

plus years as a distinguished advocate for Texas property owners with Texas REALTORS.

Shortly after earning an accounting degree from the University of Texas, Mark pursued a career in public policy and has held a presence in Texas politics ever since. Throughout his professional career, Mark has worked in multiple positions at the national, state, and local political levels. Mark served in the Texas Legislature as the Chief of Staff for Texas Senator Florence Shapiro, and then worked as the Campaign Director for now-U.S. Senator JOHN CORNYN's successful race for Texas Attorney General.

Upon joining Texas REALTORS in 1998 as Director of Governmental Affairs, Mark brought a unique expertise that eventually ascended him to Vice President of Government Affairs in 2004. Mark has become an outstanding leader for the company as he was responsible for over 120,000 members in the association. With over two decades of experience with Texas REALTORS, Mark has admirably served many Texans by advocating for private-property rights, providing reliable information, and has gained respect among the Houston community.

Leading up to the historic passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, Mark played a significant role in gathering support for this monumental legislation in the Houston area. He also spearheaded oversight on economic analysis that showed the positive impact tax reform would have on Texas property owners and American workers and families across the country. Not only did he work hard in Texas, Mark also led a team to Washington, D.C. to inform lawmakers on their most up-to-date research and findings-data that was instrumental in giving America a new tax code.

In 2018, Mark was inducted into the REALTORS Political Action Committee (RPAC) Hall of Fame—a testament to his hard work and success in the real estate field. Outside of his professional career, Mark is also an avid writer. He publishes two blogs, the first is a political blog simplifying the legislative process for his readers, and the second is a personal, faith-based blog interwoven with his own family history.

After twenty years of hard work, I am proud to join Mark's colleagues and friends in celebrating his well-earned retirement. Mark, thank you for all you've done for our community. The Houston community has been blessed by your accomplishments, and I wish you well as you begin your next chapter.

RECOGNIZING NORMA GIBBS FOR A LIFE DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the life and legacy of Norma Gibbs. Mrs. Gibbs, the City of Huntington Beach's first female City Council member and Mayor, lived a life marked by extraordinary compassion and public service.

Mrs. Gibbs passed away on Sunday, September 1, 2019, but the impact she made during her lifetime will continue for generations.

During a time when politics was dominated by men, Mrs. Gibbs encouraged women to vote and play an active role in community development. She would serve as the inspiration for many women to run for office, and because of her hard work, the City where she served as Mayor now boasts a City Council whose members are primarily women.

In 1979, Mrs. Gibbs founded Interval House, a nonprofit that cares for and supports survivors of abuse. From Interval House to the opening of the Huntington Central Park Library, Mrs. Gibbs lived a life dedicated to uplifting everyone around her. Her lifetime of public service would earn her the President's Lifetime Achievement award in 2015.

Today I ask that all Members join me in recognizing the amazing life and works of Norma Gibbs.

IN HONOR OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF LANDER BEING NAMED THE OUTSTANDING LARGE CLUB IN ROTARY DISTRICT 5440

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rotary Club of Lander for being named the Outstanding Large Club in Rotary District 5440.

The Rotary Club of Lander is a staple of the local community and is dedicated to community service in Lander and around the world. Rotary Clubs across Wyoming represent the service-minded approach to community that makes our country great. The Lander Club has distinguished itself with its international work in Mexico, Guatemala, and Africa. Additionally, they have established the Interact Club at Lander Valley High School to help grow their membership and foster community service among high school students.

Again, Madam Speaker, I extend my congratulations to the Rotary Club of Lander on being named top chapter, and thank them for their service to the community of Lander.

HONORING ARLETT STEINERT ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Arlett Steinert around her 100th Birthday. Ms. Steinert was born August 26, 1919 in Erie, Illinois.

Ms. Steinert grew up in Erie and graduated from Erie High School in 1937. She went on to get her teaching degree at Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois—where she met her husband William—and Marycrest College in Davenport, Iowa. Following her college years, Ms. Steinert had a long and successful teaching career in the Erie area until she retired in the 1970's. Currently, Ms. Steinert is still active in Whiteside County Retired Teachers meetings. I am honored by her lifelong dedication to positively serving and impacting our community.

It is because of community leaders such as Ms. Steinert that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally honor Ms. Arlett Steinert on her 100th Birthday.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN CARBRAY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of Mr. John Carbray, who passed away on August 10, 2019. John was the founder and first president of the Fresno Grizzlies, Fresno, California's Triple-A franchise. He will be remembered for his vision and efforts to bring baseball back to Central California.

John Carbray was born in Paris, Arkansas on November 9, 1938. John and his brother Sam were raised by their mother Helen. When John was six years old his family moved to Inglewood, California. Sports played an integral part of his childhood and his biggest passion was baseball. He played at the collegiate level, first at El Camino Junior College and Pepperdine University. John would go on to play semi-pro baseball in Wyoming and even played in Canada for the Edmonton Eskimos of the Western Canada League.

Eventually John traveled back to Los Angeles to work in a swimming pool business, before returning to Canada in 1963 after he was named manager of the Calgary Giants. This was the first stop of a storied career as a sports executive, with stops in Oregon, Washington DC, Sacramento and a tenure as general manager of two North American Soccer League teams.

John pursued his love for athletics and entertainment in different avenues. During his time away from baseball, he founded Projects West, a consulting firm that worked with major sports teams to bring concerts to sporting venues. However, he would not be away from baseball for very long. After realizing the need for baseball in Fresno, John and his wife Diane worked tirelessly to return baseball to the city after a ten-year absence. After much hard work and persistence, the Tucson Toros were purchased by the Fresno Diamond Group and reborn as the Fresno Grizzlies. John then pursued building a state-of-the-art baseball stadium in downtown Fresno. On May 1, 2002, the stadium, now known as Chukchansi Park, hosted its first game with a sell-out crowd of 12,792. The stadium paved the way for the revitalization of downtown and continues to host baseball game, concerts and festivals.

Throughout his career, John was awarded with recognitions for his dedication to the world of sports. This includes being named Sporting News Executive of the Year, Pacific Coast Executive of the Year, his induction into the Fresno County Athletic Hall of Fame and he and his wife Diane were honored by the Grizzlies with the Al Radka Award in honor of their contributions to the community and baseball. His contributions to the City of Fresno spanned beyond sports; he was also actively involved with many nonprofits, including the