

COMMEMORATING ROBERT MARTINEZ, 14TH PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINIST AND AEROSPACE WORKERS

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Martinez, 14th President of the International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers.

Robert Martinez is a fighter for the working man. His current role as President of the IAM is just one of many titles he has carried over 36 years of fighting for union workers and working families.

After serving his country in the Navy, he began his IAM career as a member of Local 776A in Fort Worth, TX and was hired as an Aircraft Assembler at Lockheed Martin.

At the IAM, Robert has actively recruited and made a point to reach new generations of workers, all the while protecting its nearly 600,000 active and retired members. Throughout his career, Bob has held positions at the local level and worked his way up to become the General Vice President of the office of Southern Territory, where he oversaw training and education for 14 southern states.

He also served as General Vice President of IAM Headquarters where he was responsible for the William H. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center, and IAM's Government Employees and Aerospace sectors.

Robert has been a vocal activist for labor rights in the Latino community. In 2018, he received the Cesar Chavez Award for his distinguished work on behalf of the Latino working women and men.

He currently services as the Vice President on the Executive Board of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement.

I honor and recognize Robert Martinez's 36 years of service to union workers.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SUALUA TUI MASANIAI

HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the last surviving Fita Fita Guard, WWII, and Korean War veteran Sualua Tui Masaniai. From the villages of Vatia and Ili'i, he embarked on his journey in 1941 as he was sworn into the First Samoan Marine group. Shortly after, Sualua enlisted in the U.S. Navy fighting alongside his Samoan brothers during the Korean era and WWII.

Sualua dedicated much of his time, spiritual legacy and talents to Kingdom Building which led him to the creation of churches within Ili'i, Puapua, and Westminster, CA.

After serving 20 years of active duty in the U.S. Navy, Sualua was honorably discharged as an E-7 Chief Petty Officer and Electronic Technician. He returned to Santa Ana, CA where at request of the American Samoa Government, he introduced television. Sualua ar-

rived with his family in 1964 where he became the Chief Technician at KVZK-TV on Mount Alava. Shortly after he served in Leone at the WVUV radio station. Sualua was a passionate man who poured his knowledge of electronic profession into the students at Nu'uuli Poly Tech High School.

Sualua's wife of 62 years—Fesili Mata'u Penitusi Amituana'i Masaniai from the villages of Faga'alu and Fitiuta preceded him to heaven on April 1, 2019. Sualua's legacy will continue in his 12 children, 26 grandchildren and 41 great grandchildren.

He was a dedicated community leader of strong work ethic who served his people and always a man of great faith, compassion, gratitude and reciprocity. He has brought great honor to our Samoan people. Sualua Tui Masaniai will be deeply missed, and his life is worthy of our best memories.

Thank you (Soifua).

IN RECOGNITION OF CHELSEA TAYLOR ON HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Chelsea Taylor of Van Wert, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Chelsea's offer of appointment permits her to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2023. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Chelsea brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2023. While attending Crestview High School in Convoy, Ohio, Chelsea received numerous academic achievement awards and was ranked first in her class.

Throughout high school, Chelsea was involved with cheerleading, track, and gymnastics. I am confident that Chelsea will carry the lessons of her student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chelsea Taylor on her offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Chelsea will excel during her career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE CALIFORNIA LGBTQ VETERANS MEMORIAL

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the dedication of the California LGBTQ Veterans Memorial.

The memorial honors LGBTQ veterans across the nation who bravely defended our country and the freedoms we hold dear. California is the first state in the nation to have a state memorial for LGBTQ veterans, which enshrines the sacrifices of our LGBTQ service members and reaffirms our commitment to the LGBTQ community.

The unveiling and dedication ceremony took place on Saturday, April 27, 2019 in Cathedral City, California. Organized by AMVETS, an organization that enhances and safeguards our nation's support for veterans, this event included a wreath-laying service to remember our deceased veterans.

The ceremony also honored 26 individuals with a dove release. Honorees included Jon Castro, an Army soldier from Corona, California, who was killed in the bombing of a mess hall in Iraq. The Rancho Mirage Chapter of Veterans for Peace, a veterans group dedicated to building a culture of peace in our communities, was named in his honor.

All of our veterans regardless of gender, race, religion, sexuality, or gender identity deserve our respect for courageously putting their lives on the line to protect our nation. And with this memorial, we will recognize our LGBTQ soldiers who fight every day to defend our country and protect liberty. It is our solemn duty to honor and respect their service.

I am grateful to AMVETS, Veterans for Peace, and all of the other wonderful organizations and people who made this memorial possible. On behalf of the residents of California's thirty-sixth congressional district, I thank the thousands of LGBTQ Americans who have fought and continue to fight to defend our nation. We will never forget their service.

