

IN HONOR OF JEFF
SHELLEBARGER

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Jeff Shellebarger on his retirement of 38 years of service with Chevron Corporation.

After graduating from the University of Georgia with a bachelor's and a master's in geology, Jeff Shellebarger began his Chevron career in 1980 as an exploration geologist in New Orleans. Throughout the 1980s, Jeff continued to earn assignments of increasing responsibility at Chevron. He established himself as a highly respected, effective leader, and by 1990 was named division geologist of Western Gulf of Mexico.

Jeff's career continued to accelerate. Not only did his work in managerial and development roles take him to Houston, San Francisco, and Bakersfield, but also overseas to Angola and Indonesia. Regardless of location, Jeff earned the trust and respect of his colleagues and the surrounding community.

In his last and most recent role, Jeff served as President of Chevron North America Exploration & Production Company. He worked to reshape and reposition the company, leading to record-setting production, increased revenue, and stronger, more competitive performance.

Jeff's focus on the Permian Basin strengthened Chevron's North American portfolio, and as production continues to soar, will play a vital role in America's energy renaissance.

Over his 38-year career, Jeff has led with ethics, integrity, and a commitment to community. During his tenure as President, Jeff worked to advance Houston's standing as a world-class city. He served as a Vice Chairman of the Houston Super Bowl LI host committee, Chairman of the Greater Houston Partnership, and Chairman of the 23rd World Petroleum Congress Houston Organizing Committee. Over the years he has also served on the American Petroleum Institute's Upstream Committee, the Board of the United Way of Greater Houston, the Houston Museum of Natural Science, and the Kinder Institute.

In retirement, Jeff and his wife Sydney look forward to having more time to read, travel, attend University of Georgia sporting events, and of course, spend time with their grandchildren.

I am proud to join Jeff's family, friends, and colleagues to congratulate Jeff on his retirement and thank him for his diligent service to our community. I wish him all the best that his well-earned retirement has to offer.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICKEY
KANE, RECIPIENT OF THE WYOMING
VALLEY CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION'S
2019 "MAKING A DIFFERENCE" AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mickey Kane who re-

ceived the Wyoming Valley Children's Association's (WVCA) "Making A Difference" Award along with her husband Kevin Kane on Friday, March 22, 2019 during the organization's 95th Anniversary Gala.

The WVCA provides quality, early childhood education as well as physical, occupational, and speech therapy programs to students and developing children that have been diagnosed with Autism, Down syndrome, or speech delays. The "Making A Difference Award" recognizes individuals who go above and beyond in their commitment and service to the WVCA.

Mickey is a Senior Registered Associate with Morgan Stanley in Wilkes Barre, PA. She started with Morgan Stanley's predecessor firm in 1988. Mickey holds a General Securities Representative License (Series 7) and passed the Uniform Combined State Law Examination (Series 66). Mickey is essential to several Morgan Stanley Financial Advisor teams, and she is responsible for administrative and account services for Wealth Management clients.

Kevin and Mickey are the proud parents of two children: Katie and Sean. Together they established the Sean P. Kane Memorial Fund in honor of their son. It is intended to support services, programs, and causes aligned with health, wellness, and wellbeing of people across the community, with an emphasis on individuals with special needs.

Mickey has been active in the WVCA Walk-A-Thon for more than 25 years, coordinating "Team Katie" for that event. In addition, she also works on the committee for the annual Sean P. Kane Memorial Mixer.

It is an honor to recognize Mickey as she and Kevin accept the Wyoming Valley Children's Association's "Making A Difference" Award. May they continue to support the early childhood education needs of our community.

IN HONOR OF JULIA SORRENTINO
AND MEGAN STOTTS FOR THEIR
LEADERSHIP OF HEARTS
ACROSS QUEENS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I along with Representative OCASIO-CORTEZ rise to recognize Julia Sorrentino and Megan Stotts who received a women's history month award from us and from Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas at a ceremony in Queens on March 22nd for their leadership of Hearts Across Queens, an organization that is dedicated to protecting, supporting and empowering their neighbors and acting together to create positive change. Lifelong activists, Ms. Sorrentino and Ms. Stotts joined with other local mothers to create an organization to amplify their concerns and bring like-minded neighbors together.

