

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING SENIOR DIRECTOR RICK PHILLIPS 35 YEARS OF WORK AT SEMPRA ENERGY UTILITIES COMPANIES (SoCalGas & SDG&E)

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rick Phillips, Senior Director of the Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan (PSEP) at SoCalGas, one of the nation's largest natural gas distribution companies. As the Sr. Director of PSEP, Mr. Phillips oversees a multi-year, three-billion-dollar project that advances SoCalGas' natural gas transmission. This project requires him to oversee a team of 800 contractors and manage 230 projects that range from San Diego to Visalia.

In over 35 years at Semptra Energy utilities companies (SoCalGas & SDG&E), Mr. Phillips has held various leadership roles such as Director of Engineering, Director of Supply Management, Director of Regional Operations, and Director of Underground Storage. As Program Director in IT, Mr. Phillips led a half-billion dollar IT upgrade project that made improvements to GIS, call centers, and field workforce applications.

Previously, Mr. Phillips graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in Engineering from UC Irvine, and he served on the UC Riverside Foundation Board of Trustees and the Industry Advisory Board for UC Riverside's Anderson School of Management.

Mr. Phillips has demonstrated tremendous leadership within his company and the 34th Congressional district through his direct involvement in community projects, and by mentoring young professionals at the Gas Company. It is leaders like him that keep paving the path for future generations to continue the positive impacts in our communities.

I ask all members to join with me in commending Mr. Phillips for his 35 years of hard work, leadership, and mentorship of young professionals at SoCalGas & SDG&E.

HONORING RICHARD NACLERIO

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to recognize a dedicated member of the community and a friend, Mr. Richard Naclerio. Richard is an honoree at this year's J.A.D.E. 35th Annual Scholarship Dinner and he is most deserving of the recognition.

Born in the Bronx to Elizabeth and Salvatore Naclerio, Richard is one of ten children. He attended Christopher Columbus High School and graduated from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Science in Economics.

Following school, the United States Army called, and Richard served with the 7th Infantry G2 Section in Korea before receiving an Honorable Discharge.

Richard's involvement and dedication to many charities and organizations is well documented, and they have filled his years with many wonderful memories. He has been affiliated with Montefiore Sound Shore Medical Health Systems; he served as Vice President on the Board of Trustees of Montefiore Mount Vernon Hospital; and he is a former Trustee of Calvary Hospital and Our Lady of Mercy Hospital. Richard is also a retired Director of Patriot National Bank. He served on the Board of the Bronx Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, is a member of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce and is an Ellis Island Medal of Honor recipient. Richard is also the creator of the Richard and Barbara Naclerio Faculty Scholars Program.

Outside of charity work and his day job as CEO of Maestro's Catering Hall, Richard enjoys spending time with his lovely wife, Barbara, with whom he is celebrating 59 wonderful years of marriage. Together they live in Pelham and are very proud of their family, which includes an astounding 12 grandchildren whom they love dearly.

Madam Speaker, few have done more to strengthen New York's 16th Congressional District over the years than Richard Naclerio. As he is honored this year by J.A.D.E. I want to take the opportunity to congratulate him for all his accomplishments and thank him for all he has done to better our community.

RUTH HEIDE TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. TIPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional journalist of the Valley Courier, Ruth Heide in Alamosa, Colorado.

Ruth recently retired after dedicating an impressive 35 years to the news business. Ruth has chronicled the events of the San Luis Valley since 1983 and has since become one of the most highly regarded, significant and respected journalists in Colorado. Her career began with the Del Norte Prospector and after a couple years, she joined the Valley Courier as a staff reporter in December 1985. She worked herself up to an editor in mid-2008, where she has spent the last 11 years at the helm of the paper.

Ruth's success as a journalist derives from her deep understanding of the many issues impacting the San Luis Valley. During her career, Ruth took deep dives into local affairs covering stories spanning from crime, food borne disease outbreaks, and major wildfires in the area. Ruth always ensured that her stories were told objectively and completely. I especially appreciated her diligent coverage of

water issues affecting the San Luis Valley where I was reassured by her commitment to getting the details right. The Courier is the go-to news source for many in the San Luis Valley because of Ruth's leadership, commitment to the truth and high standards. She continued to serve the community through many changes in the print news industry allowing the Courier to thrive while other publications have not weathered so well.

Ruth's commitment to the highest journalistic standards have received high praise from her colleagues who noted that her love for the news was second only to her love and devotion for her community, faith, and family. Ruth has spent her life in service to others, she is a well-respected member of the Alamosa community and the Valley Courier and her legacy in this region is significant. Her reputation as a reliable resource for the community was not limited to the San Luis Valley. She garnered statewide recognition recently when Colorado established March 30th as Ruth Heide Day.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Ruth Heide here today and on behalf of the people of the San Luis Valley, Colorado's Third District, and the entire state, I want to thank her for all of her years of journalistic excellence. I wish Ruth the very best as she begins her next chapter.

HONORING THE 148 INVENTORS INDUCTED AS THE 2018 FELLOWS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. MCCAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 148 inventors who will soon be inducted as the 2018 Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) in an induction ceremony in Houston, TX that will feature a keynote address by U.S. Commissioner for Patents Andrew Hirshfeld. In order to be named Fellow, these men and women were nominated by their peers and have undergone the scrutiny of the NAI Advisory and Selection Committees, having had their innovations deemed as making significant impact on quality of life, economic development, and welfare of society.

Collectively, this elite group holds nearly 4,000 patents. The individuals making up this year's class of Fellows include individuals from 125 research universities and non-profit research institutes spanning the United States and the world. The now 1060-member group of Fellows is composed of more than 100 presidents and senior leaders of research universities and non-profit research institutes, nearly 500 members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; 30 inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, 57 recipients of the U.S. National Medal of Technology and Innovation

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and U.S. National Medal of Science, over 30 Nobel Laureates, over 300 AAAS Fellows, 200 IEEE Fellows, and 164 Fellows of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, among other awards and distinctions.

