

T.J.'s service to the nation did not begin with her work at CBO. She came to CBO from the Defense Department's TRICARE Management Activity (now the Defense Health Agency), where she was an Associate General Counsel, providing guidance to the Director and staff on policy and legal issues involved in delivering quality health care to military personnel, military retirees, and their dependents.

Although T.J. is retiring from civilian service, she will continue her exemplary military career. For nearly 27 years, she has served as a member of the Air Force's Judge Advocate General Corps. She first served on active duty with assignments across the world, including in Alaska, Korea, Germany, Iraq, and Afghanistan. During that time, T.J. defended the Air Force against tort claims, prosecuted criminal offenses, taught at the U.S. Air Force Academy, commanded a cadet squadron, and was a military assistant to the General Counsel of the Department of Defense. Since transferring to the reserves more than 14 years ago, she has served in the North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command, the Air Force Space Command, the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, and the Pacific Air Forces. She remains active as a colonel in the selected reserves today.

Her colleagues in CBO and on the Hill appreciate her hard work, keen insights, sense of humor, and steady hand. They will especially miss her generosity with her time and knowledge, her patience, and especially her kindness.

I know my colleagues join me in extending our thanks and appreciation to T.J. for her service to our country. We wish her well in her future undertakings and hope that the nation will continue to benefit from her expertise and commitment.

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HONORING HANS BERG

**HON. JOE NEGUSE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2019*

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today because in early March my district and the state of Colorado lost Hans Berg of Empire to an avalanche in Jones Pass.

Hans was a professional photographer for an experienced and well-reputed backcountry ski company. He was working with a guided group when an avalanche struck the pass.

Hans' death is the seventh in my home state this season and was the second within one week's time.

I share my deepest condolences with Hans Berg's family and friends during this time of loss and ask for a moment of silence in his honor.

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HONORING ANNIE DICKERSON

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2019*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Annie Dickerson has been a leading activist and advocate for several decades on conservative policy. She began her career at

the Michigan Republican Party in the 1980s working for Spencer Abraham, who later became a United States Senator from Michigan and then the Secretary of Energy. She has supported and helped elect candidates from state and local position to statewide and federal offices.

She did presidential campaign advance work for President H.W. Bush and was deputy finance director for the reelection of President George W. Bush in 2003 and 2004. She served as chief of staff to American Ambassador Mercer Reynolds in Switzerland during the Bush Administration.

Later, she was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 2016, serving on the Platform Committee where she stood up for inclusion and support of minority communities within the GOP. Annie has also been a mentor of and advocate for women, founding Winning For Women in 2017 to support more conservative women to federal office. She has been a political commentator on television and a leading fundraiser for candidates and charities over the years. She is the proud mother of two children and currently resides in New York City.

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IN HONOR OF MARV WOLF WINNING THE 2019 WYOMING JEFFERSON AWARD

**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2019*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Marv Wolf on winning the 2019 Wyoming Jefferson Award.

Marv Wolf is well known in the Cheyenne community. A veteran himself, Marv is a dedicated volunteer at the Cheyenne Veterans Administration where he spends time comforting hospice patients and offering rides to doctor's appointments and the grocery store. At 89 years young, Marv has dedicated himself to his community and fellow veterans. The people of Cheyenne and Wyoming are lucky to have Marv and I'm grateful for his commitment to serving his fellow veterans.

Again Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to Marv Wolf for winning the 2019 Wyoming Jefferson Award and I thank him for his service to our country and Wyoming.

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HONORING MICKEY O'CONNELL

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2019*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and career of a great American patriot, husband, father, union leader and favorite son of Baldwin, New York, Mickey O'Connell.

Mr. O'Connell began his career as an apprentice carpenter in 1978 with local three of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and retires today as a master Electrician after more than forty years of exemplary service.

Mr. O'Connell's love of country and family manifested itself through his many acts of cou-

rageous service to the United States Intelligence community throughout the world and after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Mr. O'Connell's wife Heidi is a dedicated professor at Nassau Community College and their son Edward is a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army, their son Andrew is a former Army Ranger and current ATF agent and their youngest son Joe is an electrician with local three following in his dad's proud IBEW tradition of service.

