

Wabash College in Indiana. However, as Chuck soon found out, the Midwest gets a bit colder than the Mediterranean climate where he was raised. Fortunately, he found a suitable alternative in the great state of California, where he moved shortly thereafter to attend Stanford University in Palo Alto. It was here that Chuck's automobile career began when, while shopping for a car of his own, the dealer was so impressed with his bargaining skills that he offered Chuck a salesman position on the spot. Within a year he was the dealership's General Manager. Chuck went on to open his own dealership in East Los Angeles in 1973, followed by Haddad Dodge in Bakersfield, California in 1974. Chuck and his family owned the Dodge dealership, Haddad Kia, and have ownership stakes in Nissan of Bakersfield, BMW of Bakersfield, and Bakersfield Chrysler Jeep FIAT.

Outside of his dealerships, perhaps the professional accomplishment Chuck was most proud of was winning a landmark court case against the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). In *Bakersfield Dodge Inc. v. The IRS*, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that car dealerships have the right to allocate certain financial resources for tax purposes, benefitting automotive dealers across the country. Anyone that knew Chuck would be unsurprised to hear how proud he was to have been able to help others. In fact, Chuck helped countless people in the Bakersfield area by his generous contributions to charitable causes such as research for juvenile diabetes, arthritis, heart disease, cancer and leukemia. He also provided leadership and guidance on the California State University Bakersfield's business advisory panel, the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, and the Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, just to name a few.

But Chuck was most proud of the great love story of him and his late wife, Inger. Together as parents to James and Lisa, John and Meredith, and Jeff and Tina, and grandparents to Michael, Ryan, Allie and Ryan, Jacob, Joshua and Maci, their lives were filled with many memorable moments. As a husband, father, grandfather and friend, we will always remember Chuck's devotion to family. As a philanthropist, Chuck's commitment to community was evident through his many civic contributions as well, most notably through the National Automobile Dealers Association. Through the association, he was dedicated to fostering relationships with our local, state and federal elected officials recognizing the importance of effective leadership. Chuck held true to his conservative principles as was evident in his support of helping candidates who shared these values pursue successful campaigns. As a member of the Kern County Republican Party, he received the 2016 Republican of the Year Award, where his tireless efforts on behalf of a grateful party were recognized.

The measure of a man's life can be found in his character, in his optimism, in his joy and humor, in his courage and passion for what is good and right and in his love for family, neighbor and country. This was the life of Chuck Haddad.

On behalf of the 23rd Congressional District of California, we remember my friend, Chuck Haddad, and extend our most heartfelt condolences to the Haddad family.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CARL
MCGEE, JR.

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in recognition and celebration of the life of a fellow Texan and decorated WWII Veteran, Carl McGee, Jr. His commitment to his community, the Great State of Texas, and the United States of America represents the best of our country and I encourage all members to join me in honoring this American hero's life.

In December of 1941, as the world inched ever closer to the Second World War, 18-year-old Carl McGee, Jr. made the decision to enlist and serve his country. He began training at the Army Air Forces Technical School, at Chanute Field III, and was later appointed to the Air Corps Advanced Flying School in Lubbock, Texas.

Following his success in flight school, First Lieutenant McGee received his wings on January 14, 1943 and subsequently moved to California to join the 450th AAF Base Unit Squadron-A at Hammer Field. As a C-47 pilot, Lieutenant McGee operated in the Pacific Theater, including the Western Pacific, Southern Philippines, New Guinea, and the Bismarck Archipelago. By the remarkable young age of 20, Lieutenant McGee had participated in 50 flight missions where hostile contact was not only probable, but expected.

In recognition of his service and dedication, Lieutenant McGee was awarded the prestigious Distinguished Flying Cross to commend his efforts in safely transporting troops and supplies through adverse weather, low altitudes, and dangerous mountain terrain. Upon receiving this award, he became the youngest member of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society. Lieutenant McGee was also awarded the Air Medal, with three Oak Leaf Clusters, as well as the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, with four bronze service stars, and the American Defense Service Medal. His many awards and recognitions serve as important reminders of the dedicated years he served our nation.

