

and professionalism. During Jon's time with the department he served variety of assignments, namely Field Training Officer, Bicycle Officer, and Criminal Investigation "Auto Task Force" Investigator. It is through his numerous commendations that Jon's colleagues, supervisors, and the Euless community have expressed their deepest appreciation and gratitude for his service.

In twenty years of service, Jon has received over 2000 hours of police in-service and public safety officer training, consisting of a variety of advanced and master-level police courses. These courses include areas of patrol, advanced "auto theft" investigation, accident investigation, defensive tactics training, complex crimes investigation, Reid Interviewing Advanced Investigation Techniques, and police "intoxilyzer operator" training. Jon's dedication to his fellow officers is apparent in his commitment to the instruction and development of younger police officers, and Jon has always been appreciated as an informal leader within the department.

Jon's contributions to the law enforcement operations in the City of Euless has helped to ensure countless officers were adequately trained and prepared for the challenges they face in their everyday duties as police. His legacy will leave a lasting mark on the City of Euless and the Euless Police Department for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize the extensive efforts Jon has contributed to the City of Euless, and the State of Texas. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Senior Officer Jon Pettit for his many years of service.

IN HONOR OF PASTOR R. L.
ROGERS' LIFE AND LEGACY

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Pastor R. L. Rogers—a man of God, a community leader, father, and husband.

Pastor Rogers was born on March 6, 1939 in Calvert, Texas to the late Ernest and Margaret Rogers and transitioned from labor to eternal reward on July 20, 2019, after many years of giving back to our Dallas-Fort Worth community.

Pastor Rogers attended high school in south Texas, before graduating from the Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Pastor Rogers' time at seminary started his journey in faith and helping our community that expanded over five decades.

Pastor Rogers was the founder, and the one and only Pastor for 53 years of the Harvey Avenue Baptist Church—a place of worship that is a cornerstone of the Fort Worth community. That was only the beginning of his accomplishments. Pastor Rogers was also an avid volunteer for important causes, like mentoring youth in our community, and serving as a Chaplain at the Tarrant County Jail. He was also a nationally known Evangelist, Pastor and Gospel Preacher.

Pastor Rogers was a pillar of our community—spending 53 of his years teaching and encouraging our community and his accomplishments and service will be greatly missed.

HONORING PETER NISSEN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peter Nissen for his commitment to agriculture and our wine community and to honor him as the Napa County Farm Bureau's 2019 Agriculturalist of the Year.

Mr. Nissen was born in Richmond, California and began his career in agriculture before he graduated high school. The summer before he began his junior year, he moved irrigation lines in Cucamonga and Alta Loma vineyards. Mr. Nissen attended the University of California at Santa Barbara and graduated from San Diego State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1973. After graduation, Mr. Nissen worked in the vineyard department of Charles Krug Vineyard. Starting in the equipment shop, he worked in all areas of vineyard operations, working his way up from the equipment shop to assistant vineyard manager in 1976. In February of 1978, Mr. Nissen started Nissen Vineyard Services Inc., a vineyard management business that currently farms over 1100 acres, most of which are in Napa County. Additionally, his company supplies labor to other agricultural operations.

Mr. Nissen's involvement in our community extends beyond his company as he volunteers his time for numerous agricultural organizations. He has been a Board Member of Napa County Farm Bureau (NCFB) since 1998, is a past President, and is the Board Member representing NCFB on the Napa Valley Vine Trail. Mr. Nissen currently sits on the Board of the California Farm Labor Contractors Association and previously served as President. He has served as coordinator since the NCFB and the Napa County Agriculture Commissioner's office began hosting the annual Ag Day program for students in second and third grades. Mr. Nissen volunteered to manage the vineyard at Carneros Elementary School from 1990 to 2014. He also volunteered to develop and manage the Napa County Resource Conservation District's Huichica Creek Sustainable Demonstration Vineyard.

Madam Speaker, Peter Nissen has been a committed and active member of our agricultural community for many decades. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him as the Napa County Farm Bureau's 2019 Agriculturalist of the Year here today.