The NAI was founded in 2010 to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, encourage the disclosure of intellectual property, educate and mentor innovative students, and translate the inventions of its members to benefit society.

We are greatly indebted to innovators such as these for contributions to society through their inventions. I commend these individuals, and the organizations and taxpayers that support them, for the work they do to revolutionize the world we live in. As the following inventors are inducted, may it encourage future generations to strive to meet this high honor and continue the spirit of discovery and innovation.

The 2018 NAI Fellows include:

Seth Y. Ablordeppey, Florida A&M University; Rafi Ahmed, Emory University; Pulickel M. Ajayan, Rice University; Rodney C. Alferness, University of California, Santa Barbara; Emad S. Alnemri, Thomas Jefferson University; Hal S. Alper, The University of Texas at Austin; Evelina Angov, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research; Bernard P. Arulanandam, The University of Texas at San Antonio; Stephen F. Badylak, University of Pittsburgh; Harrison H. Barrett, The University of Arizona; Mark A. Barteau, Texas A&M University; Jacqueline K. Barton, California Institute of Technology; Susan J. Baserga, Yale University; Rashid Bashir, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Frank S. Bates, University of Minnesota; J. Michael Bishop, University of California, San Francisco; Elizabeth H. Blackburn, University of California, San Francisco; Sylvia M. Blankenship, North Carolina State University; Robert E. Burrell, University of Alberta; Ahmed A. Busnaina, Northeastern University.

Yihai Cao, Karolinska Institute; Federico Capasso, Harvard University; Ni-Bin Chang, University of Central Florida; Constance J. Chang-Hasnain, University of California, Berkeley; Russell R. Chianelli, The University of Texas at El Paso; Young I. Cho, Drexel University; Sang H. Choi, NASA Langley Research Center; Chih-Chang Chu, Cornell University; Walter G. Copan, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Mark S. Cushman, Purdue University; Karl A. Deisseroth, Stanford University; Calum J. Drummond, RMIT University; Lawrence T. Drzal, Michigan State University; Igor R. Efimov, The George Washington University; Hesham M. El Gamal, The Ohio State University; Mary K. Estes, Baylor College of Medicine; Omid C. Farokhzad, Harvard Medical School; Mauro Ferrari, Houston Methodist Hospital/Cornell Medical College; Alan S. Finkel, Monash University/Australia's Chief Scientist; Jessica Fridrich, Binghamton University; Elaine V. Fuchs, The Rockefeller University.

Judy L. Genshaft, University of South Florida; Durham Kenimer Giles, University of California, Davis; George T. Gillies, University of Virginia; Jay R. Goldberg, Marquette University; Jeffrey I. Gordon, Washington University in St. Louis; Craig J. Gotsman, New Jersey Institute of Technology; Linda G. Griffith, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; John L. Hall, University of Colorado Boulder; Tayyaba Hasan, Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School; Gary M. Hieftje, Indiana University; M. Cynthia Hipwell, Texas A&M University; Dean Ho, National University of

Singapore; Peter Høj, The University of Queensland; Robert A. Holton, Florida State University; Susan Band Horwitz, Albert Einstein College of Medicine; Matthew A. Howard, III, University of Iowa; Alex Qin Huang, The University of Texas at Austin; Shu-Yuen Ron Hui, The University of Hong Kong/Imperial College London; Bahram Javidi, University of Connecticut; Quanxi Jia, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York; Hongxing Jiang, Texas Tech University.

Jingyue Ju, Columbia University; Kenneth Kaushansky, Stony Brook University; Pradeep K. Khosla, University of California, San Diego; Robert P. Kimberly, The University of Alabama at Birmingham; Joseph W. Kloepper, Auburn University; Thomas L. Koch, The University of Arizona; Philip G. Koehler, University of Florida Jindrich Kopeček, The University of Utah; Sally Kornbluth, Duke University; William J. Koros, Georgia Institute of Technology; Adrian R. Krainer, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory; Tei-Wei Kuo, National Taiwan University; Joshua LaBaer, Arizona State University; Roger A. Laine, Louisiana State University and A&M College; Edmond J. LaVoie, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; Abraham P. Lee, University of California, Irvine; Anna M. Leese de Escobar, SPAWAR Systems Center Pacific; Warren J. Leonard, National Institutes of Health; Johannes Lercher, Technical University of Munich/Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

Teik C. Lim, The University of Texas at Arlington; Craig W. Lindsley, Vanderbilt University; Elizabeth G. Loba, University of Missouri; Ted L. Maddess, Australian National University; Elizabeth M. McNally, Northwestern University; Muriel Médard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Ellis Meng, University of Southern California; Joachim Messing, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; Lalit K. Mestha, The University of Texas at Arlington; Lyle R. Middendorf, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Shaker A. Mousa, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Science; William P. Murphy, Jr., Florida International University; William L. Murphy, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Prakash Nagarkatti, University of South Carolina; Nathan Newman, Arizona State University; Bert W. O'Malley, Baylor College of Medicine; Aydogan Ozcan, University of California, Los Angeles; Muthukumaran Packirisamy, Concordia University; Drew M. Pardoll, Johns Hopkins University; Roderic I. Pettigrew, Texas A&M University; Apparao M. Rao, Clemson University.

Theodore S. Rappaport, New York University; L. Rafael Reif, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Joshua Rokach, Florida Institute of Technology; Yoram Rudy, Washington University in St. Louis; Wheeler Ruml, University of New Hampshire; Thomas P. Russell, University of Massachusetts Amherst; Jagannathan Sarangapani, Missouri University of Science and Technology; Vinod Sarin, Boston University; Rahul Sarpeshkar, Dartmouth College; Steven J. Sasson, University of South Florida; Christine E. Schmidt, University of Florida; Zheng John Shen, Illinois Institute of Technology; Thomas E. Shenk, Princeton University; Mark B. Shiflett, The University of Kansas; Michael L. Simpson, Oak Ridge National Laboratory/The University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Koji Sode, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Costas M. Soukoulis, Iowa State University; John W. Spirk, Cleveland Clinic; Gary Stacey, University of Missouri; F. William Studier, Brookhaven National Laboratory; Samuel I. Stupp, Northwestern University; Koduvayur P. Subbalakshmi, Stevens Institute of Technology.

