

Vanessa Perez-Morales, and Tae'Lonte Wainwright.

Eleven have joined the United States Marines Corp, to include: Ernesto Ibarra, Jefremias Mazariegos, Harold Khyle Ong, Caleb Walker, Jose Diez Munoz, Jesus Juarez, Jay Marine, Anthony Medina, Shiloh Robinson, Joseph Saavedra and Alberto Velazquez. Furthermore, eleven have joined the United States Navy, to include: Alessandro Riccio, Shahine Beaumont, Jacob Carrigan, Juliandra Faust, Shakarra Haigood, Julia Hernandez, Dakota Downs, Noah Gonzalez, Jorge Salmeron Gomez, Ciclary Rosas Carranza and Brandon Diaz Guzman.

One has joined the Air Force, to include: Alexia Ayers.

Thanks to the dedication of patriots such as these, we are able to meet here in the United States House of Representatives and openly debate the best solutions to the diverse issues that confront our nation.

On behalf of myself and all my constituents in Florida's 20th Congressional District, I thank them for their service. I wish them the very best of luck now and in the future.

HONORING LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS OF CHARLOTTE EGAN

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor the achievements of one of my constituents, Charlotte Egan, who is celebrating her 50th year of service for the OC Health Care Agency and her well-deserved retirement.

Mrs. Egan began her career at the OC Health Care Agency as a Public Health Microbiologist Trainee in 1969, after seeing an ad for the opening in a newspaper. Since then, she has worked her way through every section of the HCA laboratory. In 1985, she was promoted to Public Health Microbiologist II in the Virology/Serology section where she served as the lead microbiologist. Mrs. Egan has played an instrumental role in the research and identification of viruses such as Influenza, Mumps, Chicken Pox, and Rubella. She has also been at the forefront of combatting outbreaks of HIV, H1N1 Influenza, and Measles. Charlotte is known for the quality and standard of her work. She served as an outstanding model to her trainees and peers. In the words of Mrs. Egan, "Find work that you're passionate about and do it well. Serve your community with patience and have respect for patients."

Today we celebrate not only her decades-long career, but her future beyond the laboratory. She looks forward to spending more time with her granddaughters, volunteering at the Hollywood Braille Institute and the Aquarium of the Pacific, traveling, and maybe even pursuing her dream of qualifying for a mission to the International Space Station.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mrs. Charlotte Egan for her commitment to excellence and dedication to serving our community.

HONORING CAPTAIN PAUL
WHITESCARVER, UNITED STATES
NAVY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Paul A. Whitescarver, who retires this week from a nearly 40-year career of service to our nation in the United States Navy.

Captain Whitescarver has served as the 51st Commanding Officer of our nation's "first and finest" submarine base, Naval Submarine Base New London since December 2015. His leadership at the base will without question have a lasting impact on its operations and readiness for years to come. In his three and a half years as its Commander, he oversaw several significant environmental and energy upgrades which have helped to continue modernization of the facility, including innovative microgrid and fuel cell projects leveraging homegrown Connecticut technology to provide standalone power to the base. This effort was so successful that the Department of Energy recognized it with a 2018 Federal Energy and Water Management award.

Another tremendous accomplishment under his tenure was the completion of Superfund site cleanup. It is great to see the resolution of this significant undertaking which was recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Captain Whitescarver's leadership throughout this process has shown his drive to go above and beyond to improve the base.

Captain Whitescarver has substantially raised the military value of the base with his work and proven its enduring mission well into the future. He laid the groundwork for the future expansion of pier capacity as our submarine fleet continues to modernize and grow towards its overall goal of 66 attack submarines. He spearheaded the pier 32 project for which we are now seeing funding in this year's defense budget and expect it to be funded by Congress so that the project can commence on time. Many of the new boats constructed in the coming years will be stationed in Groton, and without Captain Whitescarver's efforts, the base would not be as prepared to accept them as it will be once these projects are completed.

At the same time, it is important to recognize that Captain Whitescarver's impact extends beyond the base, reaching the citizens and businesses in the surrounding community. He oversaw Connecticut's Submarine Century, the yearlong celebration of the 100th anniversary of the submarine force in 2015 and 2016, demonstrating strong support in his consistent participation at events and collaboration with local officials. He projected a positive image for the Navy in a critical time for recruitment and promotion of our military and particularly our submarine force. As if he did not have enough to do, he also managed the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Navy installation which would eventually become Submarine Base New London. This milestone underscores how the base has effectively adapted over time to meet the needs of the Navy, and we thank Captain Whitescarver for his role in ensuring the base

continues to be equipped to handle our future needs as well.

A particular highlight of mine working with Captain Whitescarver over the last few years was his April 2018 engagement at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield, which he himself attended in 1989. His presence and poignant words to students, faculty, and staff reinforced the belief that our community colleges are stepping stones to any number of highly successful careers.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Captain Whitescarver, and his wife Katie, for their service to our nation and in wishing them 'fair winds and following seas' as they move on to their next steps.

TRIBUTE TO YOUNG STAFF MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as Members of Congress we know well, perhaps better than most how blessed our nation is to have in reserve such exceptional young men and women who will go on to become leaders in their local communities, states, and the nation in the areas of business, education, government, philanthropy, the arts and culture, and the military.

We know this because we see them and benefit from their contributions every day. Many of them work for us in our offices as junior staff members, congressional fellows, or interns and they do amazing work for and on behalf of the constituents we are privileged to represent.

Madam Speaker, I believe there is no higher calling than the call to serve a cause larger than ourselves. That is why I ran for public office. I was inspired to serve by President Kennedy who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," and by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said:

Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. . . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

By this measure, there are several other great young men and women who served as volunteers this year in my offices. They may toil in obscurity but their contributions to the constituents we serve are deeply appreciated. That is why today I rise to pay tribute to 8 extraordinary young persons for their service to my constituents in the 18th Congressional District of Texas and to the American people. They are: Makaila Davenport, Hampton University; Jaida Hampton, University of Kentucky; Jacqueline Olvera, Texas A&M University; Syeda-Asma Mudassar, University of San Francisco; Ivy Smith, Oberlin College; Kali Morrison, Texas Tech University; Chloe Valcourt, The Madeira School; and Holly Crowley, The Madeira School.

Madam Speaker, the energy, intelligence, and idealism these wonderful young people brought to my office and those interning in the offices of my colleagues help keep our democracy vibrant. The insights, skills, and knowledge of the governmental process they gain