

ordered that all persons in the vicinity pull back 100 feet. The vehicle owner had placed two potentially explosive chemicals next to each other. Today, the operations of Recology and its partner agencies manage a waste stream that potentially includes waste oil, e-waste, light bulbs of various types, household batteries, paint, construction debris, and such relatively benign products as cardboard, paper, glass and metals.

Gino Gasparini was at the forefront of these recycling efforts. Just a few years after my well-intentioned event resulted in a small-scale evacuation, Gino initiated voluntary recycling at the curbside. In 1989, Gino's effort was the largest multi-jurisdictional residential recycling program in the nation. Today, that effort is mandatory, involves three large containers, and diverts millions of tons of household and commercial waste to the recycling stream. This enterprise requires a knowledge of chemistry to avoid explosions and fires, and "adherence to strict standards to avoid cross-contamination of materials.

Gino participates regularly at city council meetings, community meetings, and in leadership positions at the Chamber of Commerce. He is often at charitable fundraisers. From the police athletic leagues to "walk for life" events to environmental cleanups. Recology and Gino Gasparini are both inseparable and unavoidable. They really care about the community.

Gino was honored as the Redwood City/San Mateo County Chamber Person of the Year in 1996, the Redwood City PAL Citizen of the Year in 2006 and received numerous other awards over several decades. For over 20 years, Gino helped with the annual Redwood City creek and neighborhood cleanup.

As he enters retirement, Gino will not be alone. He will be joined by his wife, Jenny, and he will be able to watch his four children more closely: Adrianna, Daniel, Michael, and Nicholas. One child is a teacher and the other followed in the family tradition by entering the solid waste industry.

Let me close by saying that to know Gino Gasparini is to know a smile set amidst a whirling dervish of activity. He can be relied upon to think of his family and neighbors first. He can be relied upon to use fairness to infuse his judgment. He can be relied upon to think of new ways to accomplish longstanding objectives. He can be relied upon for a straight answer to any question. In short, Gino Gasparini is the man that everyone wants to call when there is a problem, but he is also the man everyone readily agrees to recognize when tough jobs get done well.

I salute Gino upon his retirement. Civic forums will be different without him. Our streets will be cleaner because of him. Our environment will benefit for years to come because of the standards of performance that he created. Good luck (Buona fortuna), Gino.

RECOGNIZING VICKI MASSIE OF
BILLINGS

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Vicki Massie of Billings for developing a program to provide computers to

students and organizations that need them, and for recently setting up two needed computer labs in a rural Montana school.

Vicki is the executive director of St. Vincent de Paul in Billings, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing personalized service to those in need. Four years ago, as the volunteer coordinator, she developed Project R.E.B.O.O.T., or "Refurbished Electronics Bringing Out Opportunities Together." Project REBOOT refurbishes donated computers and distributes them to schools, students, and organizations in need. Since its inception, Project REBOOT has given nearly 100 computers to Montana students.

This spring, Vicki's project helped fill a tremendous need for students of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal School. Elementary and high school students at the small, rural school shared one computer lab. Students faced another challenge: the high school curriculum required supplemental work online, and there were only nine laptops for 78 high school students.

I one day, that changed.

Through Project REBOOT, Vicki brought 50 computers to the Northern Cheyenne Tribal School. Vicki and her two sons, who work in information technology at a nearby school district, set up two new computer labs for students at the school.

With greater resources and access to technology, the students of Northern Cheyenne Tribal School, and all students Vicki has helped through Project REBOOT, can improve their skills and further open the doors of opportunity, be it in higher education or in the workforce.

Madam Speaker, for her vision and dedication to expanding access to technology for Montana students, I recognize Vicki Massie for her spirit of Montana.

HONORING THE LIFE OF W.T.
JOHNSTON

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Newton Championship Coach, community leader, teacher, preacher, husband, father, grandfather, and father figure W.T. Johnston, who went home to be with the Lord on May 11, 2019, at the age of 54.

William T. (W.T.) Johnston was born on March 28, 1965 in Poteau, OK. He attended Henderson State University in Arkansas where he played for the Reddies as a defensive end from 1986–1988. His distinctions on and off the field were noticed, and in 2019 he was awarded with the Sporty Carpenter Award, which is given in honor of Henderson State's legendary head football coach.

He moved to Newton in the early 1990's where he coached and taught. For the last eight years, he was an outstanding head coach for the Newton Eagles football team, where he successfully led the Eagles to a 97–15 record. Even later in his career, battling Graft-versus-host disease, W.T. coached the Newton Eagles to a victory win as Texas State Champions in both 2017 and 2018.

W.T. married the love of his life Debra Short on August 3, 1985 and together they raised

their two sons, Drew and Shaw. He had two grandchildren, Jax and Reece. On April 22, 2019 Newton ISD announced that Drew would be taking his father's position as head coach.

William T. Johnston not only instilled the message of God in his students and athletes, but also inspired millions around the country with his courageous message of never giving up and hope. He has truly left a legacy, and will be remembered for generations to come. The Johnston Family will continue to be in my prayers.

IN HONOR OF STEVE AND BECKY
RIGGLE

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Steve and Becky Riggle's 50th wedding anniversary. Together, this couple has been a blessing to the Houston area. I am proud to call them my friends and recognize this significant milestone in their lives.

Now a seasoned pastor, Steve first became a licensed minister in 1969. Steve and Becky later joined Grace International Churches and Ministries, eventually starting a church in Livermore, California. For almost a decade they proudly served their church and grew the ministry into the largest Protestant church in the city—a truly incredible accomplishment.

After years of teaching others about God's mercy, Steve and Becky experienced it first hand. While ministering at a remote prison in the Philippines in 1978, they were attacked and held hostage by four prisoners. The situation escalated when Steve was stabbed seven times and Becky was shot and stabbed multiple times along her arms. Miraculously, through God's grace, the couple was able to leave the hospital and head back to California in just 18 days after the near fatal assault. Becky subsequently had five major surgeries, spent nine months in a body cast, and nine more learning how to walk again. As harrowing as this event was, Steve and Becky held steadfast in their faith, and have since praised God for his mercy for helping them survive and continue to serve.

Fortunately, for our community, the Riggle family made their way to the Lone Star State in 1983, where they started the Grace Community Church in Houston, Texas. After many years of growth, Grace Community Church now has four thriving campuses and is the church home to over 17,000 devoted individuals.

Steve currently holds the title of Founding Pastor at Grace, and serves as the Senior Pastor at the Grace Woodland's campus. Steve's service to our community does not stop at the pulpit. He also sits on the executive team of the Houston Area's Pastor Council, is a Board member of The King's University, and currently serves as the President of Grace International—a group of 3,500 churches with ministries in over 100 nations. Becky is also incredibly active in our community, and leads a local women's ministry and bible study. A gifted motivational speaker, she speaks at a variety of conferences for women, both across the country and internationally.