Bruce A. Sullenger, Duke University; Xiuzhi S. Sun, Kansas State University; Jing Sun, University of Michigan; Yu Sun, University of Toronto; Wanchun Tang, Virginia Commonwealth University; Susan S. Taylor, University of California, San Diego; Bhavani Thuraisingham, The University of Texas at Dallas; David A. Tirrell, California Institute of Technology; Don M. Tucker, University of Oregon; Jeffrey S. Vitter, The University of Mississippi; Israel E. Wachs, Lehigh University; Albert Wang, University of California, Riverside; Michael S. Waterman, University of Southern California; Alan W. Weimer, University of Colorado Boulder; Louis M. Weiner, Georgetown University; Robert G. Wilhelm, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Yushan Yan, University of Delaware; Jian Yang, The Pennsylvania State University; Eui-Hyeok Yang, Stevens Institute of Technology; Mark H. Yim, University of Pennsylvania; Michael J. Yost, Medical University of South Carolina; James M. Zavislan, University of Rochester; Ruiwen Zhang, University of Houston; Huda Y. Zoghbi, Baylor College of Medicine.

HONORING FRIENDSHIP WORSHIP CENTER 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a wonderful institution in Mount Vernon, the Friendship Worship Center, which this year celebrates its remarkable 75th Anniversary in the community.

Friendship Worship empowers people with solid biblical principles, while advocating for justice, fairness, and delivering social services. The story of Friendship Worship begins in 1942, when a group of women from the Mount Vernon Community led by Mother Lillian Davis, an active missionary, began a Freewill Baptist Mission work. For two years these women shared in their homes the message and work of Christ. In 1944, the officials of the Freewill Baptist Conference came and officially organized the St. Paul Freewill Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, New York. Around the late 1940s the church was renamed Little Friendship United American Freewill Baptist Church. In 1950, Little Friendship became incorporated in the State of New York. During those early stages of the church development many different ministers and layperson held the church together. This was done under the supervision of the late Rev. N.E. Sharp, Moderator of the Northern Annual Conference of the United American Freewill Baptist Church. The first elected pastor of this church was the late Rev. B.T. Johnson who led the church from 1948–1956. During his tenure Little Friendship purchased its church building at 358 South Ninth Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York. The successions of Pastors were Rev. S.H. Wylie 1956–1957, Rev. H. Miller 1957–1958, Rev. O. E. Davis 1958–1959, Rev. Otis Park 1959–1983, Rev. Joe L. Brown 1983–1988, and finally my friend Elder C. Nathan Edwers 1988 to present. In 1997, the church name was changed, and Corporation papers were amended to Friendship Unified Freewill Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, New York.

Under the strong leadership of Pastor Edwers many new programs were established. Due to an expansion and betterment of the

church, over \$200,000 has been done in renovations since 1989. In August 1998 Pastor C. Nathan Edwers was led by the Lord to move Friendship Unified Freewill Baptist Church into \$1.3 million edifice located at 261 East Lincoln Avenue in Mount Vernon at present. The church seating capacity is 1,200.

In September 1998 the church was renamed Friendship Worship Center, The Family Center. In March 20, 1999 Pastor Edwers was consecrated as a Bishop. Friendship Worship Center is now on the cutting edge of the 21st Century and every day its parishioners are helping to improve the Mount Vernon community and beyond.

On this special occasion, I want to congratulate the entire Friendship Worship Center community on 75 amazing years of love and service.

JULIE NORTON DEPARTS THE HIGH DESERT PHOENIX FOUNDATION

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible work of Julie Norton, who has served as the Executive Director of the High Desert Phoenix Foundation for the past ten years. The Phoenix Foundation provides financial assistance to families in the High Desert who have lost a loved one due to an accident, criminal act, or suicide.

Julie has served as Executive Director for the ten years that the Phoenix Foundation has been in existence. She is the founding member of the Foundation, and was motivated to create it after dealing with a tragic loss in her personal life. Over her ten years as executive director, Julie has helped well over 500 families lay their loved ones to rest. Additionally, Julie helped start the HALOS (Healing Loved Ones After Suicide) Program, which is a peer support group for those affected by the suicide of a friend or family member.

Julie has had an incredible impact on thousands of people during some of their toughest and most vulnerable moments, and I cannot thank her enough for all the work she has put in over the last ten years to make the Phoenix Foundation the success it is today. I offer my sincere congratulations to her for a decade as Executive Director of the High Desert Phoenix Foundation and I am certain that wherever she goes she will continue to have a positive impact on people's lives.

RECOGNIZING ERNIE BELL'S LIFE- LONG COMMITMENT TO SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Ernest "Ernie" M. Bell Jr., who retires this year after an extensive career in education from his position as the Superintendent of the Sierra Sands Unified

School District (SSUSD), which serves the Indian Wells Valley in my congressional district in California.

Born and raised in Ridgecrest, California, Ernie graduated from Sherman E. Burroughs High School and attended Bakersfield College before receiving a degree in Biology from the University of California, Davis, and a Masters of Arts in Educational Leadership and Administration at California State University, Bakersfield. He then returned home to Ridgecrest, beginning a career in education at Murray Middle School, where he taught and coached for ten years, then served as the school's Vice Principal for four years, and finally as Murray Middle's Principal for ten years. Throughout his career as an educator, Ernie achieved extensive knowledge of the interworking and importance of education through his participation on SSUSD leadership committees and peer review panels. And it was by tackling issues critical to the district, such as student safety, collective bargaining, budgetary issues, and accreditation, that Ernie seamlessly transitioned from the classroom to SSUSD administration. In 2014, Ernie accepted the position of Superintendent of Sierra Sands Unified School District, a position that capped a lifelong career dedicated to education in the Indian Wells Valley. As Superintendent, Ernie led and successfully pushed to renovate and modernize Murray Middle School and Burroughs High School, and spearheaded the effort to secure funding for the construction of Richmond Elementary School. Ernie's legacy will be defined not only by his esteemed career as an educator to countless students, but by the fruits of his tireless advocacy for quality education in the Indian Wells Valley on future generations of students.

