

His awards and decorations include Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Ranger Tab, Master Parachutist Badge, and Combat Action Badge. While we will miss him in California, I am confident that he will bring the same passion, enthusiasm, and success to Fort Hood as he assumes command of the 1st Cavalry Division.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF EMALEE FLATNESS

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2019*

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments and talent of Emalee Flatness.

Emalee, a graduate of Willard High School in southwest, Missouri, recently competed in the Musical Theater Songwriting Challenge. The challenge is a national contest, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, that allows high school students to submit songs they have written that could one day be in a Broadway show. Out of 500 submissions, six were chosen, and Emalee was one of those six.

Emalee's journey started when she was just 14 years old. It was then that she started writing lyrics dedicated to her great-great-great-grandfather, Arnoldus Zweerink, who was drafted by the Union Army in the Civil War and died nine days before General Lee's surrender at Appomattox Courthouse. She has continued working on the song, finally submitting to this year's contest. She named her song "Bring Him Back to Carolina." The song chronicles not only the feelings of Arnoldus but also his wife Elizabeth, who was unaware of his death at the time of the surrender.

Emalee is now working with two New York City-based musical theater artists to put the finishing touches on the song before the final recording. She is also preparing to attend Missouri State University, in Springfield, to study history, and continue her passion for songwriting.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Emalee is an immensely talented woman with a strong passion for music and history. It is with great honor that I rise to recognize her award-winning song, and wish her luck in her future endeavors.

HONORING DEBORAH BRIN PRUITT'S  
30 YEARS OF COMMUNITY  
SERVICE

**HON. NORMA J. TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2019*

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Deborah Brin Pruitt's 30 years of service to the families and children of the Pomona Valley as Director of the Temple Beth Israel Preschool and Daycare.

Since her leadership of the school began in 1989, Deborah has helped shape the lives of children from well over one thousand families, providing a caring, creative, and safe learning

environment that fosters emotional and intellectual growth and development for her young students.

Through Deborah's management, the preschool has been an important asset to the synagogue community, both culturally and financially. Under her direction, the school has proudly opened its doors to children of all faiths and cultures, helping promote integration of the synagogue within the overall general community as she managed the business of the school to support the financial life of Temple Beth Israel.

During her tenure as Director, Deborah has provided leadership and mentorship to dozens of early childhood education professionals. Supporting the professional growth of her staff at the temple, as well as sharing her knowledge for nearly a decade teaching child development courses at Chaffey Community College and American Nanny College.

Deborah has been recognized as the "Jewish Professional of the Year" by the Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, and she is an important member of the professional team that makes Temple Beth Israel a shining light in the Jewish community and the entire community of the Pomona Valley.

For her leadership over these past 30 years, we honor Deborah Brin Pruitt on this day and thank her for her dedication and service that will continue to benefit Temple Beth Israel and the Pomona Valley community for generations to come.

HONORING ROBERT SCATTINI

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2019*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Robert Scattini, a public servant of San Benito County, California. Mr. Scattini lived a long life, filled with family and friends. His service to San Benito County, the state of California, and United States of America and love for all people will be missed. Throughout Robert's decades of dedicated public service, he left an indelible mark on the citizens of San Benito County that will be felt for generations to come.

Mr. Scattini was born on February 21, 1939 in San Jose, California. He grew up alongside four brothers and four sisters in Castroville, Salinas, and San Juan Bautista. He graduated from San Benito High School in 1958 and soon joined the U.S. Army. Upon returning home, he began his distinguished career in law enforcement and continued his service as a San Benito County Sheriff's Deputy. Following four years with the local sheriff's department, he entered the California Highway Patrol Academy and eventually joined the Gilroy CHP office, overseeing San Benito County.

As a law enforcement professional, Robert was frequently heroic. On one such occasion in the mid-1970s while he was with the CHP, a man had a heart attack and stopped breathing. Robbie administered CPR and revived him, earning him recognition from then-President Gerald Ford. From that point on, for many years, the survivor's family brought food to the Scattini home during the holidays. It

was just one example of appreciation, among many, which locals showed Robert for his compassion and endearing nature. He was with the CHP from 1966 to 1983 and became the sheriff in 1983. As a County Constable, City Councilman, Gavilan College criminology instructor, San Benito County Planning Commissioner, board member for the San Benito Health Foundation, and member of numerous local nonprofit organizations, Mr. Scattini was a tremendous model of civic leadership in our community.

Robert Scattini loved everything about San Benito County, and his devotion to the people on the central coast of California reflects the genuine nature of a man who deeply cared for his community, family and the United States of America. As we look back on the life of Robert Scattini, we know that his spirit, love, and dedication to public service provide us with the motivation to continue his great on the Central Coast. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the life of Mr. Robert Scattini.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF  
NANCY PARKER BOYD

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2019*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the life of Nancy Parker Boyd.

Nancy was born in Opelika, Alabama, on July 27, 1966 to Bill and Patsy Parker. She graduated from Opelika High School and was the first African American Miss OHS. Nancy also graduated with honors from the University of Alabama College of Communications Information Sciences with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism in 1988.

Nancy was a five-time Emmy Award winning journalist, received five Edward R. Murrow awards and numerous Associated Press awards for her reporting and documentary work.

She began her interest in journalism in high school where she wrote for the Mainstreet Gazette and was an anchor on the WJHO radio station. She spent time working in the late Congressman Bill Nichols' press office and then started her first job in television in 1989. She worked for WTVM in Columbus, Georgia, WSFA in Montgomery, Alabama, and spent over 20 years at WVUE in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Nancy was married to Glynn Boyd and had three children: Parker, Piper and Pierce.

Madam Speaker, please join me in remembering the life of Nancy Parker Boyd.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER CALIFORNIAN  
STATE SENATOR WADIE P.  
DEDDEH

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2019*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I am sorry to learn of the passing of former California State Senator Wadie P. Deddeh.