

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 voted 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 Penngrove 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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