

his award for the 2019 Agriculturist of the Year. It is transparent that Mark's 40 plus years of continuous passion for the agricultural community.

With only 40 cows and 120 acres of land, A.J. Borba started the line of farmers near Hardwick, California. He later moved to Riverdale, California in the 1900's and started a dairy farm. A.J. with his two sons, began a row crop operation. An immigrant from Azores, Portugal, he did not realize the impact his family would make for the Central Valley.

His two sons, Ross Sr. and Darril began what we know today, the Borba Brothers Farms in 1958. Ross Sr. and his wife Justina had two sons, Ross Jr., Mark, and a daughter, Dwayne. In 1976, the family passed the business down to Mark and Ross Jr.

The family has been through droughts, different crops, and their share of hardships. Yet, they have survived and have been able to be proudly called fourth-generation farmers. Their share of crops includes almonds, tomatoes, melons, lettuce, wheat, garlic, and cotton.

Mark believes in education and was recognized for it in 1996 for the U.C. Davis Award of Distinction for his contributions and accomplishments. He helped with the Ross Borba Sr. Scholarship Endowment for agricultural college students. Mark wants people to be educated on water and agricultural issues. He constantly talks to members of the community and to elected officials about water rights issues and practices in fanning. His passion to grow for farmers and for his family is clearly shown.

In various capacities, Mark has been involved in the community. He served as Chairman of the Board at Community Medical Centers in Fresno. He was also on the board for the Maddy Institute, and a Chairman for the California Cotton Growers Association.

Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to congratulate Mr. Mark Borba on his recent award. His accomplishments to Fresno County made amazing impacts in the community. It is my honor to join his colleagues, family, and friends in honoring his award and achievements.

RECOGNIZING LYNNE AND MYRON
MALNAA

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, Lynne and Myron Malnaa of Glasgow, Montana are a shining example of dedication and compassion. For 18 years they have been active in the Montana foster care system, welcoming children into their home anywhere from overnight to 14 years. During this time, they have adopted two children and are the guardians to another.

Lynne ran a daycare from her home for 25 years before she devoted nearly 15 years to the State of Montana Office of Public Assistance. Myron served our state as a law enforcement officer for 25 years. Together, their experiences helped them provide a safe haven, day or night, for more than 150 frightened and neglected children in need of care and love, which they have given so freely and unconditionally.

We can all learn from Lynne and Myron's decades of kindness and generosity. I am pleased to recognize Lynne and Myron Malnaa as 2019 Angels in Adoption Honorees.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
FREDDIE B. YELDER

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the memory of Freddie B. Yelder, a beloved Detroit community member.

Born July 15, 1934, Ms. Yelder spent her early years in Mosses, Alabama before moving with her husband and family to Detroit, Michigan. She quickly became a respected leader in her family, community, and church. Ms. Yelder was especially known for her kindness and generosity to others. The matriarch of the Yelder/Bain/Patton family, she cared for her large extended family, but especially her disabled brother, and as sole caregiver to her husband after he became disabled. As the owner of a party store, she never failed to donate goods and services to those in need. She never shied away from opening up her own home to others when someone needed shelter.

Ms. Yelder's openheartedness and charitable spirit were an asset in the leadership role she assumed in her forty-three years as a member and former Board of Trustees President of Sharon Missionary Baptist Church. She initiated the organizing of the church mission, which two years later led to the mission deciding to purchase the permanent structure called Sharon Missionary Baptist Church. One of her proudest accomplishments was when she successfully negotiated in the church's favor the initial selling conditions and reducing the church's costs by several thousand dollars. In addition to her work on behalf of the missionary program, Ms. Yelder supervised the "Meet Up, Eat Up" program, which fed countless children in the surrounding community, as well as the church soup kitchen, which was funded solely through her own fundraising efforts.

In short, Ms. Freddie B. Yelder's life was distinguished by her generosity, kindness, and leadership. We give honor to her memory and tireless efforts in dedication to her surviving family.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OF FRESNO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Fresno Pacific University in Fresno, California on the occasion of its 75th anniversary. The university is a valuable part of the community and plays an important role in educating students in the Central Valley.

Fresno Pacific University was established in 1944 as the Pacific Bible Institute in a two-story home near downtown Fresno. The

school had 5 faculty members and a student body of 28. The college's leadership took it upon themselves to expand its campus and curriculum. In 1958 land was purchased to build a larger campus, a biblical seminary and a Mennonite Brethren Church. Beginning in 1961, the biblical college expanded to a two-year institution, Pacific College, and eventually a four-year program in 1964. In 1997, Pacific College would henceforth be known as Fresno Pacific University, with satellite locations throughout the Central Valley.

The university has integrated five schools, including: School of Business, Natural Sciences, Education, a Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary, and Humanities, Religion, and Social Sciences. They have over 30-degree options, 40 programs, and more than 100 areas of study. Throughout its history Fresno Pacific has experienced tremendous growth that continues to this day.

Past presidents that have helped the campus and the university's mission to grow have also left their unique mark. Samuel W. Goosen was named the first president in 1944. George W. Peters started in 1947 and introduced the importance of church missions. Reuben M. Baerg began as president in 1953 and was once an instructor in Greek and the Bible's New Testament. Bernhard J. Braun was named president in 1955 and was instrumental in developing the junior college curriculum for the university. Arthur J. Wiebe became president in 1960 and facilitated the transition to a four-year campus and increased the enrollment of students. Edmund Janzen began his tenure in 1975 and helped to expand the mission program. In 1985, Richard A. Kriegbaum was named president and under his guidance, the undergraduate program became nationally ranked. Allen Carden's leadership started in 1997, followed by Harold H. Haak in 2000. In 2002, D. Merrill Ewert became the 10th President. Pete Menjares started in 2012 and was followed by Richard Kriegbaum as he returned in 2014 to help serve one more time. Dr. Joseph Jones now serves as president for the university and continues to work to advance the university's growth and student success.

With strong leadership, the last 75 years have been tremendously transformative for Fresno Pacific University. As they continue to grow and prosper, their values of faith, spirit, and innovation has allowed them to continuously evolve.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Fresno Pacific University as it celebrates its 75th anniversary. I commend Fresno Pacific for its 75 years of commitment to education and I wish the faculty, staff, students and alumni continued success.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL RAYMOND
CELESTE, USMC (RET.)

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Colonel Raymond Celeste, USMC (Ret.) who has completed twenty-nine Marine Corps Marathons here in Washington, D.C. and was recently inducted into the Marine Corps Marathon Hall of Fame.