I know Ernie Bell as a man of his word and as a public servant who tirelessly advocated for the needs of our community's students and teachers better than almost anyone. I know that despite his retirement, he will remain just as active in the Ridgecrest community as ever. On behalf of a grateful community, I wish Ernie, his wife, Deanne, and their children, Jacob, Zachary, and Rebecca, all the best as they begin this new chapter of his life.

HONORING JILL SPIELER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor a woman who has done a tremendous amount to build and strengthen the Scarsdale community in my district, Ms. Jill Spieler, this year's recipient of the prestigious Scarsdale Bowl Award.

For over 70 years, the Scarsdale Bowl has been awarded a Scarsdale resident who "has given unselfishly of time, energy, and effort to the civic welfare of the community." Nothing could better describe Jill. She has a long and distinguished record of volunteer services to Scarsdale and well beyond.

Jill began her service to Scarsdale in 1981 as a founding member of Kids B.A.S.E. and The Little School. She served as a board member from 1983 to 1988, then became President of the Board where she served two terms. She continued on the board till 1998,

and during her tenure she provided outstanding leadership, especially during some difficult times. Jill continued her commitment to the community by serving on the Scarsdale Village Board of Ethics, the Advisory Council on Youth, and the Village Parks and Recreation Council, becoming Chair of the Recreation Committee in 2000. She was also active member of the League of Women Voters and chaired the Voter Service Committee.

There are many other examples of Jill's community involvement, but they are too many to mention. She is, without question, a highly respected, trusted, insightful and collaborative community leader who has contributed a great deal to Scarsdale. Jill's selfless contribution of time and energy to community affairs epitomizes the principles symbolized by the Scarsdale Bowl.

Madam Speaker, the Bowl Award is considered the highest and most prestigious recognition given for volunteer service in Scarsdale. It is no surprise then that this year that award is going to Jill Spieler. As Member of Congress representing Scarsdale, I want to congratulate Jill on receiving this wonderful honor and thank her for her years of dedicated service to the community.

HONORING THE SUNY PLATTSBURGH WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM FOR THEIR 7TH NCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the SUNY Plattsburgh Women's Hockey Team for winning their Seventh NCAA Division III National Championship.

Having previously held the record for Division III Women's Hockey championship titles, on March 16th, 2019, the Cardinals broke their own record, securing their seventh title in program history after winning a shut-out victory against Hamline University. As if that were not enough, they also finished the season on an eighteen-game winning streak, tying the program record for most wins in a single season with a near perfect 29-2 overall record.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate every member of the team, their families and the coaching staff on this impressive accomplishment. The Cardinals make the North Country very proud.

HONORING THE 60TH REUNION OF "THE EL COROLS BAND AND SHOW"

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring members of "El Corols Band and Show" (El Corols) on their 60th reunion celebration, which will take place on Sunday, April 28, 2019, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Southwest, Washington, D.C.

In 1959, a group of students in the music department at Shaw Junior High School formed El Corols, the first rhythm and blues band in the District of Columbia. El Corols was highly sought-after for school and private parties all over the city and beyond. The band performed for many charitable and community organizations throughout the city. During the summer, the group spent the majority of its time performing at Carr's Beach, a public beach for African Americans in Annapolis, Maryland. (African Americans were not welcome at any of the "white" beaches. Although our nation was segregated, many found comfort and joy through the vibrant musical talents of El Corols.)

The band consisted of teenagers, yet the members were honored and privileged to be the "house band" at the beach. The band was presented with opportunities to perform and accompanied many of the famous stars of that era, including Dionne Warwick, Patti LaBelle and the Bluebells, Bobby "Blue" Bland, Billy Stewart, Gene Chandler, and James Brown, to name a few. As teenagers, the band members had no idea that they were making history. They were simply excited about playing music and entertaining.

The apex of El Corols' experience was their performance with Nat King Cole in 1963 at Eastern High School, where United States Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy was an honored guest. Another highlight of El Corols' experience was the invitation to perform at the Debutante Cotillion of New York Socialite Fernanda Wetherhill Wannamaker in South Hampton, Long Island.

As the members of El Corols reflect on their teenage years, they continue to cherish the lifelong memories and experiences they were afforded simply due to their dedication to and love of music.

El Corols is indebted to its manager, Captain William Rumsey, who was Dunbar High School's Military Science Teacher. Captain Rumsey later became the Principal of McKinley Technical High School, and upon his retirement from the public school system, he became Director of the District of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department. Captain Rumsey was a strict disciplinarian and assured the band members' parents that they were in capable hands and would be well cared for under his management. Captain Rumsey never failed in his commitment to the band and stands in a proud space in history alongside the members of El Corols.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the rich history of El Corols on the occasion of its 60th reunion. I ask my colleagues to join me in this recognition.

HONORING DAVID M.C. STERN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished member of the Edgemont community in my district, Mr. David M.C. Stern, who this year is being honored by the Edgemont Community Council with their Silver Bowl Award for Distinguished Community Service.

David served two terms on the school board, from 2010 to 2016, was president in

2015–2016, and made his mark on the curriculum, audit and superintendent search committees, as well as liaison to the Edgemont School Foundation and the Scarsdale Teachers Institute. He has coached over 20 seasons of local youth sports—soccer, lacrosse, basketball and tee-ball—and now serves as president of Edgemont Youth Lacrosse. In the schools, David has taught Great Books and volunteered in the Wiggleworks reading program. He currently sits on the School Board Nominating Committee and is a former director of the ECC. David has been an assistant Cub Scouts den leader, and he has been a long-time member of Greenville Fire District's volunteer fire company, where he has served as a volunteer firefighter.

