

has honorably served in the Elizabethtown police force for over 21 years, and he will be missed when he retires at the end of this month.

Before joining the Elizabethtown Police Department in 1998, Chief Land served as a military policeman in the United States Marine Corps. Land's distinguished career at the department started as a patrol officer, and he has held many roles at the as he has risen through the ranks, including detective, a leader of the police department's special response team, patrol sergeant, and deputy chief of operations. Throughout his tenure with the Elizabethtown Police Department, Chief Land has dedicated himself to his community and proven himself to be a trusted leader.

I thank Chief Lind for his years of service to the Elizabethtown community. I wish Chief Land and his wife Brandi nothing but the best in his retirement.

RECOGNIZING COMMANDER MARK GRABOSKI FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Commander Mark Graboski for his retirement as Executive Officer of the Air Station Traverse City, United States Coast Guard. Through his exceptional leadership and steadfast devotion, Mark has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

Mark graduated from the University of Wisconsin—Madison through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1989 and was commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. Following deployments in the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf, he transitioned to the U.S. Coast Guard and served in Washington and Alabama. He ultimately landed in Michigan at Air Station Traverse City, which operates Air Facilities throughout the Great Lakes region—performing search and rescue operations and other critical missions along the entirety of Lake Michigan and significant portions of Lakes Superior and Huron.

As Executive Officer and a helicopter pilot, Graboski led a team of 168 personnel and three MH-60 helicopters for search and rescue operations throughout the Great Lakes and Midwest. He has accumulated more than 5,600 flight hours, and his decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, three USCG/Navy Commendation Medals, two USCG Achievement Medals and numerous unit, campaign, and service awards. His exceptional leadership skills are reflected in the excellence of those who have served under him and the trust placed in him by the people of Northern Michigan. Commander Graboski's constant dedication to the public good is commendable, and the impact of his work on the people of Northern Michigan cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Commander Mark Graboski for his service to the people of our state. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a devoted individual. On behalf

of my constituents, I wish Mark all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING CLAUDIA JACKSON

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Claudia Jackson, a Corpus Christi native, for her commitment to serving Del Mar College and promoting education in the community.

Claudia Jackson started her career at Del Mar College nearly 42 years ago, and in 1977, became the Director of Public Information. By 2013, thanks to her work ethic and perseverance, she rose to become Executive Director of Strategic Communication and Government Relations.

During her tenure, the College Relations Office staff received roughly 100 marketing and advertising awards, including a Gold Medallion of Excellence from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations.

Ms. Jackson's leadership was felt throughout Del Mar College, as she served as a member of the President's Executive Team and was responsible for interacting with local, state, and national elected officials to discuss and promote the college's various needs and initiatives. Additionally, she represented the College on the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce Board, and the Mayor's Inter-agency Group.

Time and again, Claudia Jackson demonstrated her passion for education, and commitment to the city of Corpus Christi. Ms. Jackson was named Corpus Christi YWCA Woman of the Year in Communications in 1993. She received a Distinguished Achievement Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education District IV in 1997.

Claudia Jackson represents the very best of the 27th District of Texas, and I would like to extend to her my thanks and appreciation for her excellent service and devotion to education.

CELEBRATING AMERICA'S NURSES FOR NATIONAL NURSE APPRECIATION WEEK

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate National Nurse Appreciation Week.

Since 1993, this week from May 6 through May 12, ending on Florence Nightingale's birthday, has allowed us to express our deepest gratitude and admiration toward our nurses, the beating heart and a major driving force of America's healthcare community.

Despite its critical importance to our healthcare system, nursing continues to face critical staffing shortages from rapid job growth and a significant number of nurses approaching retirement—in fact, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing projects that we will need more than 200,000 additional Registered Nurses by 2026.

Having enough nurses to do the job results in lower mortality rates, safer conditions for patients and a decrease in the average stay at hospitals. The fact is, nurses save lives, make healthcare safer and more efficient, and provide us with comfort and compassion during some of our most painful times.

America's nurses are also on the front lines of our nation's growing opioid epidemic. In 2016, my team and I worked to grant buprenorphine prescribing privileges to Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants, allowing them to provide needed medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder. Since that expansion, more than 5,000 nurse practitioners and physician assistants have become waived providers of medication-assisted treatment, greatly expanding our treatment capacity, particularly in rural areas where doctors can be few and far between. If we invest in and empower our nursing workforce to their full potential, they can be powerful agents of change to help us turn the tide in this epidemic.

We must champion and empower our nursing professionals. This week we celebrate America's nurses, whose endless dedication uplifts our families, heals our neighbors, and betters our communities.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I regretfully missed votes on 5/8. I was forced to return to my district with the President who was surveying damage from Hurricane Michael. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 187, and YEA on Roll Call No. 188.

16TH ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF WORLD LUPUS DAY

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 10, 2019

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, today marks the 16th annual observance of World Lupus Day. It serves as a forum for lupus organizations and advocates to call attention to the need for increases in funding for medical research, educational programs, and improved access to medical care.

Lupus is a chronic inflammatory autoimmune disease that is highly individualized, extremely volatile and can affect any organ system of the body, including the skin, joints, kidney, brain, heart, lungs, blood and blood vessels. It currently affects over 300,000 Americans, and there is no known cause or cure.

There is no limit to lupus and it affects all nationalities, race, ethnicities, gender and age. For example, it is the leading cause of kidney disease, stroke, and premature cardiovascular disease in young women, and affects woman 9 times more often than men.

With continued commitment to this important day, I would like to again recognize World Lupus Day and demonstrate our nation's concerns for the needs of millions of Americans and their families affected by lupus.