

sure that Ed thought the same. He decided we would hike to the foot of Castle Peak in the Chamberlain basin. It was the middle of August—summer mind you—and when we got our tents set up that afternoon it began to snow. It snowed more and blew some and snowed more. When we woke the next day to a winter scene and the chance of even more snow, prudence dictated that it was time to pack up and go home early.

While it was a short trip, it made for a great story and was the first of many enlightening trips and learning experiences into what is now the Cecil D. Andrus-White Clouds Wilderness that Ed took us on.

I also want to give special recognition to Ed for the help and expertise that he provided me and my staff as we developed the Boulder-White Clouds and Jerry Peak wilderness package. As far as I know, there is only one person alive who has been through and over every acre of those mountains and it happens to be Ed.

As we were determining wilderness boundaries, roads, trails, creeks, snowmobile areas and helicopter landing and ski areas, Ed was the one person who could always give me the answers I needed. More importantly, I could always count on Ed to give me both sides of the issue in an impartial manner that was fair to all parties.

He also identified potential conflicts for me with boundaries and uses so that we could resolve problems before they were locked into legislation. I can say with confidence that it would have been very difficult to write the bill without his help and expertise and for that I want to say "thank you Ed."

Ed Cannady is one of the good guys and my staff and I are going to miss him. Fortunately, we know he's not really going away and we will keep in touch in the many years to come.

Good luck and enjoy your retirement Ed.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JUAN CARLOS SALGADO: HOUSTON, TEXAN AND GOOD SAMARITAN

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an angel, Juan Carlos Salgado, a Houston resident and Good Samaritan who passed away on January 13, 2019, in Houston, Texas at the age of 41.

On the evening of January 13, 2019, Juan Salgado was walking to a local market to pick up dinner, but he never made it because while crossing Telephone Road near Red Robin Lane, Juan Salgado was struck by two cars and died at the scene.

Madam Speaker, Juan Salgado was not one to draw attention; rather he kept to himself and worked hard as a landscaper, and sent his extra earnings to his mother in Guerrero, Mexico.

But there is more to the story of this wonderful man.

Three weeks before his death, on December 24, 2018, in the early morning hours of Christmas Eve, a drunk driver collided with a Houston Police Department cruiser that was en route to assist a fellow officer.

Juan Salgado heard the crash from his apartment and ran toward the police vehicle, now in flames.

Juan Salgado fought to free the two officers, John Daily and Alonzo Reid, who were trapped inside, and breaks his right hand when he punched through a window to free Officer Reid.

After freeing both officers and pulling them to safety, Juan Salgado left the scene and returned to his familiar and comfortable state of obscurity.

The day after saving Officers Daily and Reid, Juan Salgado was back at work as a landscaper.

This documented hero was an undocumented immigrant.

But it was not his immigration status that Juan Salgado thought about on that fateful Christmas Eve.

Instead, he saw two human beings who needed assistance and he did not hesitate to offer it knowing the danger it posed to him and his resident status in the United States.

Madam Speaker, Juan Salgado put his community above himself and because of his selflessness Officers Daily and Reid are alive today.

I offer my deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of Juan Salgado as they mourn the loss of this unsung hero.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I missed votes on Monday, February 25 due to inclement weather in Oregon. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 89; and "yea" on Roll Call No. 88.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CLEMENCY HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Clemency Home Rule Act, a bill that would give the District of Columbia exclusive authority, like the states and territories, to grant clemency to offenders prosecuted under its local laws.

While District law appears to give the mayor authority to grant clemency (D.C. Code 1-301.76), it is the opinion of the Department of Justice (DOJ) that the president, and not the mayor, has the authority to grant clemency for most offenses prosecuted under D.C. law, particularly felonies prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney in the D.C. Superior Court. Under current practice, clemency petitions for D.C. convictions, like federal convictions, are submitted to the DOJ for the president's consideration.

Whether or not DOJ's view is correct, my bill would remove all doubt that the District, and not the president, has the authority to issue clemency for local offenses. The District, like the states and territories, should have full

control of its local criminal justice system, the most basic responsibility of local government. Since the D.C. Council has the authority to enact local laws, District officials are in the best position to grant clemency for local law convictions. My bill would provide clemency authority to the District government and would give D.C. the discretion to establish its own clemency system.