Lieutenant McGee then went on to begin his professional career as a pilot for Pioneer Airlines, which later became Continental Airlines. After many years of service to both our country and the aviation community, Lieutenant McGee began his well-deserved retirement on his 60th birthday in 1983. Lieutenant McGee passed away on April 8, 2019, surrounded by his friends and family, beloved by all who knew him. He is preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Florence McGee, and his son, Patrick McGee. He is survived by his wife, Cinda McGee; and his wonderful children, Dennis McGee, Andrew McGee, and Michelle Ciancio.

Today, it is my honor to celebrate the long life of a decorated veteran, devoted father, and extraordinary Texan. He is a member of the Greatest Generation, and I know I speak for the entire Eighth District of Texas when I say: Thank you for all you have done for our Country, you will be deeply missed.

HONORING COHUTTA, GEORGIA

HON. TOM GRAVES

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the town of Cohutta, Georgia and commemorate the 50th anniversary of its incorporation.

Though incorporated relatively recently, Cohutta has a history that stretches back to when Northwest Georgia was first settled.

Its name, Cohutta, comes from the Cherokee word for foggy weather, and it served as the capital of the Cherokee nation from 1832 to 1838.

Boasting Red Clay State Historic Park, Cohutta has truly embraced the rich history of the Cherokee nation that first settled there, allowing visitors to appreciate 630 acres of natural beauty and historical significance.

Like many towns in Georgia, Cohutta came to be through the growth of the railroad, and Norfolk Southern continues to link it with the rest of the state.

Today, it boasts a population of over 600, and the University of Georgia's Cohutta Fisheries Center continues to provide research and education opportunities for folks from across Georgia and our nation.

As all of Georgia celebrates with Cohutta this Saturday for a day of parades, BBQ, and family fun, I offer the students of Cohutta Elementary a hearty 'Go Dogs' and congratulate the town on the 50th anniversary of its incorporation.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENSURING
SUCCESSFUL REENTRY ACT OF
2019

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, in recognition of April as Second Chance Month, I introduce the Ensuring Successful Reentry Act of 2019, a bill to eliminate so-called "subsistence fees." Federal law currently requires the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to impose a subsistence fee on the income of offenders living in residential reentry centers (RRCs), supposedly to promote financial responsibility by requiring RRC residents to pay a portion of their housing costs. The fee is currently 25 percent. However, many offenders living in RRCs often work minimum wage jobs, so the loss of 25 percent of their paychecks is a significant hurdle to successful reentry, and it makes it extremely difficult for them to save money for rent, pay child support, or fines and fees associated with their conviction (such as restitution). Recently, BOP eliminated the subsistence fee for offenders on home confinement, who cost BOP almost nothing for maintenance. Far from promoting financial responsibility, subsistence fees actually prevent returning citizens from meeting their financial obligations.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has already recognized how "counterproductive" subsistence fees are, both for offenders and BOP. In a November 2016 memo, then-Deputy Attorney General Sally Q. Yates noted that

BOP's "process for collecting these subsistence fees is costly and administratively burdensome for both RRC's and [BOP]," and called for DOJ to "develop a plan to limit the use of counterproductive 'subsistence' fees imposed on indigent residents." BOP can already waive subsistence fees in certain situations for residents of RRCs, but only a change in federal law can remove this unnecessary barrier to reentry.

We should not be imposing additional burdens on returning citizens, setting them up to fail, especially those who are employed and working toward independence from the criminal justice system. Jobs and affordable housing are crucial components in ensuring successful reentry—charging subsistence fees is antithetical to this goal. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FINGER LAKES TOURISM ALLIANCE

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance.

On April 25, 1919, Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance's founders came together in Auburn, New York to organize a cooperative to promote tourism in the region. They sought to cooperatively market the Finger Lakes region, develop signage to direct tourists, and ensure service stations were equipped to accommodate travelers. One hundred years later, the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance continues to serve the Finger Lakes Region and is considered the oldest regional destination marketing organization in the United States.

Spanning fourteen counties, the Finger Lakes Region is home to more than four hundred registered historic sites and landmarks, one hundred thirty-five museums, eighty art galleries, fourteen professional theatre companies, one hundred wineries, three hundred bed and breakfasts, one thousand sixty-three waterfalls and gorges, twenty-six state parks, two thousand miles of hiking/biking trails and six hundred fifty miles of shoreline. The Alliance partners with attractions and tourism-related businesses to showcase this beautiful and unique area.

