

HONORING PASSAIC CHIEF OF
POLICE LUIS GUZMAN**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise on this year's Dominicans on the Hill Day to recognize an invaluable member of the City of Passaic community, Chief of Police Luis Guzman. Chief Guzman is an accomplished, twenty-nine-year veteran of the City of Passaic Police Department, where he rose through the ranks to be appointed as the first ever Dominican-born Chief of Police of the City of Passaic on July 10, 2017.

Chief Guzman began his law enforcement career as a correction officer with the Passaic County Sheriff's Department in January 1990. Later that year he was hired as a police officer by the City of Passaic, becoming the first Dominican-born officer in the city's history. While in the New Jersey State Police Academy, he received the Distinguished Graduate Award for ranking at the top of his class. He served as a beat officer for the subsequent three years and a patrol officer for the next four before being assigned to the Detective Bureau in the Passaic County Sheriff's Department as a criminal investigator.

In February 2000, Chief Guzman was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to supervise detectives, concurrently working in the patrol division of his department's Community Policing Unit. In October 2004, he was promoted to Lieutenant, where he held the position of Commander of several patrol shifts, the Detective Bureau, and the Internal Affairs Division.

In September 2011, Chief Guzman was promoted to Captain and was assigned to commander of all uniformed divisions. In October 2013, he was promoted to Deputy Chief and assigned to oversee the operations division. In July 2017, Chief Guzman was made the first ever Dominican-born Chief of Police in the City of Passaic, promoted by Mayor Hector Carlos Lora, also of Dominican heritage.

During his tenure at the helm of the Passaic Police Department, Chief Guzman has managed a department that has presided over a substantial reduction in crime.

For over twenty-five years, Chief Guzman has given back to his community through one of his foremost passions, baseball. Chief Guzman has volunteered to coach youth baseball from T-ball to the American Legion League in the City of Passaic. He has regularly organized police softball and basketball games with members of the City of Passaic community.

Chief Guzman has further demonstrated his spirit of giving back through his time as an adjunct professor at Passaic County Community College, where he has taught Criminal Justice for the past fifteen years.

As Co-Chair of the Congressional Law Enforcement Caucus, I am honored to recognize Chief Luis Guzman, who has been a tremendous leader, mentor, and public servant in the City of Passaic.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, Chief Guzman's coworkers, family and friends, all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in recognizing the tireless dedication and steadfast service of Chief of Police Luis Guzman.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT
"BOB" M. SANDERS**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of my friend, Mr. Robert "Bob" M. Sanders, who passed away on December 17, 2019. Bob was a selfless public servant and hardworking American citizen, who left an impact on those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Bob was born in Tulare, California and raised in Merced. He graduated from Merced High School and went on to attend California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo. Bob joined the California National Guard and attended artillery school in Fort Still, Oklahoma. On his flight home after his initial service, he was seated next to California Assemblyman Gordan Winton, which would send his career path in a new direction. Assemblyman Winton hired Bob as his aide in his Sacramento office and he also worked on his campaign in 1966. After Assemblyman Winton declined to run for reelection, Bob ran for the seat himself. During the 1968 California primary, Bob traveled the Central Valley with presidential candidate Robert Kennedy, one of his most treasured memories.

Bob met the love of his life, Suzanne White while they both worked for the United Teachers of Los Angeles. Bob eventually moved on to work as Chief of Staff for Los Angeles City Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky. Later in life, he worked for Rusty Areias and served as my first district director after my election to the House of Representatives. Assembly Speaker's Office and the Senate Democratic Caucus. Bob's impressive career made him a well-respected figure in California politics.

Outside of politics, Bob enjoyed poetry, sports, and wrote scripts, directed and did voiceovers for military training films. Bob loved his family most of all and enjoyed being around his beloved friends. His knowledge of political trivia and baseball statistics was unmatched.

Bob was preceded in death by his father Marvin, mother Anna, and his younger sister, Jo Anna.

Bob is survived by his wife, Suzanne, daughter Erica, by his brothers Jim and Jeff, and his many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of my dear friend, Robert "Bob" M. Sanders. His commitment and dedication to the State of California was clear. We join his family and friends in honoring his great life.

HONORING LAURALYN CASTLE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lauralyn Castle for years of extraordinary public service and to celebrate her retirement from the Sonoma County Veterans Services Office.

Mrs. Castle attended Sacramento State University where she earned a Bachelor of

Science in Communications. She has used her ability to connect with others in her important work at the Sonoma County Veterans Services Office. As the Senior Veterans Service Specialist, Mrs. Castle has spent over a decade supporting and encouraging veterans and their families in meaningful and lasting ways. She recognizes the incredible sacrifices that our nation's men and women in uniform make, and she works tirelessly each day to ensure that every veteran receives the proper care and benefits that they are entitled to.

Mrs. Castle is extraordinary in many ways. She consistently makes time to serve in various capacities in our community. She has spent years helping those that struggle with addiction as a mentor for Alcoholics Anonymous. She is an active member in her local church congregation where she enjoys serving as a liturgist. Those who know her best say that she is direct and honest. She has a big heart and is willing to do everything in her power to help the people around her.

Madam Speaker, Mrs. Castle is the kind of citizen we should all strive to be. Her retirement marks the end of a decade of committed service. Though her important contributions at Sonoma County Veterans Services Office will be greatly missed, we know and trust that she will continue to devote her time and energy to serving all in our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING ZAYDEN HACKING

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Zayden Hacking. Zayden is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 96, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Zayden has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Zayden has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Zayden has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Zayden rehabilitated the back alley and storage area of the Gallatin Theater League in Gallatin, Missouri, pulling weeds, painting trim, leveling stairs, and removing 40 years' worth of debris that had accumulated around the storage shed.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Zayden Hacking for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING JERRY BROOKS

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

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Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Jerry Brooks, former mayor of Chandler, Arizona, who