

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL MITCHELL S. DRUCKER, U.S. ARMY, ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 24 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, today I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Mitchell S. Drucker, a resident of Chester Springs, Pennsylvania, on his upcoming retirement after 24 years of dedicated service to the United States of America.

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Drucker currently serves the United States Army War College in coordinating Army Heritage Education Center (AHEC) Operations. He entered the United States Army in 1995 and served in numerous assignments and deployments across his distinguished career.

In October 1995, LTC Drucker joined the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and became a commissioned officer two years later. In August 2002, LTC Drucker deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina, serving as a Battle Captain in the S-3 section and as the Liaison Officer for two joint contingent operations. After receiving his Command of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop (HHT) in May 2007, LTC Drucker deployed as the Commander of HHT to Sinai, Egypt in support of the Multinational Forces and Observers mission. He successfully redeployed to the United States to begin preparations for the next deployment.

His numerous commendations and awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medals, and others, are a testament to his steadfast courage, personal integrity, tireless work ethic and impeccable character. His enduring legacy of service to our Nation truly is exceptional and sets a standard for all to follow; he has left a lasting impact on all of those he has trained.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Tenth Congressional District, I commend and congratulate my fellow brother-in-arms, Lieutenant Colonel Mitchell S. Drucker, upon his retirement and for his tireless service to the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING RLS AWARENESS DAY

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. TIPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the millions of patients from across the country suffering from Restless Legs Syndrome, to raise awareness of this severely misunderstood neurological disease.

RLS is a serious neurological disease that devastates the lives of millions of Americans. An estimated 12 million men, women and children in the U.S. have RLS. Patients with RLS experience an overwhelming, agitating and uncontrollable urge to move their legs, which can only be relieved by moving or walking to abate the sensation. RLS is at its strongest in the

evening and nighttime hours, severely disrupting sleep. Treatment is life-long, and there is no cure.

The sleep loss caused by RLS robs people of the ability to work and live normally and may lead to depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts. Profound sleep loss also puts people with RLS at risk for hypertension, diabetes, heart attack, stroke and Alzheimer's disease.

I ask my colleagues to join me in working to raise awareness of this devastating disease by recognizing September 23rd as RLS Awareness Day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was unable to vote on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, as I was unavoidably detained in my district. Had I been present, I would have vote "nay" on Roll Call No. 531, On Motion to Instruct Conferees, S. 1790, and "yea" on Roll Call No. 532, On Closing Portions of the Conference, S. 1790.

RECOGNIZING STATESVILLE BRICK COMPANY FOR 115 YEARS OF BUSINESS

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Statesville Brick Company for 115 years of business.

Due to the Southeast's unique rivers that produce red clay deposits, North Carolina has long been at the center of the brick making economy. This includes companies like Statesville Brick Company which opened its doors in 1904. As times changed though and the post-World War II building boom began to slow, brick makers began closing shop, and small, local operations transitioned into large, interstate corporations. Statesville Brick Company, however, bucked that trend, and remains at heart the same family-run operation it was over a century ago.

For Statesville Brick Company President and General Manager Michael Foster and Executive Vice President Scott Rankin, the brick business is a generational affair. Scott's grandfather E.R. "Roy" Rankin joined the company in 1916 and oversaw the construction of an early iteration of the firm's plant while Michael's father, H.B. "Bob" Foster joined as a partner in 1969. Today, Statesville Brick Company currently employees over 90 people and their work can be found at some of our nation's most prestigious academic institutions such as Princeton University, Ohio State University, and Davidson College.

Statesville Brick Company's 115 years of business are a source of pride for our region, demonstrating how an operation dedicated to high craftsmanship with deep local roots can succeed and thrive in a changing landscape.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in celebrating Statesville Brick Company for 115 years of business.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II, KOREAN WAR, AND VIETNAM WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans who traveled to Washington, DC on September 18, 2019 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, DC. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on September 18th answered our nation's call to service during several of its greatest times of need. Across the world, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

Carl R. Anderson, Mose Arseneau, Abram I. Becker, Frank Belletire, Robert Benjamin, Elwood Blise, John B. Bodoki, David R. Breeze, I.L. Brownlow, Otha L. Brownlow, Terry W. Cable.