David also currently serves as chairman of the board of Westchester Institute for Human Development, a Valhalla-based organization that works with developmentally disabled men and women, and member of the board of MusicCorps/Renovation in Music Education in Washington D.C., which uses music to help wounded military veterans recover. David has also been a director of the Scarsdale-Edgemont United Way, and a member of the Woodlands Community Temple School Board.

Professionally, David runs a consulting firm that provides strategic business advisory services to healthcare organizations and investors. After graduating from Edgemont in 1982, David went on to get a BA and an MBA from Yale. David lives on Old Army Road with his wife Mary Elizabeth and their children Kasey, Gavin and Fiona.

As you can see Madam Speaker, David Stern is a very active member of the community who is most deserving of this wonderful recognition from the Edgemont Community Council. I want to congratulate him on this honor.

CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION
OF THE HOBE SOUND NATIONAL
WILDLIFE REFUGE IN HONOR OF
NATHANIEL P. REED

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge in honor of the late Nathaniel P. Reed. Nathaniel, who was known as Nat, was an environmentalist and champion of Florida's environment. He served as Assistant Secretary of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks at the United States Department of the Interior from 1971 to 1977, under President Richard Nixon and President Gerald Ford. Furthermore, had it not been for Nathaniel, our nation would be without the Marine Mammals Protection Act, the intact and expanded Redwoods National Park, the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act.

Originally born in New York City, Nathaniel spent much of his time growing up in Hobe Sound, Florida. His concern for the environment developed from his firsthand experience with the threat of overpopulation to Florida's natural landscape and by the example of his mother, who was a lead organizer in opposing the development of a theme park on an island near their home.

Nathaniel started his career in the family real estate and hotel business in Florida, where his concern for the environment steered him into public service. He went on to serve six Florida governors.

He was a member of many environmental advocacy groups, most notably the 1000 Friends of Florida, an organization which he founded, and served as president and chairman. He also served on the boards of the Everglades Foundation (which he helped found), the Nature Conservancy, the Atlantic Salmon Federation, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the National Audubon Society, Yellowstone National Park, the National Geographic Society, and the South Florida Water Management District. Throughout his career, he was one of the most eloquent and effective advocates for fish, wildlife and nature of the 20th and 21st centuries.

The Hobe Sound National Wildlife refuge is a part of the United States National Wildlife Refuge system, and is the type of vulnerable land Nathaniel dedicated his life to protecting. The newly named Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge will rightly honor his life's work.

Madam Speaker, Nathaniel was a powerhouse of Florida politics, but more than that, he was a dear friend and a mentor to me, as well as to countless others. During his six decades of activism, he was a tireless crusader for the environment and the Everglades. Nathaniel inspired generations of conservationists, and what he did for America's River of Grass is immeasurable. Hobe Sound represents the starting place of Nathaniel's love for our nation's environment, and this dedication of the Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge in his honor will allow his life and legacy to always endure.

REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF
IRAN'S ISLAMIC REVOLU-
TIONARY GUARDS CORPS AS A
FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZA-
TION

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following release which includes the statement by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, regarding the designation of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization.

Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, described the inclusion of the suppressive Revolutionary Guards (IRGC) in the State Department's list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO) as a long-standing and rightful demand of the Iranian Resistance, an imperative for Middle East security, peace, and stability, and an urgent and necessary step to end war and terrorism throughout the region and the world.

"This action, which was long overdue, should now be completed by designating the Iranian regime's Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS)," Mrs. Rajavi added.

The Revolutionary Guard Corps, which does not even carry Iran in its official name, constitutes the pillar of the velayat-e faqih regime

(absolute clerical rule), is the main apparatus of repression, the primary driver of war and export of terrorism, and responsible for pursuing nuclear weapons and missile projects. The IRGC also controls the lion's share of Iran's economy.

It is no wonder that the religious fascism ruling Iran, its apologists and mercenaries have become terrified of IRGC's designation.

Mrs. Rajavi emphasized that if the disastrous policy of appeasement had not provided so much freedom of action to the mullahs and the Revolutionary Guards over the past decades, the Iranian regime could not have caused so much bloodshed in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen and Afghanistan.

She emphasized that in the interest of the Iranian people as well as regional peace and security, the European Union must designate the Revolutionary Guards as a terrorist entity, adding that the ultimate solution to rid the world of the ruling theocracy in Iran is for the Iranian people and the Resistance to change the illegitimate caliphate, cloaked under the veneer of Shia and Islam.

On behalf of the Iranian Resistance which has called for an arms and oil embargo on Iran's religious dictatorship since 1981, Mrs. Rajavi reiterated the need to take the following measures:

1. Recognizing the right of the Iranian people and the Resistance to overthrow the ruling religious fascism and to establish freedom.
2. Placing the Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS) and other organs of suppression and export of terrorism and fundamentalism on State Department's FTO list as well as on the EU's terror watch list.
3. Expelling the agents of the MOIS and the terrorist Quds Force from the United States and Europe.
4. Referring the dossier on the Iranian regime's human rights violations and the massacre of political prisoners to the United Nations Security Council and the International Court of Justice.
5. Expelling the illegitimate clerical regime from the UN and recognizing the Iranian Resistance as the true representative of the Iranian people.
6. Evicting the Iranian regime and its forces from Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Lebanon and Afghanistan.

HONORING REVEREND DR. C. NATHAN EDWERS 30TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, It is my sincere honor to recognize a dear friend, Reverend Dr. Collie Nathan Edwers, who this year celebrates his 30th Pastoral Anniversary at the Friendship Worship Center in Mount Vernon.

