

The town incorporated in 1904, and since many of its 35 residents were Danes, the name changed from Modello to Dania.

In 1910, Russian immigrant Louis Brown moved to rural Dania. Brown was the first known Jewish settler in Broward County and opened Brown's Department Store on Main Street, which is now known as Federal U.S. 1.

Thanks to settlers such as Frost and Brown, Dania continued to thrive, soon growing to more than 1,200 residents, and nearly 30,000 today. It was a small yet resilient community that weathered fires and hurricanes that at times devastated the town.

Dania Beach is home to several historic properties and sites—the Bank of Dania, the Poinciana Hotel, the Dania Library & Women's Club, and several private residences once occupied by settlers and pioneers. Dania Beach is home to the first Florida state park named for African Americans. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park was named for civil rights activists Dr. Mizell, the area's first black doctor and Johnson, Broward County's first NAACP president.

Madam Speaker, it is a great honor for me to represent the City of Dania Beach in our nation's capital. I thank Mayor Lori Lewellen, the Members of the City Commission, and the city's staff for their many accomplishments that have made the City of Dania Beach a wonderful place to live, work, visit and raise a family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANGELA FENG FOR RECEIVING THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 3, 2020

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Angela Feng of Dawson High School in Pearland, TX and Princeton University for earning a State Department Critical Language Scholarship.

Angela is one of only 550 students to receive a scholarship, beating out thousands of applicants around the nation. She traveled to Baku, Azerbaijan where she spent the summer studying Turkish while immersed in their culture.

The Critical Language Scholarship is a merit-based award that gives American students the opportunity to study one of the fifteen critical languages to our nation's world engagement abroad. It aims to help students increase their fluency in the language they are studying and learn more about the culture surrounding it.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, I congratulate Angela, on her incredible achievement. Her drive and dedication to her studies earned her this honor. Angela has made Pearland and TX-22 very proud.

SERGEANT WEICHERS RETIRES FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 3, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding law enforcement career of California Highway Patrol Sergeant Todd Weichers, who retired on December 27, 2019 after 31 years of service.

After completing CHP Academy in 1989, Sergeant Weichers was assigned as a traffic officer to the Westminster Area. He spent five years at this first assignment area before being transferred to the Barstow Area. In 2008, Officer Weichers was promoted to Sergeant Weichers, and shortly thereafter was transferred to the Mariposa Area. After a brief stint back in the Barstow Area, he was transferred to the Victorville Area in 2011 where he has spent the remainder of his career.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I offer my compliments to Sergeant Weichers for his leadership, hard work, and dedication to keeping our roads safe. While retiring from a career is never easy, I wish him and his family a relaxing and fulfilling retirement.

HONORING FRANK BERTO

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 3, 2020

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Frank Berto, who passed away on December 8, 2019, at the age of 90 after a lifetime of exemplary public service to his community.

Born in 1929 in Vancouver, British Columbia, to Frank and Elsie Berto, Mr. Berto attended the University of British Columbia, graduating as a mechanical engineer. He soon started work for Standard Oil of New Jersey in Aruba where he met the love of his life, Connie. After marrying in 1956, the couple had their first daughter, Frances, and shortly thereafter moved to California where Mr. Berto obtained his Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering at the California Institute of Technology. Mr. Berto then began working for Standard Oil of California/Chevron where he spent the next 28 years rising through the ranks to become a senior staff instrument engineer.

Finally settling in Marin County, CA, Mr. and Mrs. Berto would go on to have four more children: Joseph, Ben, Tom, and Louise. Mr. Berto quickly became active in their Sleepy Hollow community, serving as pool chairman, board member, and then president of the Sleepy Hollow Homes Association. He also spent 30 years on the Board of the Ross Valley Fire District and Paramedic Authority. A staunch advocate for proper fire and paramedic training, Mr. Berto served on the Sleepy Hollow Fire District Board for 32 years. He was also a scoutmaster for Sleepy Hollow

Troup 50, leading several bicycle, kayak, and hiking trips. In addition to his public service roles, he also served as a lector for St. Rita's Church in Fairfax, California.

In 1973, Mr. Berto started writing about his love of bicycles and engineering on a part-time basis for Bicycling magazine. Mr. Berto served as the magazine's engineering and west coast editor, writing over 160 articles for 19 different magazines in the United States and overseas, including re-writing the bicycle section in the Encyclopedia Britannica. Mr. Berto's passion for biking inspired him to present papers at several international bicycle history conferences and write four books on bicycles, two of which are considered definitive on the subject. After retirement, Mr. Berto enjoyed gardening, spending time with his grandchildren, and driving around Marin County in his 1916 Model T Ford.

Mr. Berto was a well-respected community leader who will be remembered for his generous spirit and commitment to public service. He is survived by his wife Connie, their children Joseph and his wife Dianne, Ben and his wife Marija, Tom and his wife Monica, and Louise and her husband Mack, and four grandchildren: Peter, Iris, John, and Alex. Mr. Berto was predeceased by his daughter Frances. While he will be greatly missed, Mr. Berto's legacy will live on through the indelible positive impact he had on his many friends and family and the community at large.

CONGRATULATING DEBORAH HARTMAN ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 3, 2020

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to recognize Deborah A. Hartman of Berks County. Mrs. Hartman is retiring after over 40 years of dedicated public service with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms and the Defense Contract Management Agency.

Mrs. Hartman began her lengthy federal government service in 1975, during the Gerald Ford administration with the ATF. In 1985, she joined the Defense Contract Management Agency. There she served in a variety of positions starting in an administrative role and rising through the ranks, to her current position as Management & Program Analyst for the Quality Division of Defense Contract Management Agency. Throughout her career, Mrs. Hartman has received numerous awards and accolades, her dedication to her work and to the safety and our nation is evident.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mrs. Deborah Hartman for her many years of dedicated and honorable service, and I wish her the best in the next chapter of her life. I am confident that even though she is retiring, she will not slow down and she will continue to make many valuable contributions to our Pennsylvania communities.