Madam Speaker on this day, April 29, 2019, the United States House of Representatives rises to pay tribute to Mickey O'Connell on the occasion of his retirement and extends to him and his family the nation's gratitude for his tireless community involvement, strong work ethic and profound love of family and country.

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HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF DR. LARRY CLARK

**HON. JOE NEGUSE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2019*

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of my constituent Dr. Larry Clark who the Federal Laboratory Consortium recently recognized as the Lab Director of the Year out of over 300 federal labs nationwide.

Dr. Clark is currently the Director of the National Wildlife Research Center in Fort Collins, Colorado. Through his work, Dr. Clark has made a number of breakthroughs in understanding how our nation's wildlife interacts with society and how these interactions can be improved. As a result of his work, numerous groups in both the public and private sectors have been able to make changes that mitigate their environmental impact.

At a time when our country faces enormous challenges related to our changing climate, it is critical that we understand how our decisions impact the creatures in the world around us. A better understanding of these effects allows us to minimize the impacts of human activity on the world which we all share.

Dr. Clark's tireless dedication to scientific exploration and excellence allows Americans to live in peace with the species that share our world with us. For this reason, I would like to thank him and all those working at the National Wildlife Research Center for all that they do for our nation.

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CELEBRATING MIAMI-DADE PARKS

**HON. DONNA E. SHALALA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2019*

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Miami-Dade Parks' 90 years of service to our community. South Florida is blessed with abundant green spaces and outdoor attractions. From the luscious Chapman Field Park to the historic Deering Estate to the countless dog parks nestled in quiet neighborhoods, residents of Miami-Dade are fortunate to have access to such spectacular natural areas.

As the third-largest county park system in the United States, Miami-Dade Parks is a staple of our community. Founded in 1929 and now covering 270 parks and over 13 thousand acres of land, Miami-Dade Parks has spent 90 years providing all of South Florida with opportunities to explore our natural heritage and enjoy the outdoors. In addition to leading environmental restoration efforts and cultural programs, Miami-Dade Parks offers summer camps and fitness programs for children, adults, seniors, and people with disabilities.

Miami-Dade Parks brings our community together by helping all of us enjoy the beauty of South Florida's natural wonders together. We are better friends to the environment and to each other thanks to the incredible work of this department. I hope my fellow Miami-Dade residents join me in celebrating Miami-Dade Parks by renewing our dedication to protecting our shared natural spaces.

IN RECOGNITION OF REGINA STANBACK STROUD

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2019*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud as she retires from her position as President of Skyline College and from the San Mateo County Community College District. She has made extraordinary contributions to education throughout her entire career.

Dr. Stanback Stroud holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Mills College in Oakland, a Bachelor's in Nursing Sciences from Howard University, a Master's in Human Relations from Golden Gate University and a Master's in Educational Leadership from Mills College. There can be little doubt that, as a role model, young women, especially women of color, may look to Dr. Stanback Stroud and see themselves following in her footsteps.

When President Obama needed an advisor on college costs and affordability, he recruited Dr. Stanback Stroud to serve on his advisory committee. She's been a visiting professor at Mills College and served as an adjunct professor in the San Francisco State University Educational Leadership Doctoral Program. She is the publisher of works on women of color in leadership, workforce and economic development, and antipoverty programs in community colleges. For all these accomplishments and more, Dr. Stanback Stroud is rightly recognized throughout the nation as an educational leader and a person who has worked effectively to increase the diversity of education and science.