Nathan, as he is best known, was born in Newark, New Jersey to the union of Bishop Collie Edwers and the late Mother Dorothy Edwers. He is the third child born to this family of seven. He was raised in the quiet suburban community of North Edison, New Jersey. He was educated in the Edison High School system until his parents relocated to Metuchen, New Jersey during his junior year of High

School. It was during this time of his adolescent years that Nathan felt and responded to the call of God on his life. At the age of sixteen, Nathan preached his initial sermon at St. Mark U.F.W. Baptist Church, the same church where his father baptized him.

Upon High School graduation, Nathan continued his education through the encouragement of his parents. Nathan was directed to pursue his undergraduate education at Northeastern Bible College in Essex Falls, New Jersey. During his senior year of study, Nathan was approached by the officers of Calvary U.F.W. Baptist Church to serve as their next Pastor. In May of 1983, Nathan was elected as their Pastor and assumed that responsibility on the Fifth Sunday. During this time Nathan decided against the advice of his father, to discontinue his education at Northeastern Bible College in order to move full attention to the Church. During his six years tenure as Pastor, Nathan was very fortunate to meet his darling wife, Aro Denise Harper. Out of this union were born two, children, Eric and Sherri. Both of his children are adults and are successful in their life choice career.

In January 1989, Nathan answered the call as the First Family of Little Friendship Unified Free Will Baptist Church. During his ministry at Friendship Church, the Lord added to his family his son, Eric Nathan Edwers. In October of 1997, Pastor Edwers began the process to acquire Temple Emanuel Jewish Center in Mount Vernon, which was up for sale. In January 1998 the church agreed to modify its name by removing the word "little" from its former name known as "Little Friendship Unified Free Will Baptist Church". Bishop Edwers led the church into a \$1.3 million dollar relocation expansion program, and on August 16, 1998 he marched the "Friendship Unified Free Will Baptist Church" and hundreds of friends into their new home, renamed the Friendship Worship Center in September 1998.

Madam Speaker, Friendship Worship has grown by leaps and bounds thanks to Nathan and Denise Edwers. On this special occasion, I want to congratulate the pastor on 30 wonderful years, and thank him for all he has done in the community.

IN MEMORY OF FR. IGNATIUS MATERNOWSKI, CHAPLAIN, 508TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT OF THE 82ND AIRBORNE

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the sacrifice of Fr. Ignatius Maternowski, a Franciscan Friar Conventual and Chaplain to the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne during the Second World War. Fr. Ignatius is the only chaplain killed in action during the D-Day invasion in Normandy, France.

Fr. Ignatius and his regiment parachuted into Normandy at 1:30 a.m. on D-Day, June 6, 1944. In the ensuing days, he and the regiment moved through Normandy and he ministered to the wounded and dead in heavy hedgerow during the fighting. Fr. Ignatius was compassionate and steadfast in his ministry, successfully negotiating with German soldiers

to establish a joint aid station for both German and American soldiers. On June 13th, one week after landing in France, he was killed by a German sniper while trying to find a doctor to treat a wounded comrade.

Fr. Ignatius' story expresses the courage of the brave individuals who served, and who continue to serve, our country as military chaplains. These individuals share in the sacrifice of our men and women in the Armed Forces and on behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, and the constituents of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I am proud to honor the heroism of one such as Fr. Ignatius Maternowski.

HONORING APRIL BLANKENSHIP

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of April Blankenship, a longtime and outstanding staffer for the Committee on Ways and Means and my personal office, who passed away this morning.

April is a tireless, trusted colleague and a friend to so many. In her many years of service on Capitol Hill, she has been a key part of dozens of personal and committee offices, including both my personal office and the staff of the Committee on Ways and Means. She handled issues that involve sensitive personnel matters with grace, precision, confidentiality, and a deft personal touch. She dealt with numbers, but really what she managed was people—the people and committees that help run this place on behalf of taxpayers. And she did it all with a smile on her face and a joy for service. April is one of the true unsung heroes around these halls, and I am proud to call her a trusted colleague and friend.

Beyond her many professional skills and accomplishments, I know April is even more proud of her role as a mother. Whether helping her sons, Hunter, Dakota, and Tucker, sell Boy Scout candy to friends and colleagues or bragging on the boys' achievements in school or church groups, her smile told you all you needed to know—that she was an intensely proud mother, and rightfully so. She also invested her deep faith in her family, and I know that faith has helped maintain her through the years she has heroically battled her illness.

On behalf of the entire Committee on Ways and Means, I offer our sincerest condolences to Tim, Hunter, Dakota, Tucker and her entire family on April's passing. I thank them for sharing April with us for so many years of outstanding service to the Committee, its Members, and our great country.

HONORING PETER SWIDERSKI

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to honor a dedicated public servant and good friend, Peter Swiderski. Peter served as Mayor of the Village of Hastings for many years, and his exceptional work will leave a lasting positive impact on the community.

Peter has always believed deeply in our democracy and the power of public service. That's why he ran for Mayor of Hastings some 16 years ago. His slogan, "Hastings Forward!" spoke to his consistent commitment to progress. Though he took over during difficult financial times for the village, Peter was able to deftly navigate the choppy economic waters. Abandoned buildings from Hastings' industrial past were replaced with storefronts that our now local hot spots. The beautiful waterfront hugging the Hastings coastline has been revitalized. Parks that were once run down have been transformed. All of this happened under Peter's leadership, and all of it happened while the village's finances steadily improved. Peter grew the Hastings' rainy-day fund to \$2 million, which has meant investments in infrastructure and funding for first responders can be met. But beyond quality of life and economic development, Peter also managed to focus on growing affordable housing options for residents, encourages local sustainability initiatives, and even started a Deer Immunocontraception Research Program. How many local municipalities can say that?