This bill is an important step in establishing further autonomy for the District in its own local affairs. I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

MONSIGNOR ROBERT T. McDERMOTT

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Monsignor Robert T. McDermott of the City of Camden, Camden County, located in the First Congressional District of the Great State of New Jersey, for his decades of public service.

Monsignor McDermott was born July 19, 1942 in the City of Camden and attended Saint Joseph's Pro-Cathedral School and later attended Camden Catholic High School.

In 1969, Monsignor McDermott was ordained into the priesthood. He then became the pastor at Saint Joseph Pro-Cathedral for thirty years and went on to serve as Vicar General for the Diocese of Camden.

While ministering to the poor and diverse immigrant community, Monsignor McDermott recognized the needs of the community and assisted in the facilitation of opening several nonprofits including the Joseph Fund.

The Joseph Fund assists other nonprofits with fundraising and obtaining resources, such as; Saint Joseph Carpenter Society, which improves affordable housing, Saint Joseph Child Development Center, LUCY Outreach, supporting youth through after-school tutoring, mentoring and trauma-informed care, Joseph's House of Camden, aids the homeless, offering emergency shelter, supportive housing and social services, as well as the Romero Center, committed to ending poverty and discrimination throughout the world.

In the community he both loved and called home, Monsignor McDermott served with compassion and distinction. The Monsignor was a role model, extraordinary public servant, a tireless advocate for others and will be deeply missed.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join with me in mourning the loss and honoring the legacy of the late Monsignor Robert T. McDermott.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, on roll call votes 88 and 89, I was not present because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" and "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, had I been present for the vote on H.R. 539, the Innovators to Entrepreneurs Act (Roll Call Vote no. 88), I would have voted "aye".

Had I been present for the vote on H.R. 276, the Recognizing Achievement in Classified School Employees Act, (Roll Call Vote no. 89) I would have voted "aye".

TRIBUTE TO RONALD H. ROBERTS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to my good friend Ronald "Ron" Roberts, who passed away in San Diego, California on Monday, February 4, 2019. Ron was a dedicated public servant and he will be deeply missed.

Throughout his life, Ron worked to improve the community around him. In the first phase of his public service, Ron worked as a California Highway Patrol officer. By the time he retired, Ron had risen to the rank of sergeant. After his career in law enforcement, Ron began what would eventually be a twenty-four-year dedication to the city of Temecula. Ron was first appointed to the Temecula Traffic Commission in 1990, the year after the city incorporated.

In 1992, Ron was elected to the Temecula City Council, where he would ultimately serve five consecutive terms, from 1992 to 2014, including five terms as the city's mayor. The impact of Ron's leadership and hard work is on display today throughout Temecula, particularly in its infrastructure, facilities, parks and libraries. In fact, the city honored Ron by naming its busiest library the Ronald H. Roberts Temecula Public Library. Ron was also rightfully proud of his work granting public use of the Duck Pond at the corner of Ynez and Rancho California roads and revitalizing Old Town Temecula. Extraordinary cities like Temecula don't exist by accident—they come to fruition thanks to the vision and activism of tireless advocates like Ron Roberts.

Ron is survived by his wife, Jeanne; son Ron, Jr. (wife Kara); daughter Wendy (husband Sam); and five grandchildren. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Roberts family, his friends, and everyone fortunate enough to know Ron. Although Ron may be gone, the many contributions he made to his country, community and family will have a lasting impact.

RECOGNIZING OAKWOOD POLICE CHIEF RANDALL MOON'S SERVICE

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Randall Moon,

who is retiring this week after serving as Oakwood City Police Chief for the past 25 years.

Mr. Moon started with the Oakwood Police Department in 1990 and was quickly promoted to Chief in June of 1994. Over the past 29 years, Mr. Moon has witnessed the police force grow from seven officers to sixteen officers and has been key in assisting the department as they have worked to grow the department with an ever-changing city. Through it all, he is most proud of "maintaining an excellent workplace, with excellent pay and benefits."

