

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2020

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, due to a family medical emergency, I was unable to be in Washington for the week of January 13. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 19, YEA on Roll Call No. 20, NAY on Roll Call No. 21 and NAY on Roll Call No. 22.

TRIBUTE TO HAMILTON COUNTY
COMMISSIONER STEVEN
DILLINGER

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and achievements of Hamilton County Commissioner Steven Dillinger. A longtime dedicated public servant, Steve has had a significant impact on the City of Noblesville and entirety of Hamilton County, and Central Indiana. Having served as a Hamilton County Commissioner for over 30 years, he has amassed a record of service to his county that will have a positive impact for decades to come.

A graduate of Noblesville High School, where he was a star athlete in football, basketball, baseball, and track for the Millers, Steve has continued to promote the lessons of teamwork, planning, and preparation that athletics helped instill in him at a young age. In his roles as the President of the Executive Board of the Noblesville Elementary Football League since 1990, and former longtime Coach of the Noblesville Grinders football team, Steve helped shape many generations of Hamilton County youth through participation in football.

Steve has been tuned in to the needs of his fellow citizens for many decades. His first elected office was a seat on the Noblesville City Council from 1980 to 1984. He subsequently served on the Noblesville Plan Commission in 1981. Steve is also an exemplary leader in the Hamilton County Republican Party, serving as a Precinct Committeeman from 1986 to the present.

In 1985, Steve was elected to the Hamilton County Council, serving as the governing body's President in 1988. After his time on the Hamilton County Council, Steve was elected to a seat as one of three Hamilton County Commissioners in 1989, representing the cities of Fishers and Noblesville as well as both Delaware and Noblesville Townships. Having found a true passion and adeptness for serving the constituents of Hamilton County, Steve has been continually victorious in both primary and general elections for one of the Hamilton County Commissioner seats for over thirty years. During nine of his thirty years, he has served as the President of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners.

Throughout his time as a Commissioner, Hamilton County has undergone vast changes. The population has exploded over 400 percent, from 82,000 citizens in the

1980's to a population of over 300,000 citizens in 2020. Steve has been an integral part of the planning of the county, having been involved in county-wide zoning updates that paved the way for massive growth within Hamilton County. Along with fellow Hamilton County leaders, Steve was a vital part of county initiatives that helped to foster increased development on 146th Street and 236th Street, transforming them into the major thoroughfares they are today. Steve was also deeply involved in the development and funding for the State Road 37 Thoroughfare Plan, and the effort to pave over 800 miles of roads in Hamilton County.

During his time of service, the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners has overseen the construction of many new buildings for various county services including the Hamilton County Judicial & Government Center, the Hamilton County Highway Department, the Hamilton County Corrections Facility, the Hamilton County Health Department, and the new Humane Society facility. Steve was also involved in the major additions that have been made to the county-owned Riverview Health Hospital, including the new campus in Westfield.

Throughout his tenure, Steve has also been involved in many of the county's quality of life initiatives including the effort to locate an Ivy Tech Community College Campus in Noblesville, as well as adding 1,000 acres of land to the Hamilton County Parks. Steve's service to the county includes service on the Hamilton County Plan Commission, the Hamilton County Drainage Board, the Hamilton County Board of Finance, and the Hamilton County Solid Waste Board. Noting his many years of service to community, Steve was chosen in 2000 to be the Hamilton County appointee to the Indianapolis Airport Authority Board. During his time on the board, a new national award-winning Indianapolis International Airport was built, and has been voted the Best Airport in North America year after year.

With a public service career that has stretched over four decades, during a time of great progress for Hamilton County, it's no surprise that Steve was honored by the Indiana Association of County Commissioners as the Outstanding County Commissioner of 2019. In addition to this honor Steve has on five occasions been honored by the Indiana Association of Counties with their Outstanding County Achievement Award. Three times he received the organization's Government Cooperation Achievement Award. As the longest current serving County Commissioner in the State of Indiana his track record of unparalleled service to the citizens of Hamilton County speaks for itself.

During my time in Congress, I have had the pleasure of working with many capable and dedicated community leaders, however very few community leaders have given more of their time and talent to their communities than my friend Steve. His decades of leadership are a testament to his desire to create a better community for his fellow citizens. It is with great honor that I commend my friend on his amazing career and all the important work he has done and will continue to do on behalf of the citizens of Hamilton County.