HONORING DIANE YODER FOR HER
SELFLESS SERVICE TO OUR HEROES

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with profound respect that I rise today to honor Diane Yoder of Fleetwood for her incredible service to our community's veterans and first responders.

The Yoder family is a military family; all three of Diane's children served, following a

family tradition of service. When her son Jarett was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2013, Diane took up this call to service herself. She began the Jarett Yoder Foundation, a non-profit with 10 Patriot Houses in Pennsylvania for veterans and first responders at risk of homelessness. She is now working with more than 170 families to provide important resources to them in times of need.

Diane has touched countless lives through her work and carries on the memory of her son's service in her own. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Diane Yoder for her tireless service for Pennsylvania's veterans and first responders.

VOM JOHNATHAN SHEPHERD

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma's July Veteran of the Month, Sergeant Johnathon Shepherd.

Sergeant Shepherd joined the Marines in 1997, where he served for 5 years, deploying to the Mediterranean in 2000.

Once back in Tulsa, Sergeant Shepherd started his first business after learning about federal opportunities available to veteran-owned businesses. He and his wife, Jessica, built the company in their spare time for 8 years before devoting their full efforts to establish Americom Technologies Group in 2016.

Also in 2016, Sergeant Shepherd and his wife launched Eagle Ops as an outreach program for veterans and their families. In 2018, they joined with fellow Marine Stacy Hester to create the Eagle Ops Foundation with the focus on community. The Foundation is active in the Tulsa community and works to build relationships for our veterans, their families and patriots in the community.

Sergeant Shepherd truly is an impressive man of integrity and honor. He makes Oklahoma proud and plays an important role in our community of veterans. I'm glad to have this opportunity to shine a light on his work and give him the recognition he deserves as our July Veteran of the Month.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTER FOR
INDEPENDENT LIVING DIS-
ABILITY RESOURCE CENTER FOR
THEIR INVALUABLE SERVICE

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Center for Independent Living Disability Resource Center (CILDR). That is committed as epitomized in their mission statement, "to assist individuals with disabilities achieve their goals of independence".

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), passed July 26, 1990, put into law the ideal that Americans with disabilities should not be discriminated against when going about their daily life. This includes, equal employment, opportunity, public building access areas, and

other accommodating services. Expanding upon these, CILDRC assists those with disabilities in asserting their freedoms to become independent.

The CILDRC assists, both, our communities and individuals with disabilities by offering work experience programs to receive the knowledge required to go into the workforce and to contribute to businesses and organizations across Northwest Florida.

This year is the 29th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The CILDRC luncheon is celebrating the importance of the ADA and reaffirms that the ADA is vital in protecting those in our communities with disabilities.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to congratulate the Center for Independent Living Disability Resource Center (CILDRC) on their efforts to make an impact with and on behalf of people with disabilities in our communities.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ELIJAH "PUMPSIE" GREEN

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of a groundbreaking professional baseball player, Richmond native, and longtime El Cerrito resident, Elijah "Pumpsie" Green.

Born in 1933 in Oklahoma, Pumpsie's parents moved to Richmond, California, where they raised their five children. Pumpsie attended El Cerrito High School where he was an accomplished three-sport athlete who would later earn distinction as an inductee into the school's inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame class. He ultimately chose to pursue baseball, starring at Contra Costa College before joining the Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast League.

In 1959, 12 years after Jackie Robinson broke Major League Baseball's color barrier, Pumpsie became one of the game's true trailblazers when he became the first African American player ever to play for the Boston Red Sox. Despite facing continued discrimination and segregation, he went on to play five seasons for the Red Sox before being traded to the New York Mets and retiring in 1963.

After retiring as a professional baseball player, Pumpsie moved with his family to El Cerrito, where he devoted the rest of his life to education. He served as a student supervisor and baseball coach at Berkeley High School, and during his 20-year tenure became a mentor to countless students.