Richard A. Campbell, Thomas M. Canale, Robert A. Canchola, Roger W. Cantlin, Thomas A. Chambers, Daniel R. Chiarito, Tony Joe B. Chinsio, Phillip M. Cirullo, James S. Collins, John E. Craig, Joseph DeMarchi, Jr.

James R. DiBiase, Richard Donald Dunlap, Andrew R. Ellicock, Jose Espinosa, Andrew M. Ferreri, Thomas B. Ford, Robert A. Fridrych, Richard Funfsinn, Joseph Gaberik, Richard J. Gatz, Clelia Angelina Ginay.

Esther M. Gleaton, Paul Goldman, Thomas F. Grabowski, Sherwin Greenberg, Richard F. Greenwald, Robert P. Greenwald, Paul R. Hammelman, Richard W. Heurich, Scott J. Horvath, Robert J. Hovorka, Lloyd T. Hubbard.

Ronald J. Hunt, Ronald M. Jones, Allen K. Jongsma, Ronnie Kimbrough, DuWayne Klapper, Harold B. Koenen, Matthew Adam Koswenda, Steven M. Kraslen, Peder Kringstad, Denis F. Krzeminski, Francisco A. LaMarca.

Sheldon C. Latz, Miles G. Leigh, Terry Leigh, Adeline Lence, Dennis P. Lenihan, James P. Lynch, Thomas O. Maguire, Joseph Mallegni, Antonio E. Massa, Richard A. Matkovich, Peter B. Mazzoni.

Joseph A. Moshure, Harry Mullins, Larry Murphy, William Muzyka, Robert J. Nagel, Joel Nederhood, Gary A. Nelson, William H. Niesluchowski, Robert E. Parrott, Thomas M. Peknik, Kenneth G. Periman.

Carl E. Peterson, Anthony Pfeiffer, Jack Primoic, Joseph Pusateri, James E. Rabjohn, Jerome R. Raczak, John Rudowicz, Martin Ruhland, Alphonse Scepurek, Walter T. Schmit, James L. Shoet.

Thomas A. Shumpert, William Norbert Siska, Andrew L. Smith, Anthony R.

Sorrentino, Van C. Stone, John Strauts, Thomas H. Strossner, Edward L. Svadlenka, William Van Loan, Sr., Dennis J. Vodvarka, Richard P. Wherry.

Richard D. Whorton, Ronald Wiertz, Michael A. Wood, Dennis E. Zavesky, William D. Ziegler, Thomas A. Zilla.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, on September 17, 2019, I was unable to be present for Roll Call Vote 532, on the Motion to Close Portions of the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act Conference.

Had I been present, I would have voted Nay.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RAYMOND OSHANA

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share my deepest condolences with the family and friends of Raymond Oshana. Ray was a dear friend of mine and my district office team for over two decades, and a prominent leader in the Assyrian community. Ray unexpectedly passed away earlier this week, and my heart breaks for his wife, Nadia, and his children Pierre, Ninos, and Mary, and everyone in the community who feels the weight of his passing, including me. His exuberant personality and generosity touched everyone he met, and anyone who knew Ray was better for it. He will be missed deeply.

Born in Baghdad in 1951, Ray came to the United States as a young man in 1970. Ray's story and contributions exemplify the fact that immigration makes our nation and our communities stronger and better. Shortly after arriving in the United States, Ray started the Assyrian Athletic Club. This club has supported thousands of Assyrian youth since its inception and next year, the organization will celebrate its 50th anniversary. During this same period, Ray helped found a group called the East Bird Band, helping create an iconic Assyrian Nationalist song, despite the fact that the band members didn't know how to play musical instruments in the beginning.

Ray was an active member of dozens of civic organizations including the Assyrian American Association of Chicago, and he was the Midwest Regional Director for the Assyrian American National Federation at the time of his passing. His name and contributions were known by everyone in the Assyrian community, and my office and I worked closely with him and the community in the 9th Congressional District on many issues and projects.

Ray Oshana had a smile and personality that brightened every room he entered. He was one of the kindest people I have ever met, and I looked forward to each opportunity that he and I had to sit down and talk about our families and what we could do to help Assyrians here in Illinois and back in the Middle

East, where they face many deadly challenges. Ray was a lifelong fighter for and an effective advocate on behalf of his community.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I thank Raymond Oshana for his tireless work. We will miss him.