After 16 successful years, Peter chose not to run for reelection as Mayor of Hastings. Though the village is now in the excellent care of new Mayor Nicola Armacost, we will all miss Peter leading the way in Hastings. As a partner in government, Peter was exceptional to work with across the board. I want to congratulate him on the years of hard work and thank him for his ceaseless dedication to the Hastings community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JERRY CUSTIN

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a local leader who has made a tremendous impact in the Tampa Bay area through a lifetime of public service. Colonel Jerry Custin USAF (Ret.) proudly served our nation in the United States Air Force during which he received advanced training, flew 130 combat missions over Laos and Vietnam, and conducted defense analysis. He earned both the Defense Superior Service Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross while serving in the United States Air Force. He also worked with the National Security Agency, and completed his thirty-year career in public service as the Director of the Office of Electronic Intelligence, and the Chairman of the National Electronic Intelligence Group.

After retirement, Jerry continued to serve our community. He worked as an Outreach Counselor for economically disadvantaged youth through the Pinellas Workforce Development Board. He then became the Business Assistance Specialist for the Oldsmar Chamber of Commerce, where he helped expand its footprint into Hillsborough and Pasco counties reconstituting the organization as the Upper Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce. He later served as President/CEO of the Chamber and developed the Florida Suncoast Manufacturing Association (FSMA) which effectively serves Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas

Counties. Both organizations endeavor to enhance the regional workforce and ensure that students are trained for post-secondary success. With a fervent belief that the robust manufacturing sector in the community—comprising nearly a third of area jobs and tax base—could benefit by more technically oriented services addressing current manufacturing practices and standards, increasingly skilled workforce requirements and a more comprehensive understanding of the availability of the varied products and services offered across our local manufacturing base, Colonel Custin has been instrumental in meeting those needs through his work at FSMA.

On a personal note, Jerry is a trusted friend and advisor. Whether in the Florida Legislature or my time in the U.S. Congress, Jerry has been my go-to guy on issues related to workforce, manufacturing, and the federal budget among other subject matters. His unrivaled work ethic, strength of character and commitment to service is why he is held in such high esteem in his beloved Oldsmar community. I am honored to have him as a constituent.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, today, I along with Representative BUSTOS, would like to recognize the 50th anniversary of the American Association of Healthcare Administrative Management (AAHAM).

The AAHAM was founded in 1968 and incorporated on February 20, 1973. The organization is dedicated to educating and advocating for revenue cycle professionals who work with healthcare patient accounts across the country. It has grown to represent thirty-one chapters with over 3,000 members and is one of the best healthcare administrative management organizations serving patients throughout the United States. Over its 50 years, AAHAM has grown from serving hospital patient account managers to representing professionals who serve across the healthcare spectrum. They have made great contributions to the welfare of patients and have fostered a sense of fellowship and work to enhance the quality of life for all patients navigating healthcare financing.

Their strong and dedicated leaders and membership have made the long tenure of AAHAM possible and we are proud to congratulate them on their 50th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING STUDENTS AT CONRAD WEISER HIGH SCHOOL FOR SUCCESS IN C-SPAN STUDENT CAM 2019

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to honor Eriel

Gaylord, Sammy Saldana, and Melany Davila, from Conrad Weiser High School in Robeson, Pennsylvania. These students participated in the 2019 National C-SPAN Student Cam Video Contest, and out of 3,000 entries, their five-minute entry entitled, "America's Homeless," earned them an honorable mention.

This was certainly a profile in courage, as one of the students, Eriel Gaylord, bravely shared her experience with homelessness. In telling her story, Eriel helped to raise awareness and educate others on the many challenges faced by homeless youth—while encouraging other individuals and families, who face similar challenges, to take advantage of the resources available in our communities to help them obtain housing security.

Each American faces their own challenges and pursues their own passions; resilience, however, is a defining characteristic of Pennsylvania's Ninth District. No matter the challenges we face, the determination with which we rise to meet them defines us more than our trials themselves.

Eriel's story and the context in which it is presented should inspire each of us. Although it is troubling that such daunting challenges face young people in my own district, I am inspired by their engagement, advocacy, and passion. It is an honor to recognize Eriel's bravery, and the work of these students. May they continue to engage their passions, pursue solutions, and showcase American resilience.

HONORING MIKE GRECO

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to honor the life of a Bronx icon, Mike Greco, the longtime owner of the famous "Mike's Deli" on Arthur Avenue, who passed away in late March at the age of 89.

Also known as the "Salamo King" and "Mayor of Arthur Avenue," Mike was a legend in the community. Born on May 8, 1929 to Luigi and Luisa Felice Greco, he came to America in 1947 from his home in Calabria, Italy with his twin brother, Joe, in a new suit and \$50 dollars to his name. He moved to the Bronx, began working in a butcher shop, and by the early 1950s had opened his very open deli on Arthur Avenue.

Mike worked seven days a week starting at 6 a.m. to build Mike's Deli into the huge destination it became. For six decades, people from all over made the pilgrimage to visit, for both the wonderful food and for Mike himself. As the New York Times wrote, "Mr. Greco was larger than life." The big personality, the singing, the friendly banter was all part of his mystique.

Of course, personality wasn't the only draw to Mike's Deli. The food was renowned. A well-earned reputation for quality preceded Mike's, with such favorites as the imported cheese, sometimes aged for as long as 36 months, leading the way. Mike's eggplant parm is so delicious that it beat all the competition on an episode of Food Network's "Throwdown With Bobby Flay." Mike's fame also extended to television, where he appeared in a Ronzi commercial filmed on Arthur

Avenue, and on the stage, where an autobiographical play written by his son Marco was performed.

Mike leaves two lasting legacies—the deli and his wonderful family. He married Antoinette Cappiello in 1951 and together they had 2 sons, David and Marco and two daughters, Louisa Greco and Anna Greco Silvani. Mike is also survived by his five grandchildren.

Mike Greco really was larger than life, and his contributions to the Bronx have left an indelible mark. He will be deeply missed.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROTECTIONS IN CONSUMER LENDING ACT

HON. JESÚS G. "CHUY" GARCÍA

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce the Protections in Consumer Lending Act, which will empower the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to understand, analyze, and scrutinize abusive practices by consumer lenders.

