

# 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 Sempra 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

*Monday, April 15, 2019*

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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