In 2016, an inspired group of women started Hearts Across Queens with the goal of sharing information about local events and social issues, while advocating for tolerance and diversity in Western Queens. Their aim is to help women understand and exercise their own power, while fostering beneficial relationships among people with common purpose. Hearts Across Queens creates a sense of

community through local activism and community events that support positive change, enabling and empowering people of all ages and backgrounds.

Every Wednesday, the members of Hearts Across Queens unite to meet other mothers and develop alliances, while teaching their children to face their fears and make plans for a brighter future. They have organized events, including a candidates forum, mini-speakouts, and a program to teach children how to get involved and de-escalate violence.

Ms. Sorrentino teaches at LaGuardia Community College. She is the creator of the series, Queens Women in STEAM, where local women are featured each day of Women's History Month, sharing their stories with District 30 students, and their neighborhoods. Ms. Sorrentino was also a founding member of No IDC NY, a highly successful grassroots movement that challenged a group of Democrats that had been caucusing with Republicans in the New York State Senate. Their progressive, Democratic candidates unseated 7 of the 8 Independent Democratic Caucus members in the 2018 election.

Megan Stotts has volunteered for several local organizations and campaigns. Her current focus is Immigrant Families Together, which works to combat anti-immigrant policies of the current administration. She also serves on the Queens County Committee. In 2017, Ms. Stotts helped organize a rally protesting the MTA's decision to renovate subway stations without making them accessible. She was inspired to take action because as a mother of young children she knows how difficult it is to travel with a stroller when there is no elevator.

Ms. Sorrentino and Ms. Stotts were co-recipients of the Taminent Regular Democratic Club 2018 Political Activism award.

Madam Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in honoring the work done by Julia Sorrentino, Megan Stotts and the members of Hearts Across Queens whose collaborative activism is making a real difference in their community.

IN RECOGNITION OF HERBERT
KELLEHER

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Herbert Kelleher.

Mr. Kelleher was born in Camden, New Jersey to Ruth and Harry Kelleher. He attended Wesleyan University and received his bachelor's degree in English and a minor in Philosophy. At Wesleyan, he was an Olin Scholar and president of the student body. He later attended law school at New York University where he was a Root-Tilden Scholar. He and his wife eventually moved to Texas, where he co-founded Southwest Airlines and helped build one of the world's largest and most successful airlines.

As CEO and Executive Chairman of Southwest Airlines, Mr. Kelleher, was known as a witty, inspiring, and compassionate leader and friend. He also valued his employees above all else and never laid off a single worker. He received many honors and awards including

CEO of the year and even CEO of the century by Texas Monthly Magazine. He was well-known within the business and financial world and received awards such as the Bower Award for Business Leadership from the Franklin Institute. He is also remembered through scholarships named in his honor such as the Herbert D. Kelleher Servant Leader Scholarship. Mr. Kelleher also played a role on many boards such as the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, the National Air and Space Museum, and the Homeland Security Advisory Council.

Mr. Kelleher, often referred to by his first name Herb, was also dearly loved by his family. He is survived by his wife, Joan Negley Kelleher, whom he met while attending school at Wesleyan University. They were married for sixty-four years and had four children. He is survived by three of his children, Michael Kelleher, David Kelleher and Ruth Agather. He is also lovingly remembered by nine grandchildren, who called him "Poppair".

HONORING TIMOTHY V. CHAMBERS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant. Mr. Timothy V. Chambers. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology from Alcorn State University. He later pursued further studies in the education program at Jackson State University and received his standard teaching certificate. Mr. Chambers earned his Masters Degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Jackson State University.

He started his education career teaching in Canton, Mississippi where he spent seven years collectively between Canton Elementary School, Nichols Middle School and the Canton Career Center. Mr. Chambers served as assistant principal at Canton Elementary School, Nichols Middle School and principal at Canton Educational Services Center. From there, Mr. Chambers traveled to Leake County to serve as principal for Leake County High School. While at Leake County High School, he successfully improved the school's rating from a failing school to a successful status. He then journeyed back home where he served as principal at Canton High School and director at the Canton Career Center.

Mr. Chambers' educational experiences have afforded him the opportunity to collaborate with a diverse group of people to meet the common goal of increasing student achievement and well-being. His educational philosophy is based on his uncompromising belief that all students can learn, given a positive learning environment, strong and knowledgeable leadership, a committed and focused educational team, an encouraging community, and a supportive family.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Timothy V. Chambers for his dedication to serving.

