes and in February of 2019

graduated from the Napa Valley College Paramedic Program.

Ms. Flores is dedicated to emergency medicine and committed to our community. She was deployed to assist with the fires in Napa, Lake and Butte Counties last year. During her fourteen-day deployment, Ms. Flores evacuated hospitals, residences and nursing facilities. No task was too small for her. She did everything within her power to help residents and caregivers affected by the fire. She thrived in the high stress environment and used the uncertainty to drive her forward.

Madam Speaker, we thank Daniela Flores for her dedication. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING HELLAS LIBERTY

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Hellas Liberty Maritime Museum and the Hellenic Merchant Marines.

Madam Speaker, we must recognize the Hellenic Merchant Marines and their heroic deeds during World War II, with over 2,000 Hellenic Merchant Marine lives lost and close to 70 percent of the Hellenic Shipping fleet being decimated by the Axis Powers. Hellenic merchant ships transported much needed supplies across the treacherous Atlantic Ocean for the Allies.

The *Arthur M. Huddell*, built in 1943 in the great state of Florida, was commissioned in the PLUTO (Pipe Line under the Ocean) operation, which supplied oil to our allies in Europe during World War Two. It is one of the few remaining Liberty Ships, built for this purpose. In a post-war period, the vessel was continually used to create underwater infrastructure functioning largely as a cable ship, occasionally responding to the request of the U.S. Navy.

After serving our country dutifully, first for the Navy, then for commercial uses, the *Arthur M. Huddell* was retired in 1984, laid up with the majority of the U.S. reserve fleet in the James River. This retirement was not permanent; the 21st century saw renewed attention at the retired fleet to be used for educational purposes.

The Greek State was interested in acquiring the vessel, to be used as a floating museum. The reciprocal aspiration of the U.S. govern-

ment, the result of action taken by many Greek-Americans who were following Rhode Island Senator Leonidas Raptakis and Connecticut representative Dimitrios Yiannaros, with much of the mobilization activated by ship owner Spyros M. Polemis as well.

The U.S. and Greece reached and signed an agreement on June 30, 2008. After U.S. Maritime Administrator Sean Connaughton and Greek Minister of Merchant Marine Georgios Voulgarakis completed this transfer of ownership, The *Arthur M. Huddell* was officially renamed to the *Hellas Liberty*. Departing a month later, the ship arrived in Greece, for extended repairs before being recommissioned as a floating museum.

On February 8, 2019, the museum will celebrate its 10th anniversary, honoring the close and fruitful relationship between Greece and the United States of America. Congratulations to all.

CONGRATULATING INNKEEPER'S COFFEE ON ITS TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Innkeeper's Fresh Roasted Coffee for its twentieth anniversary of operation in Galesburg, Illinois.

Innkeeper's has been a space for the Galesburg community to come together since 1998 when Mike Bond and Johan Ewalt first began serving freshly roasted coffee. In 2003, the two took a chance and decided to expand their business even as factory closings threatened to devastate the local economy. With investment, hard work and creativity, Innkeeper's managed to succeed, grow and become a central space for friends and family to enjoy one another's company. Innkeeper's small batch roasting method and their use of environmentally friendly shade-grown coffee sets them apart.

It is in small businesses like Innkeeper's that rural communities have found stability and their perseverance makes me proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would again like to formally congratulate Innkeeper's Fresh Roasted Coffee on its twenty years in business and thank them for their service to our community.

HONORING FIRE CAPTAIN DON RICCI AS PUBLIC SAFETY HERO OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Santa Rosa Fire Captain Don Ricci, whom I have named a Public Safety Hero of the Year in Sonoma County, California.

Mr. Ricci is a Sonoma County native. He graduated from Montgomery High School and attended the Santa Rosa Safety Center, a department at the Santa Rosa Junior College. He began his career in public service in 1992 when he joined the Bennet Valley Fire Protection District. Mr. Ricci served in that department as a firefighter, engineer and lieutenant. In 1998, he joined the Santa Rosa Fire Department as a firefighter-paramedic. In 2002 Mr. Ricci was promoted to Engineer and in 2004, to Fire Captain. He also serves as a lead instructor for the Live Burn Cadre and as a paramedic Field Training Officer. Additionally, he is a Tactical Paramedic on Henry 1 (the Sonoma County Sheriff's helicopter) and the SWAT Team in the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department.

On January 22, 2018, Mr. Ricci displayed the utmost dedication to public service and fire safety. He was on Medic Engine 5 when it was dispatched to an odor investigation that was revealed to be a working structure fire. Mr. Ricci upgraded the assignment and instructed his team to launch a defensive fire attack. As he gathered intelligence around the property, a house, he saw a neighbor trying to rescue an elderly woman from a small window. After he realized he was unable to rescue the resident from outside the structure, and knowing the window was too small to enter with a self-contained breathing apparatus, he removed the apparatus and entered the smoke-filled building. Mr. Ricci first evacuated the resident out of the small window he had entered. He then evacuated the resident's dog. Because of his courage and swift action, Mr. Ricci prevented a tragic loss of life in our community.

Madam Speaker, we thank Fire Captain Don Ricci for his dedication. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor him today.