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RECOGNIZING NATIONAL
GASTROPARESIS AWARENESS
MONTH

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the millions of gastroparesis patients from across the country in recognition of National Gastroparesis Awareness Month.

This devastating digestive disorder can be detrimental to a patient's quality of life, and current treatments are only able to help patients manage these symptoms. It's for these reasons that I'm a proud cosponsor of H.R. 3396, the Functional GI and Motility Disorders Research Enhancement Act. This important legislation would help to expand, advance, and better coordinate research activities on functional GI and motility disorders and support innovative approaches to educate patients and health care providers about strategies that improve care.

In recognition of the plight of these patients and the uncertainty they often face, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting efforts to expand research, improve education, and raise awareness by cosponsoring H.R. 3396 and recognizing August as National Gastroparesis Awareness Month.

HONORING THE UNITED STATES
NAVAL INSTITUTE AND JACK C.
TAYLOR

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, in 1873 a group of Navy and Marine Corps officers founded The United States Naval Institute on the grounds of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Since that time, the Institute has played a vital role in transforming the Sea Services from vocations to tried and true professions. The Naval Institute's mission is to provide an open, independent, and nonpartisan forum for those who read, think, speak, and write to advance the knowledge and understanding of sea power and other issues critical to global security. Constantly growing and improving, the United States Naval Institute will reach a milestone in its esteemed history by breaking ground for the Jack C. Taylor Conference Center, which will adjoin the Naval Institute's headquarters.

Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, Jack C. Taylor joined the United States Navy. During his years of military service (1942 to 1947), Taylor became an F6F Hellcat fighter pilot and saw combat duty in the Pacific Theater from the decks of the aircraft carriers USS *Essex* (CV-9) and USS *Enterprise* (CV-6). He was a member of Carrier Air Group 15, led by the top Navy ace of all time, Commander David McCampbell. Group 15, which sustained more than 50 percent casualties during its World War II service, was one of the most decorated combat units in the history of U.S. naval aviation. Taylor, who served as McCampbell's wingman on several combat missions, was twice decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross, and also received the Navy Air Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Mr. Taylor served his country with distinction in World War II, returned home, raised a talented family and built a world-class organization, 'Enterprise Rent-A-Car,' named after the famous aircraft carrier on which he flew. The late Mr. Jack C. Taylor and his family reinvested resources for the good of the community and his family continues to remain committed to the United States Navy, Navy values and Naval causes that include the Naval War College, Naval Historical Foundation, U.S. Naval Aviation Museum, Friends of the National World War II Memorial and Navy SEAL Foundation to name a few. The Taylor Family now honors their patriarch's service to the Nation as a naval aviator, an exemplary citizen, and a civic leader with the naming of the Conference Center.

In heartfelt appreciation of its many contributions to the men and women of the United States Sea Services, it is my honor and privilege before the 116th Congress to recognize the United States Naval Institute on the occasion of its groundbreaking for the Jack C. Taylor Conference Center, 18 September 2019.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
JEFFREY M. CICORA

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of New York State Police Sergeant/Station Commander Jeffrey M. Cicora, a beloved father and husband, and dedicated public servant, who passed away on August 10, 2019. Sergeant Cicora spent 24 years on the New York State Police force and diligently protected communities throughout New York State.

Sergeant Cicora was a lifelong member of the Central New York community and aspired to be a state trooper from an early age. He graduated from Auburn High School in 1983 and then earned a degree in criminal justice from Cayuga Community College and public justice from SUNY Oswego. Upon completing his training in 1992, Sergeant Cicora was officially sworn in as a New York State Police Trooper.

Sergeant Cicora was stationed at the Baldwinsville State Police Station for the majority of his career, but his duties called him to various regions in New York State. During the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Ser-

geant Cicora arrived at Ground Zero and assisted with search and rescue efforts. In the six months following the attacks, Sergeant Cicora and his K9 partner, Devitt, deployed to New York City's John F. Kennedy and LaGuardia airports to ensure traveler safety. Notably, Sergeant Cicora was awarded the Superintendent's Commendation Award from the New York State Police for his efforts in the arrest of an on-the-run fugitive wanted for violent crimes. Sergeant Cicora and his K9 partner, McGinn, were the first to respond following the fugitive's attack on two people, then successfully tracked him through the woods and made an arrest.

Outside his work with the state police, Sergeant Cicora was a wonderful family man. He deeply loved his wife, Valerie, and son, Jack, as well as all his extended family members. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed spending time fishing and boating with his family.

Sergeant Cicora served honorably and, sadly, contracted an illness stemming from his emergency search and rescue efforts at Ground Zero. It is essential our nation supports the brave individuals and first responders who selflessly acted on September 11, 2001 without reservation. Many of these brave individuals, like Sergeant Cicora, have developed health conditions from their experiences at Ground Zero. We owe these individuals an enormous debt of gratitude, and with my support, the House passed legislation I cosponsored to permanently reauthorize the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund. This bill is now law, but we must continue to support the brave men and women who responded on 9/11.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring the life of Sergeant Jeffrey M. Cicora. A brave member of New York State's law enforcement community who acted heroically throughout his career, Sergeant Cicora will truly be missed in the Central New York community. I ask my colleagues to keep him and his family in mind as we remember the contributions of this cherished public servant.

IN CELEBRATION OF CAPTAIN
AARON MARTINEZ AND HIS 30
YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE
CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Captain Aaron Martinez on his retirement and thank him for 30 years of service with the California Highway Patrol.

Captain Aaron Martinez entered California Highway Patrol Academy on January 2, 1990 at the age of 21. During this time he successfully graduated the Academy and was promoted to the rank of Officer. His first assignment was the Santa Cruz area where he completed his field training and was assigned to road patrol for six years. Captain Martinez spent two more years at the Officer rank working in the El Cajon and Rancho Cucamonga Areas. He was then promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1998. He served at this rank for three years and was assigned to the Santa Fe