

During his tenure, the six year graduation rates for black and Latino students increased.

Also during his leadership, San Francisco State was designated a Hispanic Serving Institution and is recognized as an Asian American, Native American, and Pacific Islander Serving Institution. It is a little-known fact that the school's faculty and students regularly discover new planets. This is the kind of inquiry that Les Wong inspires throughout the university.

No university worth the title, however, is forever without controversy. In the rich tradition of San Francisco State, Dr. Wong listened to faculty, students and to other stakeholders. His thoughtful dialogues assured the San Francisco State community that the beliefs of all would be listened to and addressed, if possible.

Dr. Wong serves on multiple academic association boards, including the Board of Directors of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the Bay Area Council and the National Collegiate Athletics Association Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity. He's received numerous national and community awards including the 2014 Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education President's award for Leadership and Contributions in Higher Education.

With his wife, Phyllis, Dr. Wong has three sons and eight grandchildren. He now will step down after 46 years in academia and become grandpa, perhaps his most challenging position yet.

Madam Speaker, San Francisco State was first established in 1899. Since its founding as a school to educate future public school teachers, the university has branched out into science, engineering, business, and the liberal arts and humanities, in addition to education. Each year, it currently graduates 8,000 students, a number so large that, when coupled with parents, friends and other loved ones, necessitates a graduation ceremony in the park where the San Francisco Giants play ball.

For those of us who know and love the university, it comes as no surprise that its departing President came to this university as the final stop along his professional career. When the M Ocean View next stops at Holloway and 19th Avenue, its passengers will eagerly disembark in order to enter the hallways of a fine university made stronger by the leadership of this man.

Thus, we celebrate the irony: One man's final professional stop on a life's journey is the next generation's early stop in pursuit of professional and personal dreams. In his departure, let us salute Leslie E. Wong, PhD. He has been a faithful steward of the phenomenal dream machine known as San Francisco State University. Ultimately, it fulfilled his dreams and those of its students. He is a fortunate man, and we wish him well in the years ahead.

#### RECOGNIZING CATHY HUGHES

**HON. JAMIE RASKIN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2019*

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cathy Hughes, who was recently

inducted into the National Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame, making her the first African American woman to receive that honor. Cathy's world-famous business, Radio One (now Urban One), is headquartered in my district, in Silver Spring, Maryland, and I am very proud of her and the more than 1,000 people employed there by Urban One.

Cathy began her radio career at KOWH-AM in her hometown of Omaha, Nebraska. In 1971, she became a lecturer at the newly established School of Communications at Howard University, and served as general sales manager at WHUR, Howard University Radio.

She also became the first female Vice President and General Manager of a station in the Nation's Capital and pioneered the format known as the "Quiet Storm," which aired on more than 480 stations nationwide. In 1980, Cathy purchased her flagship station WOL-AM, in Washington, D.C., and pioneered yet another innovative format—"24-Hour Talk from a Black Perspective." With the theme, "Information is Power," she served as the station's morning show host for 11 years.

In 1999, Cathy became the first African-American woman to chair a publicly-held corporation. Along with her son and business partner, she grew what was then Radio One into a multi-media company that became an urban radio market leader with more than 60 stations across the country. It became the first African-American company in radio history to dominate several major markets simultaneously, and Cathy became the first woman to own a radio station that was ranked number one in a major market.

I commend Cathy Hughes for her pioneering contributions over the course of her career and congratulate her on her induction into the National Association of Broadcasters' Broadcasting Hall of Fame.

#### HONORING GREG MOORE

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2019*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with Speaker NANCY PELOSI and Representative JACKIE SPEIER, to recognize Greg Moore, an extraordinary park advocate and community leader who has served as President and CEO of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (GGNPC) for over three decades.

A native of San Francisco, Greg graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Conservation of Natural Resources, and he later earned a mid-career fellowship in Environmental Planning from the University of Washington. Greg spent his early career in a variety of planning and management roles with the National Parks Service and other conservation-focused public agencies before becoming the chief operating officer of GGNPC in 1985.

A non-profit membership organization, GGNPC was founded in 1981 to help preserve the now 37 distinct park sites and 80,000 acres that comprise Golden Gate National Parks and to ensure universal access to them. Over the course of Greg's 34-year tenure, GGNPC has become one of the most successful organizations of its kind, having re-

cruited and managed over 250,000 volunteers, restored over 130 miles of trails, preserved 700 historic structures, developed innovative stewardship and education programs, and provided over half a billion dollars in contributions for park programs and projects.

A large part of this success is due to Greg's ability to build relationships within and outside the parks' community. These relationships have led to numerous cross-sector collaborations, community-led stewardship programs, and successful philanthropic campaigns that fostered greater access and support for the Golden Gate National Parks. The post-to-park conversion of Fort Baker, the Presidio of San Francisco, and Crissy Field are all examples of this. Greg played a catalytic role in these locations, transforming decommissioned military facilities into iconic destinations of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Madam Speaker, Greg Moore's leadership has been integral in preserving a collection of parks that are unparalleled in the National Park System. With a combined volume of yearly visitors that outstrips Yosemite, Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, and Olympic National Parks put together, Golden Gate National Recreation Area has continued to thrive in part because of the program support and culture of stewardship that has been fostered under Greg's leadership. Therefore, please join us in honoring Greg Moore as he steps away from his leadership role and in wishing him success on his future endeavors.

#### RETIREMENT RECOGNITION FOR ROBERT A. ALTENKIRCH

**HON. MO BROOKS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 3, 2019*

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Robert A. Altenkirch of Huntsville, Alabama upon his retirement as President of the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH). I join Dr. Altenkirch's family, friends, and the UAH community in congratulating him on his exemplary career in academia.

As so many of his students and colleagues can attest, Dr. Altenkirch has had an extraordinary career full of accomplishments. Dr. Altenkirch earned a B.S. from Purdue University, an M.S. from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Ph.D. from Purdue, all in mechanical engineering.

Dr. Altenkirch served as a faculty member and department chair for the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Kentucky from 1975 to 1988. He was then appointed Dean of the College of Engineering at Mississippi State University and served in that position from 1988 to 1995. From 1995 to 1998, Dr. Altenkirch served as Dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture at Washington State University. From 1998 to 2002, Dr. Altenkirch served as Vice President for research at Mississippi State University. After that, he served as President of New Jersey Institute of Technology for nine years. In 2009, he was recognized as one of the hundred and one most influential people in the state of New Jersey.

Dr. Altenkirch was named UAH President on September 2011. Dr. Altenkirch was chosen