We recognize the importance of the Finger Lakes Region to our local communities and we support designating the region as a National Heritage Area. The Finger Lakes National Heritage Area Study Act passed the House of Representatives with our support, taking an important first step in achieving that goal. We will continue to be a strong advocate for the Finger Lakes Region.

One hundred years of promoting our local communities is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance on this impressive milestone and look forward to their continued success in the years to come.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to

celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance.

HONORING DALE FREEMAN

HON. A. DREW FERGUSON IV

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the passing of Mr. Dale Freeman. Mr. Dale Freeman was, simply put, the best teacher I ever had at any level of education. More than any other instructor, he taught me how to think independently and creatively. He taught me how to be disciplined in the basic foundations of writing and critical thinking. Having a solid foundation is essential to creativity because it provides a place to return to after exploring new ideas. Mr. Freeman truly loved learning and teaching. He cared deeply about his students and made them better equipped to handle the world around them. In fact, his work with students has given them the tools to shape the world around them. He was a compassionate person and I am grateful to have had him as an instructor. As we mark his passing here today, I wish his family healing in this season of loss.

HONORING MARTINEZ ADULT EDUCATION

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Martinez Adult Education on its 100th year of providing comprehensive adult education programs to our community.

Martinez Adult Education began in 1919 when local Shell refinery employees sought evening classes to learn new skills and further their education. Today, Martinez Adult Education offers programs and classes on career readiness, college transition, literacy, and educational enrichment. Martinez Adult Education provides English as a Second Language and citizenship courses, high school completion opportunities, adult literacy resources, and trainings for adults seeking career changes or enhancements. Martinez Adult Education works to serve the needs of each individual that utilizes its services.

Martinez Adult Education serves more than 1,900 students annually and the English as a Second Language program enrolls students from 46 countries. It is the only adult education school in California to offer Peace Officer Standards and Training modules. Additionally, it serves as the Local Education Agency for seven apprenticeship programs.

Martinez Adult Education is fully accredited by the Schools Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and has formed partnerships with six other local adult schools. Additionally, Martinez Adult Education collaborates with Contra Costa Community College and the County Office of Education.

Madam Speaker, Martinez Adult Education strives to provide access to education, career training, and other community resources to underserved and diverse populations in our community. It is committed to providing community members with the needed skills and education to further their careers and thrive in other aspects of their lives. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor Martinez Adult Education here today.

CONGRATULATING LA GRANDE AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 43

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the La Grande American Legion Post No. 43 on 100 years of service to eastern Oregon, and for their continued support and leadership in my home state.

In Oregon, we understand how important it is to support our veterans. The La Grande Post No. 43 has been a steadfast partner in this effort. With over 117 Posts and 17,000 fraternal members in Oregon—and over 2 million affiliate members—the American Legion is a strong advocate for the veteran community in our great state of Oregon and across the country.

The La Grande Post No. 43 has been a vital part of the community during these last one hundred years. They place American flags on veterans' graves on Memorial Day and organize and participate in local veterans' parades. They also lead donation efforts for local firefighters' organizations, make monthly visits to veterans in retirement homes in our community, mount up the Patriot Guard to attend funerals with aims-firing details, and volunteering thousands of hours at VA medical facilities.

A little over a year ago, I had breakfast with a group of veterans—some of whom are members of Post No. 43—that spend time every week serving ice cream to disabled veterans throughout La Grande and the surrounding community. They call themselves the "Vets Ice Cream Patrol," and the time and energy they spend with veterans every week is a simple, but powerful, gesture of camaraderie and service.

Over the past 100 years, the American Legion has assisted over 700,000 veterans and families across the nation in collecting their benefits; honored our veterans and led memorial tributes for fallen comrades; and volunteered thousands of hours at VA medical facilities. La Grande Post No. 43 has been a valued part of that tradition.

Being a champion for our veterans is an endeavor that transcends party lines and is a small expression of gratitude for all they have done to protect our freedoms. The American Legion has led the effort in this, with an emphasis on service to the local community and volunteerism to improve the quality of life for Oregon veterans.

In celebration and gratitude for all that they do, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the La Grande American Legion Post No. 43 on 100 years of unwavering service to Oregon veterans.