RECOGNIZING THE ROTARY CLUB
OF BOCA RATON'S OPAL AWARD
HONOREES JERRY KRAMER

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2020

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise today in recognition of the important work done by the Rotary Club of Boca Raton and to congratulate a recipient of their Outstanding People and Leaders (OPAL) awards, Jerry Kramer.

Jerry has lived a life of service to his country and community. He served in the army in Okinawa and Korea, where he was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for bravery in combat. After returning home, Jerry built successful home-building companies, building 200 homes per year, from scratch on Long Island. This experience in construction allowed him to build and donate a 20,000 square foot facility for the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities. Currently, Jerry makes substantial donations to local and national non-profit organizations each year.

Through his philanthropy and service, Jerry Kramer has touched countless lives and made a lasting impact on our South Florida community. The work he does and the time he has put in is truly deserving of this award.

I extend my most sincere congratulations to Jerry and all of tonight's honorees. As we begin this new year, I am confident that the Rotary Club of Boca Raton will continue to be a cherished institution in South Florida that better our community. I greatly appreciate the Club's work and am pleased to honor their OPAL and Lifetime Legacy Award honorees.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
SGT. DARON WYATT

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2020

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the robust career and retirement of Sergeant Daron Wyatt. Sgt. Wyatt served over 33 years in law enforcement, the last 11½ with the Anaheim PD.

In 1986, Sgt. Wyatt began his public service career with the Tustin PD. After a successful tenure with the Tustin PD, Sgt. Wyatt continued his career working for the Santa Ana Unified School District PD, Imperial PD, Placentia PD, and later Anaheim PD.

While working for the Placentia PD in 1997, Sgt. Wyatt was assigned the Cathy Torrez Homicide Cold Case in 1994. Sgt. Wyatt worked the case for 10 years before convincing the DA's Office to prosecute. The case had been rejected by three different prosecutors and a memo from the Orange County Sheriffs Office opined the case would never be solved. The suspects were convicted in 2015.

In 2011, Sgt. Wyatt was assigned as the lead detective on the Orange County Homeless Homicides Investigative Task Force. He obtained confessions from Itzcoatl Ocampo to the commission of six murders in Anaheim, Placentia, and Yorba Linda between October

2011 and January 2012. Ocampo was the first serial killer known to operate in Orange County in more than 25 years.

Sgt. Wyatt's homicide cases have been profiled on Dateline, True Crime with Aphrodite Jones, America's Most Wanted, Fatal Attraction, Criminal Confessions, Snapped, Blood Relatives, Murder by Numbers, Family Secrets, In Ice Cold Blood, and the premiere episode of Price of Duty.

From 2015 to 2019, Sgt. Wyatt served as the Public Information Officer for the Anaheim PD and Anaheim Fire & Rescue, he represented the departments in local, national, and international news stories for such incidents as the KKK stabbings, the Donald Trump presidential campaign visit, multiple officer involved shootings, and the Canyon Fires.

Sgt. Wyatt was also deployed as a PIO on Type 1 Incident Management Teams to the Mendocino Complex (largest wildfire in CA history) and the Camp Fire (most destructive wildfire in CA history). He is one of 70 FEMA credentialed Master Public Information Officers in the nation and the only public safety PIO in California to receive this credential.

Sgt. Wyatt will remain to be known for his unwavering devotion to victims' families.

Please join me in honoring the storied career of Sergeant Daron Wyatt, who has significantly impacted our community and made it a safer place for all.

HONORING RORY GAMBLE—FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN PRESIDENT OF UNITED AUTO WORKERS UNION

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments and leadership of Rory Gamble, the first African American president of the United Auto Workers Union.

Mr. Gamble's journey to president of one of the largest labor unions in North America is the embodiment of the American success story. Rory Gamble started his career as a welder fixture repairman for the Ford Motor Company in 1974. He immediately became an active member of the United Auto Workers Local 600 union. Over the years he took on assignments and increasing responsibility, holding several different positions in the union. His assignments have included local union health and safety coordinator, employee support services program, education director, civil rights coordinator, fitness center coordinator, family services and learning center coordinator, director of Local 600 Ford units, and retiree benefits liaison. More importantly he has advocated for union workers' pay and benefits, having served on two previous negotiating teams in 1998 and 2003. There is no doubt his hard work has led to his being appointed to the vital role of president of the UAW in 2019.