Pumpsie will forever be remembered for his role in helping to end segregation in professional sports and paving the way for other athletes of color. Please join me in honoring Elijah "Pumpsie" Green for his lasting impact on professional baseball and his dedication to youth. He is truly an inspiration for his Bay Area home.

HONORING DIANE VANDERKOOY FOR BEING SELECTED TO BE PART OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN AT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Diane VanderKooy, of Chatham, Illinois, for participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run at the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi.

Diane began her involvement with the Special Olympics in 1990. Since then, Diane has put her heart and soul into the games. VanderKooy plays a major role in coordinating the Gillespie to Bloomington leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run in Illinois. This was Diane's first time at the World Games, as she joined a team of 112 members who took part in the torch run throughout the United Arab Emirates.

Diane has dedicated her life to ensuring that people have a fun and safe environment to participate in whichever sport they desire. Not only is VanderKooy deeply involved with the Special Olympics, but she is also the Athletic Director for the Chatham Chargers. Diane was recently recognized by the Village of Chatham for her service to the village and community with an honorary designation of a local roadway as "Diane VanderKooy Volunteer Drive." Diane's work proves that athletics can have a positive and meaningful impact on people from all walks of life.

Again, I would like to commend Diane VanderKooy for her continued service in the community, and for participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run at the Special Olympics World Games.

HONORING MOUNTAINMAN OUTDOOR SUPPLY COMPANY OWNER JOHN NEMJO FOR WINNING THE NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION'S SMALL BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of one of the North Country's most successful small business owners, John Nemjo.

John demonstrated his entrepreneurial spirit when he opened Mountainman Outdoor Supply Company in 1993. Back then, he ran the company out of an abandoned, 700 square foot pizza shop in the heart of the Adirondack State Park with just a couple seasonal employees and a budget of a few thousand dollars.

In the decades since, John has grown his company into a fixture of the Adirondack business community. He now operates a thriving business out of six locations with over 15,000 square feet in combined retail space. Instead of a handful of seasonal employees, John now has 53 year-round employees. Adirondack Bank acknowledged John's achievements with a 2018 Small Business Excellence Award.

Small business owners like John Nemjo benefit our communities in so many ways. They employ local residents and contribute to the dynamism and vibrancy of our economy. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate him for this well-deserved recognition and thank him for his contribution to our community.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO REMOVE THE STATUE OF CONFEDERATE GENERAL ALBERT PIKE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a bill to require the removal of a statue of Confederate General Albert Pike from federal land near Judiciary Square in the District of Columbia. This statue was authorized, not by the District, but by Congress in 1898, when the District had no home rule. The statue was constructed using both federal and private funds. The Freemasons, of which Pike was a member, donated the majority of the money needed to build and install the statue in 1901. I oppose tearing down Confederate statues, because I believe they should be moved to more appropriate settings, like museums, to avoid erasing an important part of history from which Americans must continue to learn.

Pike was a Confederate general who served dishonorably and was forced to resign in disgrace. It was found that soldiers under his command mutilated the bodies of Union soldiers, and Pike was ultimately imprisoned after his fellow officers reported that he misappropriated funds. Adding to the dishonor of taking up arms against the United States, Pike dishonored even his Confederate military service. He certainly has no claim to be memorialized in the nation's capital. Even those who do not want Confederate statues removed will have to justify awarding Pike any honor, considering his history.

After meeting with the Freemasons, I believe that the best course of action is to remove the statue and find a more appropriate place for it. The Freemasons themselves support the statue's removal, given its divisive nature. The D.C. Mayor and the Council also support the removal of the statue.

My bill clarifies that no federal funds may be used to remove the Pike statue. I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

HONORING ALFREDO PEDROZA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Napa County Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza as Napa County Farm Bureau's 2019 Friend of Agriculture.

Mr. Pedroza, a native of Napa County, is the son of a farmworker and currently serves as the Supervisor for District Four of Napa County. Mr. Pedroza attended Sonoma State University, where he earned a Bachelor of