REMEMBERING UNDERSHERIFF STEPHEN B. McLOUD

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of Undersheriff Stephen B. McCloud, a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and a devoted public servant, who passed away on August 29, 2019. For nearly 25 years, Undersheriff McCloud worked in law enforcement, selflessly dedicating his life to service of those in our community and nation.

A lifelong member of the Central New York community, Undersheriff McCloud graduated from Weedsport Central High School and from Cayuga Community College with an associate degree in criminal justice. After college, Undersheriff McCloud became the first full-time police officer for the Village of Weedsport. In 1983, Undersheriff McCloud joined the Cayuga County Sheriffs Office, starting as a patrol deputy. From there, Undersheriff McCloud was promoted to investigator in 1991 and again to Undersheriff in 2003. He held this position until retiring in 2006.

Along with Undersheriff McCloud's work in law enforcement, he was also a 35-year member of the Weedsport Volunteer Fire Department. Additionally, he served with the Finger Lakes Drug Task Force and as a Cayuga County Fire Investigator.

Following the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11th, Undersheriff McCloud bravely traveled to New York City to assist in search and rescue efforts at Ground Zero. Tragically, Undersheriff McCloud developed an illness stemming from his work to aid in the emergency recovery efforts.

Outside of his work in public service, Undersheriff McCloud was a member of the Weedsport Presbyterian Church, a former member of the Brutus Town Board, and owner of Oakland Acres Firewood, a family operated firewood and land management company. Undersheriff McCloud was also an avid outdoorsman, and a loving family man who cared deeply for his wife, children, and grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the life of Undersheriff Stephen B. McCloud. A lifelong public servant and beloved member of our Central New York community, Undersheriff McCloud will be dearly missed. I ask my colleagues to keep him and his family in mind as we remember the selfless contributions he has made to our community and country.

HONORING ALISON CUNNINGHAM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COLUMBUS HOUSE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is an honor for me to rise today to join friends, fam-

ily, colleagues, and community leaders who have gathered today to celebrate Alison Cunningham as she bids farewell to Columbus House, the organization she has fearlessly and adeptly led for more than two decades.

There is no one reason why an individual becomes homeless and so there is no one solution that will end it. More than three decades ago a group of folks concerned with the plight of the homeless came together and began what has become one of the strongest, most respected advocacy organizations for the homeless in our state. For most of its existence, the mission of Columbus House has been guided by Alison Cunningham, whose unparalleled passion to make a difference is reflected in every success they enjoy. Alison's commitment is nothing short of inspiring and it has encouraged hundreds of supporters to volunteer their time and energy to support this extraordinary organization.

Under Alison's direction, Columbus House has continued to grow and expand to meet the ever-changing needs of our homeless population. Today, the small staff of ninety come from all walks of life—many are former clients themselves which provides them a unique perspective not only from which to provide services, but also to direct the organization's efforts. Columbus House also partners with a variety of local service agencies with the goal of ensuring that all of their clients receive access to every possible opportunity to transition from homelessness. With facilities in New Haven and Middletown and a presence in Waterbury, New Britain and elsewhere, programs and services that range from shelter and meal service to employment, recovery, and case management, Columbus House has touched the lives of hundreds of our most vulnerable citizens. Columbus House is a community effort in every sense of the word, and it is because of the strong leadership and vision that Alison has provided. I have been proud to work with her during my tenure in Congress and consider myself fortunate to call her my friend.

Over the course of her career, Alison has grown into a respected leader in her field with her expertise often be sought out by neighboring communities as well as elected leaders. In fact, over the last several years, she has been a member of the task force that directed a state-wide change to a successful approach to ending chronic homelessness, which combines providing permanent housing with the necessary social services on site for clients. To say her everyday presence at Columbus House will be missed is an understatement, however, I have no doubt that, though she is pursuing a new opportunity, Alison will remain a staunch and active supporter of Columbus House and the people they serve.

Though I will miss her leadership at Columbus House, I was excited to learn that Alison will be taking on a new and unique role at the Yale Divinity School where she will help guide students there interested in the kind of non-profit work to which she has dedicated her