Beyond his work for better wages and working conditions for laborers, Mr. Gamble gives his time as a volunteer with a number of community and charitable organizations. He serves as a board member of Bridging Com-

munities, a grassroots organization dedicated to improving life for elders in Southwest Detroit. He is also co-chair of the Michigan Labor History Society, treasurer of the Rouge Employees Credit Union and a lifetime supporter of Southwest Detroit Little League. Mr. Gamble's efforts have been recognized numerous times, including by the City of Detroit.

Please join me in recognizing Rory Gamble's outstanding contributions.

CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 17, 2020

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of the City of Commerce, which I have the honor of representing as part of my 40th Congressional District.

The City of Commerce was incorporated on January 28, 1960, because area residents were finding it difficult to obtain basic government services such as garbage pickup, recreation facilities, and infrastructure development. By the start of 1962, a Los Angeles Times article about Commerce reported that "In little more than two years, the city has made remarkable strides." Over the years, Commerce has continued to evolve into a local economic leader, a popular destination for shoppers, businesses, and prospective residents, and a community known throughout America as the "Model City."

Even before its official incorporation, the area that eventually became the City of Commerce housed various manufacturing businesses. As the city grew, the need to create and maintain its infrastructure became crucial. In 1962, the Commerce City Council approved \$1.5 million to construct streets, which increased connectivity to neighboring cities and the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

With Commerce's location by two of Los Angeles County's major transit corridors—the I-710 and I-5 freeways—products from around the world are transported through the city every day, and building and maintaining city roads remains one of Commerce's main priorities.

Commerce's rich transportation legacy extends to other matters as well. In 1963, Commerce became the first city in the United States to offer regularly scheduled, free bus service to its residents. Commerce buses were also the first in California to be equipped with two-way radios.

Today, Commerce's bus system remains free to residents and connects to other municipal bus lines, MetroLink (the region's community rail service), and the emerging network of light and heavy rail lines of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Currently, Commerce buses operate on 100% Clean Natural Gas. Eventually, like other systems in California, they will be 100% electric and/or hybrid.

The Model City also prides itself on its other services, including four libraries, scholarships for college-bound residents, a Community Job Fair, lunches for children during the summer, and an annual book festival and comic book convention.

Early in its history, the city also built four neighborhood parks that have included baseball fields, basketball courts, and the Aquatorium, which has been the home of world-class Olympic swimmers and water polo players, including Olympic gold medalist Brenda Villa.

Commerce is home to commercial icons including the Citadel Outlets, whose historic facade is modeled after an Assyrian castle. Every year, the Citadel brings in millions of visitors from around the world to shop and dine.

The city also boasts the Commerce Casino and Hotel. The casino is the world's largest card club, and has donated \$50,000 in scholarship money each year for the past thirty years to help students pursue their college educations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in celebrating Commerce's 60th anniversary, and wishing the city residents and leaders many more years of success in the Model City.

RECOGNIZING THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOCA RATON'S OPAL AWARD HONOREES SUE AND YAACOV HELLER

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise today in recognition of the important work done by the Rotary Club of Boca Raton and to congratulate two recipients of their Outstanding People and Leaders (OPAL) awards, Sue and Yaacov Heller.

For the Hellers, life individually and as a couple has involved giving back and creating awareness through the arts and education. Yaacov has been rated among the world's most accomplished sculptors and top silver-smiths. His work has been used to convey messages of hope, tolerance, acceptance, remembrance and peace through interpretation of the human form and spirit while holding to his personal unwavering commitment to artistic quality.

Sue Heller is a retired art educator with more than 30 years of experience. Her emphasis has always been "speaking through the arts." She feels that students with special needs and adults in crisis who might not otherwise be able to learn or express themselves can find a way to "converse" through the creative process. This belief has always been motivation for professional and volunteer work.

Through their philanthropy and service, the Hellers have touched countless lives and made a lasting impact on our South Florida community. The work they do and the time they have put in is truly deserving of this award.

I extend my most sincere congratulations to the Hellers and to all of tonight's honorees. As we begin this new year, I am confident that the Rotary Club of Boca Raton will continue to be a cherished institution in South Florida that betters our community. I greatly appreciate the Club's work and am pleased to honor their OPAL and Lifetime Legacy Award honorees.