

RECOGNIZING THE YOWELL  
FAMILY

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Yowell family, who have been an integral part of our Central Texas community since 1951. Across the years, the Yowells have tirelessly served the public through their participation in numerous civic organizations. Killeen and all Central Texas owe much to these devoted individuals.

The Yowell family's commitment to investing their gifts, talents, and abilities to improve Central Texas is a deeply held creed that speaks to the generosity and activism of true and devoted public servants. Civic-minded leaders like them work tirelessly to improve their communities, leading them to new heights and positioning them to continue into a bright future.

Starting with the late Bill Yowell, this proud family has committed their time and considerable energies to a wide range of civic causes, ranging from education to veterans to economic development. Their impacts on the region are vast, ever-lasting, and cannot be overstated.

Some go through life wondering if they have made a difference. The Yowell family does not have that problem. Their passion and selfless commitment to make Central Texas a better place is an example to us all. We cannot thank them enough for the immeasurable impact they have made. God bless them always.

RECOGNIZING MARY PETTINATO,  
CEO OF HONOR FLIGHT CHICAGO

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Pettinato and her contributions to our community, our city, and our country throughout her distinguished service as the CEO of Honor Flight Chicago. Founded in 2008, Honor Flight Chicago provides a once in a lifetime opportunity for Chicago-area veterans of World War II and the Korean War by flying them to Washington, DC to visit memorials dedicated to their service.

Following Ms. Pettinato's graduation from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management in 2008, she cofounded the Chicago chapter of Honor Flight. This idea came after Mary asked of her father: "If you were on your deathbed, what's one thing you would wish you'd done during your lifetime?" He answered that his wish was to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington. On the subsequent trip they took to the Memorial, Mary was inspired to not only provide this opportunity to her father, but also to thousands of other veterans living in Chicago who might never have the chance to visit this and other historic monuments.

During the decade that Ms. Pettinato served as CEO of Honor Flight Chicago, the organization organized 88 flights from Chicago to Washington. They started with sixty veterans

on their first flight; now, they fly upwards of ninety service members on each trip and have had over eight thousand veterans participate in the program over the past ten years.

In 2015, Ms. Pettinato was honored by The Chicago Tribune as one of their "Remarkable Women" in a series of profiles written about inspiring women in the area. Mary's feature focused on her love of family, and how that passion led to the creation of the Chicago chapter of Honor Flight with three other women.

In the Tribune article, Ms. Pettinato offered an anecdote that demonstrates the achievement of Honor Flight Chicago. She recalls, "I was with one man, he was 92, and he was struggling with some things and having a tough day. As we got off the plane on the return for the welcome home celebration—he (had been) in a wheelchair the entire day—he said, "I want to walk." And he got out of his wheelchair and he had someone on his left and someone on his right and we were holding him very firmly and he walked through this procession. Someone leaned over and said, "Bob, how was your day?" And he stopped and said, "I've never been to heaven, but I'm guessing today was mighty close."

Madam Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the ten years of dedication Ms. Pettinato has shown to the veterans of Chicago. Through the Honor Flight experience, she has brought joy to many of our country's heroes.

HONORING THE EASTSIDE CHURCH  
OF GOD IN CHRIST OF THE CITY  
OF SAN JOSE

**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Eastside Church of God in Christ (Eastside Church), whose ministry serves the City of San Jose through service and prayer. On February 17, 2019, the Eastside Church will celebrate a true milestone, its 50th anniversary. I would like to commend the Eastside Church for its half a century of fellowship and leadership in the San Jose community.

Founded by Pastor and Superintendent Sherman Harris, the Eastside Church has been at the heart of its members most important priorities—family and faith. It serves to inspire, uplift and gather all those who seek a deeper connection with God, and their community. It offers an opportunity to worship in community with others and serve others.

In 1979, Eastside Church moved to the East San Jose after outgrowing their previous location. The Church quickly became a beacon of hope and help to the Eastside through their Outreach Ministry, providing clothing and household goods for families in need and their Food Ministry Program, which distributes boxes of food to over 100 families on a weekly basis. They take special care to provide resources and activities for children in the community with the Back to School backpack program and the Sherman Harris Youth Center. The Center offers pre-school for low-income families, sports facilities and a venue for community functions.