From mortgages to auto loans to credit applications, a pattern of discriminatory consumer lending exists throughout the economy. For instance, a recent study by the National Fair Housing Alliance found that White testers were offered better financing options on auto loans than non-White testers 75 percent of the time.

It is vital that the CFPB has access to the richest possible data on data discrimination in credit lending, and that is why I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the Protections in Consumer Lending Act.

I encourage my colleagues to support this bill.

CONGRATULATING THE BAYTOWN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY BULLDOGS FOR THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORIES

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Baytown Christian Academy Bulldogs on winning both the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) football and boys basketball state championships for the 2018–2019 school year!

On Thursday, December 6, 2018, Baytown Christian Academy captured its second TAPPS 6-Man Division III football State Championship in three years with a 49–34 victory over Weatherford Christian Academy. In the playoffs the Bulldogs defeated Greenville Christian Academy, Fredericksburg Heritage School, and Cedar Park Summit Christian Academy on the way to the title game. The Bulldog football team finished the 2018 season with a perfect 14–0 record.

On March 1, 2019, the Baytown Christian Academy basketball team won its first TAPPS

Class 1A Boys State Championship, beating Tyler Street Christian Academy of Dallas by a score of 63–39. On the way to their historic victory, the Bulldogs defeated Cypress Oaks Adventist Christian School, Fredericksburg Heritage School, Houston Southwest Christian Academy, and San Antonio Legacy Christian Academy. The team finished the 2018–2019 season with a record of 29–3. The entire basketball team was also on the state title winning football team.

I would like to personally recognize each student and their coaches. Players: Grayson Albarado, Colton Anderson, Jelan Dowdy, Kory Early, Ethan Flukinger, Charles Flynt, Jaden Jefferson, Jaron Jefferson, Aden Lambeth, Jordan Lewis, Jordan Luke, William Morgan, Matthew Pate, Kyron Pitre, Rajean Sheppard, Chance Strange, Dave Sun, Richard Washington, Jakob Wheatfall, Trey Williams, Sebastian Wilson, and Bryce Gillum. Head Football Coach: Jeromey Anderson. Assistant Football Coaches: Mike Usry, Nathan Gray, Daren McClellan, Quintin Outland, and Jason Welch. Trainers: Janci McClellan, Emily Gray, and Carli Norris. Head Basketball Coach: Kevin Fletcher. Athletic Director: Kevin Jones. Headmaster: James Twardowski.

I wish each of these young men continued success in the classroom and in athletics. Go Bulldogs!

HONORING WILLIAM MAYER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to honor a pillar of the community and friend, Mr. William Mayer, who this year is being honored at the J.A.D.E. 35th Annual Scholarship Dinner.

William was born on June 4, 1962 to William and Marjorie Zaino Mayer in Mount Vernon, New York. His family was rooted in catering and community affairs, and at a young age William was encouraged to follow in that tradition. While attending Iona Prep and Iona college, he worked feverishly by his father's side at Mayer's Parkway Catering and at The Eastwood Manor, learning and growing with every opportunity. William graduated from Iona in 1984 with a B.A. in Business and went on to own and operate Maestro's Caterers and the Eastwood Manor.

Over the years, William has become a very well-respected member of the community, not just for his business acumen, but also for his tireless work and contributions. The list of organizations that have honored William over the years is extensive and varied: The New York City Public School system, The National Council of Negro Women, The Bronx YMCA, R.A.I.N., Williamsbridge NAACP, the Scarsdale PBA, NYPD 47th Precinct Clergy Coalition, North Bronx Little League, the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, and the Bronx Organization for the Learning Disabled, just to name a few. He has also been recognized by the Bronx Borough President's office, the Transit Workers Union Local 100, and now, by the U.S. House of Representatives.

William shares his commitment to community and family involvement with his wife, Kenia, and their children, Dustin and Riley. The family currently resides in Ardsley and during his spare time, William enjoys golfing at the Wykagyl Country Club, where he is an active member.

Madam Speaker, William Mayer has helped to grow and build our community in countless ways. As J.A.D.E. is set to honor him, I want to take the opportunity to thank him for his contributions, and congratulate him on receiving this well-deserved recognition.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JERRY BEVERLAND

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 15, 2019

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a local leader who has made a tremendous impact on the Tampa Bay area through a lifetime of public service, my dear friend, former Oldsmar Mayor and City Council Member Jerry Beverland. There has been no greater champion for the city of Oldsmar than Jerry and his lovely bride, Wanda. As both Mayor and City Council member, Jerry has been a lion during decades of City Council meetings, never backing down on a stance that he believed was in the best interests of Oldsmar. He has been a lead voice on every great endeavor for the city from the Sports Complex to the Water Reclamation Facility to the Oldsmar Library. His public service has extended beyond the city limits, as he has served as President of the Northeast Pinellas County Water and Sewer Authority, and as a member on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council and the Pinellas County Council of Mayors. Many of the initiatives he spearheaded made a profound impact on our community. Pinellas County residents will benefit for many years to come because of his leadership. Jerry Beverland has given his time, talent and treasure to make Oldsmar a wonderful place to live, work and play.

As a local historian, Mr. Beverland has helped to preserve the rich cultural heritage and tradition of our community, publishing four books on the history of the City of Oldsmar. Proceeds from the sale of his books have benefitted the Oldsmar Library.

On a personal note, Jerry has been a trusted friend and advisor of the Bilirakis family, and me, in particular, for decades. His passion for life and for the city of Oldsmar is inextricably intertwined. The Beverlands have endured life's ups and downs for over sixty years together in the city they call home. Yet through their tribulations, no one has consistently done so much, for so long, for the city. Jerry Beverland's integrity, wide breadth of knowledge and commitment to service above self is an example to which we all should aspire. I look forward to working with him and Wanda to continue making the city of Oldsmar a great place to live.