CONGRATULATING WILBUR BONTRAGER ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 47 YEARS AT JAYCO

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Wilbur Bontrager on his retirement from Jayco, Inc., after 47 years of dedicated and impressive service.

Wilbur was intimately involved with Jayco from its inception, having helped his parents Lloyd and Bertha set up the original facility on their family farm in Middlebury in 1968. He officially joined the Jayco team in the spring of 1971, utilizing his engineering and manufacturing skills to drive innovation and growth. He rose to the position of Executive Vice President in 1985, and then became CEO and Chairman of the Board in 1993. He later stepped down as CEO but remained Chairman until his retirement.

Wilbur made invaluable and far-reaching contributions not only to the company but also to the northern Indiana RV industry and our region's economy. Wilbur helped grow the small family business into a manufacturing powerhouse with nearly 4,000 employees. Over the last few decades, northern Indiana has grown into the RV capital of the world, and Hoosiers have dynamic companies like Jayco and excellent leaders like Wilbur to thank for that. Wilbur's remarkable vision and innovation have helped shape the landscape of made-in-America RVs, and the industry is sure to miss his leadership. He even received the industry's highest honor in 2008 when he was inducted into the RV Hall of Fame. I want to thank Wilbur for the vital role he has played in creating good jobs for Hoosiers, and for his unwavering commitment over the years to Jayco's hardworking employees.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Wilbur's accomplishments in nearly five decades at Jayco. He defines his approach as doing things the "Jayco Way," and for that we thank him. I am grateful for the legacy Wilbur is leaving behind, and I wish him all the best in the years to come.

HONORING MARIE ELAINE BEERY AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Marie Elaine Beery, whom I have named the 2019 Woman of the Year in Lake County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Ms. Beery has been active in our wine and food community for over 30 years. From 1991 to 1999 she was the Chief Financial Officer for Steele Wines. Since 2001, she has been the proprietor of Saw Shop Gallery Bistro in Kelseyville. Ms. Beery is also the founder and

leader of a local wine group for businesswomen. Through this group, she aims to empower and develop future generations of female business leaders. She has been the president of the Kelseyville Business Association for three years and has sat on the Board of Directors of the Lake County Wine Alliance since 1998.

Ms. Beery devotes much of her time, energy and resources to charitable organizations and the betterment of our community. She is the Treasurer of Habitat for Humanity Lake County and hosts their annual dinner at her restaurant. She also works year-round to organize the Lake County Wine Alliance Wine Auction. For this event, she collects donations, solicits sponsors and selects beneficiaries. Ms. Beery generously supports local non-profits, which positively impact our community. Some of the organizations she works with include the Hunger Task Force, the Imagination Library, Lake County Land Trust, Kelseyville Senior Center and Kelseyville Food Pantry.

Ms. Beery grew up on a farm in Warsaw, Indiana. She graduated from Pierceton High School and studied at Ball State University and the Marysville campus of Yuba College. She has a daughter who was a longtime teacher who now owns her own business like her mother.

Madam Speaker, Marie Elaine Beery is an incredible member of our community whose tireless work throughout her career has benefited the women throughout Lake County and California. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARIA ANTONIA OJEDA

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Maria Antonia Ojeda who passed away in Buffalo, New York surrounded by her loved ones on March 10, 2019 at the age of 82.

Born in Puerto Rico, Maria, lovingly referred to as Tonia, enjoyed expressing her creativity through her cooking, entertaining, and gardening. She was well known for opening the doors to her home to help those in need and was well-respected in the communities in which she lived and served. Her greatest pride was her family, whom she loved dearly, and her happiest moments were always when she was surrounded by them. No amount of words could wholly describe her, but she was best known and revered for her determination, perseverance, beauty, charity, wisdom and courage.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished by her husband of over 55 years, Francisco Ojeda, as well as by her eight children: Conception, David, Jose Antonio, James, Eva, William, Christine, and Margie. She will also be remembered well by her sisters Maria Isabel, Abigail, Ramona, Margie, Clara, and Rosa, and her brothers Gilberto, Luis, and Ramon, as well as her 20 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and her many loved nieces, nephews, and godchildren.

Madam Speaker, I honor the life of Maria Antonia Ojeda, and I ask my colleagues to join