Through its decades of service, Eastside Church has earned its place as a trusted source of hope and comfort in the San Jose community. As the Eastside Church of God in Christ enjoys its 50th Golden Anniversary Celebration, I join in congratulating them and wishing them the best for the next 50 years and beyond.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BISHOP  
VAIFANUA  
MULITAUAOPELE  
SUIAVA

**HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN  
RADEWAGEN**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Bishop Vaifanua Suiava Mulitauaopele. He was a friend of many years, a trusted adviser, and a respected leader to our Samoan people in the islands and in the U.S.

A native of Laulili, American Samoa, Bishop Mulitauaopele lived a full and joyful life in the service of the Lord, and he was a blessing to far more people than any of us will ever know. Even as we feel a sense of loss at his passing, we know he would be the first to comfort us. Our hearts are with his dear wife Eva, the rest of his family and his many friends.

He served our country as well as his church, and retired from the U.S. Army as a decorated Veteran of the Vietnam War. He gave 20 years of service to medical missions in Samoa, and was engaged in an ongoing clinic project at the time of his passing that will be of great help to our people.

He was a spiritual and community leader, and always a man of great faith, compassion and integrity. He brought honor to our Samoan people. Bishop Mulitauaopele will be missed, and his life is worthy of our best memories.

At the service, Pastors Salt and their congregation sang beautiful Samoan hymns, and it was livestreamed to be available anywhere he was known.

In addition to his wife, Eva Gonzalez Mulitauaopele, Bishop Pele was also survived by his son Anthony V. Mulitauaopele (Lauren) of Inman, SC, and two daughters, Jennifer Cotton (Nikko) of West Columbia, SC, Laura Frick (Ted) of Little Mountain, SC.

He also had six grandchildren: Victor, Grant, Marla, Chloe, Callie, and Cash; and his sister, Sua Peko; and two godchildren, Lautofa and Sam. Finally, his two beloved dogs were Buddy and Sammi.

Thank you and goodbye (Soifua).

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK DEVLIN

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant and long-time Congressional aide, Patrick J. Devlin, Sr. Patrick is retiring after 31 years of Congressional service this month, and I offer him a heartfelt thanks for his contributions and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Patrick was born in Fairfax, Virginia and is the youngest of six children of the late-LTC John J. Devlin (U.S. Army) and Nancy L. Devlin of Fairfax. He credits his father, a hero of World War II and the Korean War, as his inspiration to pursue a career in public service. A talented athlete and fierce competitor, Patrick earned a football scholarship to Carroll College in Helena, Montana and graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science from Virginia Tech.

He began his career as an intern and landed his first job on Capitol Hill straight out of college, working as a staff assistant on the U.S. House Armed Services Committee under the leadership of Chairman Les Aspin. He went on to spend three years working on defense policy as a legislative assistant to Texas Representative Jim Chapman, and then served as legislative director for Connecticut Representative ROSA DELAURO, a leader in the fight to protect Medicare, Medicaid and school lunches. Patrick spent the next 11 years as Legislative Director for my good friend North Carolina Representative Bob Etheridge, working to strengthen public schools in America.

In 2008, Patrick moved to the Senate side where he served two years as Communications Director for U.S. Senator JON TESTER from Montana, the only dirt farmer in the United States Senate. Bob Etheridge brought him back to the House to serve as his Chief of Staff in 2010. Following Bob's departure from Congress, Patrick joined my staff in 2011 as Communications Director for the Assistant Democratic Leader office.

Patrick has played various leadership roles working on Democratic Congressional staffs under a diverse group of members. As a member of my senior staff, he has been intimately involved in my work on the so-called Supercommittee to determine budget priorities, the conceptualization of the Background Check Completion Act to combat the proliferation of gun violence, and the promotion of the 10–20–30 formula to target federal resources into communities of need. He is a superior writer, strategist and institutionalist. His professionalism, expertise and loyalty have been the hallmarks of his service on Capitol Hill.

He is married to Helen Devlin, and they have two teen-aged sons, Patrick, Jr. and Michael. Patrick Sr. has served as a guest lecturer at the Georgetown University Government Affairs Institute and as a Senate Press Secretaries Association board member. He currently serves on the board of the Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association, where he has been a youth sports coach for many years.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in expressing our sincere thanks for the service Patrick Devlin has rendered to the United States Congress. May his retirement be productive and fulfilling.

