

IN HONOR OF SERGEANT FREDERICK JOHN HORNE, II FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Frederick John Horne, II for his dedicated service. His commitment to country and community is worthy of commendation.

Sergeant Horne entered the Armed Forces on September 7, 1967 and was stationed at Fort Knox in Kentucky. He served in Vietnam where he was wounded in combat twice and received two Purple Hearts. Sergeant Horne was honorably discharged for his dedicated service on September 1, 1973. He returned to Michigan after a year at Valley Forge Hospital in Pennsylvania and worked for General Motors until his eventual retirement. Today we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Sergeant Horne receiving his Purple Heart for his sacrifice. He has shown tremendous bravery and selflessness throughout his decorated service.

Sergeant Horne has shown a tremendous love for his country and community. His years as a member of the United States Military exemplify the selflessness of public service and stand as a testament to duty, honor, and country. We thank Sergeant Horne for his commitment to protecting the American people. His service underscores the significant price of freedom, and the dedication and sacrifice of our servicemembers in the Armed Forces and their families.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sergeant Frederick John Horne, II for his exemplary service. He has effectively served Michigan and our nation through his selflessness and leadership.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FIRE CHIEF ROBERT B. ELWELL, JR. OF POMONA

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Robert B. Elwell, Jr. of the City of Pomona, and his tireless dedication to serving the Inland Empire community.

Robert Elwell graduated from the Crafton Hills College Paramedic Program and proceeded to work as a paramedic for a local ambulance company. He was then hired by the Ontario Fire Department in October 1985, where he worked for over 34 years in a variety of assignments including Fire Captain and Battalion Chief. In this role, he also helped develop the department's active shooter response program and assisted several Southern California cities with creating similar programs.

Former Chief Elwell graduated from several fire service state and federal programs and was both a state certified Fire Officer and Chief Officer. He also served on a number of fire service committees and advisory boards that focused on leadership, mentoring and,

training. In April 2016, he was promoted to Fire Chief, a position he held until his retirement in December 2018.

Chief Elwell was a dedicated husband, loyal friend, and patriotic public servant. He enjoyed RV'ing with his wife Anne, off-roading, recreational shooting, and spending time with his close friends. He will be fondly remembered by his loved ones, friends, colleagues, and extended fire family.

For his remarkable accomplishments, it is my honor to recognize Chief Robert B. Elwell, Jr. today. His decades of commitment and contributions to the city he loved are worthy of admiration, and his memory will live on through the countless lives he has impacted. May he rest in peace.

WALNUT BEND ELEMENTARY ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAM WINS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Walnut Bend Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind team for placing first in their division at the world finals.

Nearly 800 teams ranging from elementary to college levels from across the United States and the world participated in the problem-solving competition at Michigan State University in May. The Walnut Bend team has made it to the finals several times, but this year they finally took first place, defeating a team from China to win. Their months of hard work certainly paid off.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Walnut Bend Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind team for placing first in the world finals. We look forward to seeing them win again next year.

RECOGNIZING THE MARQUETTE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, It is my honor to recognize the Marquette County Department of Veterans Affairs Committee (MCDVAC) for its service to Veterans and their families. Through its tireless work, exceptional leadership, and steadfast devotion to its community, the MCDVAC has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The Marquette County Veterans Affairs Committee consists of five Veteran volunteers appointed by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners to four-year terms. They work to provide the Veterans of Marquette County with the benefits and services they have earned through their service, including burial benefits, emergency financial relief, and disability compensation. They work with programs like the Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network, which provides trans-

portation from the Jacobetti Home for Veterans and other areas in the county to the Oscar G Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain. The organization also aids in the administration of the Soldier Sailor Relief Fund, which provides financial help for Veterans who are unable to provide for the basic necessities of life without causing hardship, and works to help Veterans and their families in applying for a broad range of benefits provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Day after day, the Marquette County Veterans Affairs Committee continues to set a positive example of what can be achieved when the people of a community work together for the common good.

Madam Speaker, It's my honor to recognize the Marquette County Veterans Affairs Committee for decades of success, and service to the Veterans of the Upper Peninsula. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHRIST CATHEDRAL

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Diocese of Orange Christ Cathedral on the completion of its renovations. The Christ Cathedral, formerly known as the "Crystal Cathedral," has been a recognizable architectural marvel landmark in Garden Grove since 1955. The 34-acre land has been a beacon to the community and continues to be a space for community members to practice their faith.

In 1955, protestant mega-church leader Dr. Robert Schuller began preaching at the Orange Drive-in Theater. By 1975, his congregation outgrew the first church and Dr. Schuller began searching for architects to build a creative and beautiful space for worship. He worked with Philip Johnson and John Burgee to create a plan for an all glass church. In 2012, the campus and its buildings were sold to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange and have since become the new spiritual center of the division.

Starting in 2015, the campus began major renovations including extensive restorations to the grounds and buildings. These renovations included the restoration of 11,000 glass panes, the construction of scaffolding inside the cathedral, and the design of sacred art. Construction workers involved in the project logged over 100,000 hours of work without a single accident. The renovations are now complete, and today the refurbished cathedral is ready to serve as a spiritual home to Orange County's more than 1.3 million Catholics, and the local community at-large through services and programs available to everyone including weddings, conferences, concerts, and family-friendly events.

It is my distinct honor to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the new building design of the Christ Cathedral.