Mr. Moon credits a presentation on bike safety, given to his second-grade class by two Georgia State Patrol troopers, as the catalyst for his desire to work in law enforcement. Ever since, Mr. Moon knew law enforcement was his calling, and he has since served in law enforcement for over 34 years, including 29 years in Oakwood.

He leaves his successor with a few words of wisdom: be a friend, be a family, as that's what sets Oakwood apart from other police departments.

The citizens of Northeast Georgia are fortunate to have men like Mr. Moon serving our communities. I thank Mr. Moon for his exemplary service, and I wish him all the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND SERVICE OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PERSHING RIFLES

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the history, service and accomplishments of the National Society of Pershing Rifles, whose members and alumni will observe the organization's 125th Anniversary during its national convention, March 14 through 16 in Kansas City, Missouri.

In 1891, Second Lieutenant John J. Pershing, then a military instructor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, selected a top-tier group of cadets to "promote the highest ideals of the military profession," among other things, within the Nebraska cadet corps. In 1894, the group was named The Pershing Rifles, in honor of their founder and mentor. Lieutenant Pershing would go on to become Commander of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) in World War I, and remains the only active duty American to be awarded the rank of General of the Armies of the United States.

Since its humble beginnings, the Pershing Rifles have vastly expanded, and now numbers more than 600 ROTC cadet and midshipman members spread across more than 60 campuses nationwide. Now in its 125th year, members remain steadfast in their determination to carry on the organization's original goal of promoting excellence in the military arts.

The mission of the National Society of Pershing Rifles is to aid in the development of successful officers in the Army, Navy and Air Force; foster camaraderie and esprit de corps among all three Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs; further the purposes, traditions, and concepts of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, and give

civilians an opportunity to be part of a military organization without formal commitment to the military.

Alumni of the Pershing Rifles have fought with valor and distinction as military and naval officers in every American conflict since the Spanish-American War. Distinguished alumni include former Secretary of State Colin Powell, among many other notable American military, political, professional, and cultural leaders.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise and recognize 125 years of service to the nation since the formation of the Pershing Rifles. Throughout their history, they have strived for excellence in all that they do and have clearly lived up to the vision of their founder. I can think of no tribute more fitting, to honor the living legacy of General of the Armies John J. Pershing and his vision for military and civic excellence.

HONORING ARTURO ELÍAS AYUB, MR. AMIGO OF THE 82ND ANNUAL CHARRO DAYS FIESTA

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Arturo Elías Ayub, who has been named Mr. Amigo 2018 by the Mr. Amigo Association of Brownsville, Texas. A Mexican businessman, entrepreneur, and philanthropist, Mr. Ayub has enjoyed a distinguished career spanning over three decades. Currently, he serves as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Multimedia and Strategic Alliances of America Movil, Director of Uno TV, and President of the Instituto TELMEX del Deporte.

This year, from February 23rd to March 2nd, citizens on both sides of the Rio Grande will gather to celebrate the 82nd Annual Charro Days Fiesta in Brownsville, Texas and Fiestas Mexicanas in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico. The events of Charro Days commemorate our shared history, culture and positive cross-border relationship. The Rio Grande binds our city, and there isn't a line or boundary that can eradicate the memories and friendships that have flourished over generations.

Since 1967, as part of the festivities, the Mr. Amigo Association, whose mission is to promote the international friendship and goodwill between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico, identifies an individual to be Mr. Amigo. The honoree must be a distinguished Mexican citizen, who has contributed to the friendship and understanding between the U.S. and Mexico and has excelled in their profession, exemplifying the highest standards in their professional lives.

Mr. Amigo 2018, Arturo Elías Ayub, hails from Mexico City. Since graduating from Anahuac University with a bachelor's degree in business management and a graduate certificate in senior business management from IPADE Business School in Mexico City, he has contributed significantly to the community in which he lives, making him the perfect candidate for Mr. Amigo. After serving as CEO at Sociedad Comercial Cadena, Ayub held many positions at TELMEX; his work developing critical alliances and partnerships beyond the region contributed to the international growth of