RECOGNIZING DR. SUSAN ENFIELD AS 2018 NATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Dr. Susan Enfield, Su-

perintendent of Highline Public School District on being named the 2018 National Superintendent of The Year by the National School Foundations Association (NSFA). The award recognizes superintendents who through visionary leadership and collaboration, develop partnership with their education foundation which grants all students the opportunity of success.

Dr. Enfield has extensive experience in education leadership, having served in several leadership roles across three states since 2003. She is a former high school teacher of English, Journalism, and English Language Learning. Dr. Enfield attended University of California, Berkeley before earning master's degrees from both Stanford and Harvard University. In addition, she holds a doctorate in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy from the Urban Superintendents Program at Harvard University. Prior to joining Highline Public Schools in 2012, Dr. Enfield served as the Chief Academic Officer, and the Interim Superintendent for Seattle Public Schools.

NSFA selected Dr. Enfield based on her advocacy efforts, commitment to her students, and work with the Highline Schools Foundation. During her tenure as Superintendent, Dr. Enfield has overseen the renovation of school facilities, promoted technology and media literacy, and developed a strategic plan to make all Highline public schools inclusive and culturally responsive.

Dr. Enfield's commitment to the students is clear. She has made it her mission to know every student by name, strength, and need. Under her leadership Highline Public School's high school graduation rates continue to improve. Dr. Enfield promotes the teaching of critical thinking and problem-solving skills and has made it her mission to properly prepare all 19,000 Highline Public School students for the future.

Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize Dr. Enfield as the 2018 National Superintendent of The Year and celebrate her longtime commitment to education.

RECOGNIZING THE BECK FAMILY OF KILLEEN, TEXAS

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I'm both proud and honored to recognize the Beck family of Killeen, TX. For decades, the Becks have made invaluable contributions toward making Central Texas a great place to call home.

Thriving communities rely on devoted public servants like the Beck family who work tirelessly across a variety of civic causes. Whether it's supporting our brave veterans or active-duty warriors, boosting local economic growth, or ensuring the region benefits from elite education facilities, the Becks have rolled up their sleeves and done the hard work to turn dreams into reality.

They don't do any of this for publicity or personal gain. Their devotion to community is about ensuring Killeen and Central Texas remain an active and vibrant place to call home. Their commitment to service before self truly reflects the very best of the generous Texas spirit.

I join the people of Killeen in saluting the incredible service of the Beck family. They've positively impacted the lives of thousands and there's no doubt that Central Texas is a better place because of them. I salute their work, share their love of community, and wish them nothing but the best for the future.

IN HONOR OF JOSHUA LAU AND NYMBL SYSTEMS

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Joshua Lau, a Kentucky entrepreneur. Mr. Lau is a first generation Asian-American from Lexington, Kentucky. His company, NymbL Systems, has been selected as a Top 10 Small Business in the United States by America's Small Business Development Centers and is the first Kentucky business to receive this prestigious recognition.

Mr. Lau is a 2012 graduate of the University of Kentucky. Following graduation, he entered the field of information technology. One of his first clients was an independently owned prosthetic and orthotic provider that serves a large veteran patient population. Working for them led Lau to fill an important need for an improved medical records software platform. The innovation and efficiency he brought to his client allowed them to spend time better serving their patients.

Josh Lau and Chad Feinberg co-founded NymbL Systems in April of 2017. They provide a cloud-based, monthly subscription application that schedules appointments, keeps patient records, and bills insurance companies. Since their founding, they have raised approximately \$2.8 million in revenue. They exemplify the entrepreneurs that are the very engine of economic growth in America. Small businesses such as NymbL Systems are at the heart of our nation's economy and I commend Mr. Lau and his colleagues for their business success and their recognition by the Small Business Development Center.

IN RECOGNITION OF STANLEY J. DUDRICK, M.D.

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 13, 2019*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Stanley J. Dudrick, M.D., Professor of Surgery at the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine. Dr. Dudrick is an outstanding innovator in the medical field who has contributed to the health and survival of millions around the world through his pioneering innovations. He is recognized as one of the top 50 most influential physicians in history for his groundbreaking research. Because of his work, the lives of an estimated ten million children have been saved, and adults with a wide range of conditions have benefited.

Dr. Dudrick is best known for his development of total parenteral nutrition (TPN). Also known as intravenous hyperalimentation (IVH), TPN is a specialized central venous feeding