IN RECOGNITION OF MASTER CHIEF MIHELICH

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Mr. MEADOWS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wayne John Mihelich, of Caldwell County, North Carolina. On behalf of the people of Western North Carolina, I would like to honor the military service of Command Master Chief Mihelich and his significant impact on the education of the next generation.

Master Chief Mihelich joined the Navy in 1973. He served in over ten duty assignments and was promoted to the rank of Command Master Chief. He was assigned five separate Commands as Command Master Chief, including U.S. Naval Security Group Activity in Rota, Spain; U.S. Naval Air Station in Sigonella, Sicily; and Naval Air Technical Training Center in Pensacola, Florida. He was also responsible for Chief Petty Officer mess professional development. Master Chief

Mihelich is a qualified Naval Aircrewman, Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist, USN Master Training Specialist, and USAF Master Trainer. He graduated from the U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy, Class 43 (Khaki) and USAF Senior NCO Academy, Class 93-B.

Throughout his well decorated career, Master Chief Mihelich received three Meritorious Medals, three Navy Commendation Medals, three Navy Achievement Medals, the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, the Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon with three bronze stars, the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, the Navy Good Conduct Medal with one silver and two bronze stars, the National Defense Service Medal with two bronze stars, the Kosovo Campaign Medal with one bronze star, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with one silver star, the Overseas Service Medal with one silver star, the NATO Medal, the Naval Rifle Marksmanship Ribbon (Expert), and the Navy Pistol Marksmanship Ribbon (Marksman).

Master Chief Mihelich possesses a love for learning which he fostered throughout his service in the Navy. After earning a Master's of Science Degree in Adult Education, he began educating the next generation. Master Chief Mihelich has been an esteemed teacher at West Caldwell High School in Lenoir, North Carolina for 16 years. For his excellence as the Naval Science instructor, he was honored as the Teacher of the Year for the 2017–2018 school year.

Master Chief Mihelich and his wife, Beverly, are the proud parents of their daughters Jessie, Jennie, and Marci, and grandparents to Lexi, Malachi, and Josiah.

It is my honor to acknowledge Master Chief Mihelich for his hard work and selfless dedication to our country and his community. His diligent pursuit of excellence is evident through his service in the Navy, his pursuit of knowledge, and his passion for preparing the students of West Caldwell High School for success.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the American Legion Department of New Hampshire. On May 5, 1919, the American Legion of War Veterans in New Hampshire held its first meeting when a group of 47 veterans of World War I convened at the state armory in Manchester. Within that first year alone, 69 American Legion posts formed across the state—of those original posts, 41 remain active and will also be celebrating their 100th anniversary this year.

Over the last century, the American Legion in New Hampshire has remained committed to serving veterans, their families, and the state of New Hampshire. The American Legion is critical in ensuring that those who have sacrificed so much to our great nation are able to find the same sense of community and service when they return to civilian life. The sense of

camaraderie fostered at the over 100 American Legion posts in New Hampshire and among the over 17,000 members in our state is truly unparalleled.

Veterans and families who are part of the American Legion community share a common sense of service to our nation, and also forge deep bonds with their own communities. Legion posts and members are constantly giving back in myriad of ways, from sponsoring American Legion Baseball across the state, to supporting Operation Military Kids, which helps children impacted by deployment. American Legionnaires are not only active within their own communities but also on a larger scale as they advocate for the interests of veterans across our state and nation. I have had many productive conversations with Legionnaires whose knowledge, experience, and guidance have been instrumental as I advocate for the interests of our nation's veterans as a member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to congratulate the American Legion Department of New Hampshire on their 100th anniversary. Once again, I thank the American Legion for their century of commitment to serving veterans, their families, and the Granite State as a whole. I look forward to continuing to work alongside them to support our nation's veterans.

IN RECOGNITION OF OLIVIA SKELTON ON HER OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Olivia Skelton of Convoy, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Olivia's offer of appointment permits her to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2023. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Olivia brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2023. While attending Crestview High School in Convoy, Ohio, Olivia was a scholar athlete and received numerous academic achievement awards, as well as attaining a 4.0 GPA and ranked first in her class.

Throughout high school, Olivia was involved with golf and softball, as well as serving as the basketball statistician. I am confident that Olivia will carry the lessons of her student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Olivia Skelton on her offer of appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education avail-

able. I am positive that Olivia will excel during her career at West Point, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to her as she begins her service to our Nation.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 7

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-192

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine data rights and collection in a digital economy.

SD-538

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine implementing the 21st Century Cures Act, focusing on making electronic health information available to patients and providers, part II.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management

To hold hearings to examine agencies early public engagement and retrospective review.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine intellectual property and the price of prescription drugs, focusing on balancing innovation and competition.

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Trade Commission.

SD-138