Under Dr. Stanback Stroud's leadership, Skyline College made dozens of innovative changes. The Skyline Promise Program makes community college affordable to residents by offering fee waivers, support with transportation, food and books. Skyline's Equity Institute administers institutional assessments, publishes research and instructs its professionals in how to be inclusive and inquisitive. Skyline is one of 15 community colleges in California that offers a bachelor's degree program. Students may earn a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care. Its MIT inspired fabrication laboratory is part of a global

network offering entrepreneurs the opportunity to test new devices without having to pay the enormous fees of a conventional fabrication laboratory. Under her leadership, Dr. Stanback Stroud launched a STEM Center which will be the hub for students who identify goals in technical careers such as biology, biochemistry, biotechnology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, health and related fields.

San Mateo County's economy has changed enormously in the last 40 years. It shifted from a mixture of agriculture and tourism to high technology in software, pharmaceuticals and finance. International trade now dominates our local economy. Dr. Stanback Stroud recognizes the importance of international students in maintaining our county's economic advantage. Skyline College has a Global Learning Program and Services Division that is dedicated to expanding international awareness and study abroad opportunities for the college and community, complete with a passport processing office that serves thousands of community members annually. She has established a Dream Center that helps undocumented immigrant students by training these students in leadership skills and by advocating for access and equity within higher education.

America is stronger when everyone is pulling together. Through her devotion to opportunity and to diversity, to students as young as 16, to incorporating international students at Skyline, Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud built a solid foundation for the future prosperity of her students and our community. Skyline College is an exciting and adventurous community college because it reflects its leadership. I salute Dr. Regina Stanback Stroud as she retires. She will be remembered as a force of nature at Skyline College because she dared to dream big and she delivered.

IN HONOR OF THE DR. THOMAS SPICER WINNING THE 2019 WYOMING JEFFERSON AWARD

**HON. LIZ CHENEY**

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2019*

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Thomas Spicer on winning the 2019 Wyoming Jefferson Award.

Dr. Spicer has shown sustained commitment to his community for much of his life. Serving as a medical doctor in the greater Rock Springs area, Dr. Spicer has dedicated himself to making a difference in Wyoming. I'd like to thank Dr. Spicer for his service to our state that goes far beyond the medical field and has included serving on economic advisory boards to the governor and has culminated in his current position as a Trustee at Western Wyoming Community College.

Again, Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to Dr. Thomas Spicer on winning the 2019 Wyoming Jefferson Award and I thank him for his dedication to our community and Wyoming.

CONGRATULATING RICHARD SEIDLER ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM UNITYPOINT HEALTH-TRINITY

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2019*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Richard Seidler for his retirement from UnityPoint Health-Trinity as president and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Seidler has 37 years of leadership experience within the health care industry.

Mr. Seidler received his MBA and BBA from the University of Miami in Florida, and is Board Certified in Health Care Management. He is a Fellow in the American College of Health Care Administrators and received the Distinguished Service Award in 2011. Mr. Seidler's professional experience ranges from Assistant Administrator, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Executive Officer when he was in California. His vision and expertise have driven the success of facility mergers, managed care organizations, primary care group acquisitions, market share and referral increases, new partnerships with insurers and the development of comprehensive outpatient campuses and cardiovascular centers. Mr. Seidler came to Trinity and the Quad-Cities in 2010 following twelve years leading Allen Health System in Waterloo, Iowa. He also serves on several boards and has shown a continued dedication to the Quad-Cities community.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as Mr. Seidler that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Mr. Seidler on his retirement and thank him for his service to the community.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. MAX STEIN

**HON. JOE NEGUSE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 29, 2019*

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the numerous accomplishments of Mr. Max Stein.

As a World War II Navy Veteran and long-time Professor of Mathematics at Colorado State University in my district, Mr. Stein knows the meaning of hard work better than most. Throughout his career, he worked tirelessly to ensure that any students he came in contact with understood the concepts they needed to succeed. This was true whether he was teaching World War II pilots how to use their radar technology or instructing doctoral candidates on how to defend their theses.

Mr. Stein has not only been a long-time role model for his discipline, but for quality of character as well. As a husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, he ensures that those around him understand how much he treasured them. This devotion has also been extended to the sports teams he tirelessly cheers, powering through with them in the good seasons and the bad. In addition to all of this, Mr. Stein's love for laughter has made