

become better players, better members of their communities, and better students in their journey to the State Title. I am honored to recognize their achievements, and I thank each team for making Missouri's 7th District proud.

HONORING CALEB JONES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Caleb Jones. Caleb 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 1099, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Caleb has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Caleb 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, Caleb has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Caleb set up a school supply drive and raised money to rebuild non-working bathrooms at a school in the country of Kosovo, while also installing playground equipment at the school when he visited in 2019.

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

HONORING GEORGE L. ORTIZ

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague, Representative JARED HUFFMAN, to remember George L. Ortiz for decades of exceptional public service to Northern California and to honor him for his commitment to our Latino community.

Mr. Ortiz was born in East Los Angeles in 1934 to migrant farmworker parents. From an early age, Mr. Ortiz followed in his parents' footsteps by working in the fields of Southern California. He then served in the U.S. Army in Germany in 1957 and 1958. After his time in the military, he received a track scholarship at Fresno State College, where he became the first member of his family to attend college.

Mr. Ortiz moved to Northern California in the 1960s and became a social worker, first for Sonoma County and then for California Rural Legal Assistance. For nearly 60 years, he was at the forefront of efforts to organize and bring equal opportunity and treatment to Mexican Americans living in the North Bay and beyond. In 1967, Mr. Ortiz co-founded California Human Development, a leading human services organization, and the Latinos Unidos scholarship program.

In 1999, The Press Democrat named George Ortiz as one of 50 people most responsible for shaping Sonoma County through

the 20th Century. In 2017, the North Bay Business Journal bestowed on him the Latino Business Leadership Award. In 2018, Sonoma State University awarded Mr. Ortiz the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters and that same year, the Mexican government presented him one of its highest honors, the Ohtli Award, for his efforts on behalf of Mexican nationals in the United States.

Mr. Ortiz leaves behind a loving and devoted family; his wife Carol and their children, Robert and Diane and two granddaughters.

Madam Speaker, we thank Mr. Ortiz for his unrelenting commitment to uplift Latinos in Northern California. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor his service and remember the life of George L. Ortiz here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the first vote due to a scheduled district meeting that went longer than expected.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 35 (H.R. 4044—Protect and Restore Americas Estuaries Act).

HONORING JOSHUA KNOWLES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Joshua Knowles. Joshua 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 1099, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Joshua has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Joshua 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, Joshua has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Joshua collected materials and sewing famine hygiene kits for Days for Girls, which distributes the kits to young women in impoverished countries so they can stay in school when they get to the age of menstruation.

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

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORANGE COUNTY BUSINESS COUNCIL

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Orange

County Business Council (OCBC) on the celebration of its 25th Anniversary.

The Orange County Business Council was established in 1995 to promote business development and strategic resource allocation to improve the lives of all Orange County residents. As the Orange County business community has emerged from the shadow of Los Angeles, OCBC has developed a distinct identity for our perfectly situated region to thrive. OCBC has placed a strategic focus on the future of the economy while working to preserve a high quality of life for residents and workers.

I ask all Members to join me in recognizing the extraordinary work and contributions of the Orange County Business Council and their efforts to enhance Orange County's economic development and prosperity.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I regretfully missed votes on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. I had intended to vote "yes" on roll call vote 35, "yes" on vote 36, and "yes" on vote 37.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF SOPHIE YAZZIE

HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Sophie Yazzie, Arizona's longest living veteran.

She passed away last weekend at the age of 105.

A member of the Navajo Nation, Sophie was born in Canyon De Chelly, Arizona.

At age 28, she enlisted in the Women's Army Air Corps, and served until she was honorably discharged.

Known for her kindness and compassion, Sophie lived a full life following her service to our country, working at Wingate Boarding School.

She is survived by her four children, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Arizona and the Navajo Nation have lost an incredible community member and role model to many.

Pat and I are keeping Sophie's family and friends, and the entire Navajo Nation community in our prayers as we mourn her passing,

HONORING CARTER MCKAY LESKI

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Carter McKay Leski. Carter 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 1099, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Carter has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Carter 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, Carter has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Carter teamed up with the American Legion Post 58 to lead the efforts of collecting, packaging, and ultimately shipping more than 300 pounds of toiletries, gifts, snacks, and letters to two different active duty military units in time for Independence Day.

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

REMEMBERING ACTOR KIRK
DOUGLAS

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the great actor, humanitarian and philanthropist Kirk Douglas, who passed away Wednesday at the age of 103. Americans of a certain age will remember Kirk Douglas in his roles as Spartacus, leader of a slave revolt in ancient Rome; the painter Vincent Van Gogh; the gunfighter Doc Holliday; and General George S. Patton. Others will recall that he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from Jimmy Carter and the Kennedy Center Honors award from President Bill Clinton. I will remember him for the personal note he sent to me in 2015 after I wished him well from the House floor on the occasion of his 99th birthday. I said that he would go down in Hollywood and American history for his courageous role in breaking the McCarthy era blacklist by putting the screenwriter Dalton Trumbo's name in the film credits for "Spartacus." In his note to me, he said: "Unfortunately, I have lived long enough to see that climate of fear and xenophobia reborn. I sincerely hope you and your fellow legislators will find a way to come together in these troubling times. It is essential that our leaders lead rather than follow the hateful messages of the new demagogues." He added that no one should take for granted "the privilege of living in America." Mr. Douglas' humanitarianism was displayed not only in his choice of roles but in the messages of the films he produced. He said he loved the theme of "Lonely Are the Brave" that, "if you try to be an individual, society will crush you." He said he chose to play characters who were "part scoundrel," because "I don't find virtue photogenic." His philanthropic activities through the Douglas Foundation, created in 1964, included building 400 playgrounds in Los Angeles; creating the Douglas Family Early Childhood Center at Sinai Temple in Los Angeles; substantial underwriting of programs at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles and establishing the Anne Douglas Center for Homeless Women, named for his wife. Mr. Douglas was born into poverty in Amster-

dam, New York, the son of illiterate Russian Jewish immigrants; his father was a ragman, a seller of discarded goods. His best-selling autobiography was *The Ragman's Son*, published in 1988. He knew anti-Semitism from an early age, but also knew he wanted to be an actor, changing his name from Isadore Demsky to Kirk Douglas and making his Broadway debut in 1941 as a singing Western Union messenger in "Spring Again." Known for his rugged good looks and dimpled chin, he received three Academy Award nominations. In 1996, the Academy honored his body of work with a Lifetime Achievement Oscar. America will long remember Kirk Douglas. His was a storied life.

HONORING PATRICK J. JOLLY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Patrick J. Jolly for his dedicated service to our community as Napa County Veteran Services Officer.

Mr. Jolly was born in San Francisco and served in the Navy for twenty years. Following his service, he went on to help fellow veterans as a Veteran Services Officer for Sonoma County, where he stayed for three years. Afterwards, Mr. Jolly became a Napa County Veterans Services Officer, ensuring all veterans, surviving spouses and family members receive access to all benefits to which they are entitled. In this function, he has helped over 5,000 veterans and their families receive millions in benefits, one-time claims, and college fee waivers. Mr. Jolly was also instrumental in bringing a VA healthcare presence to Napa County, and has advocated for veterans throughout his career. After thirteen years of honorable community service, Mr. Jolly is retiring.

Mr. Jolly has served as President of the California Association of County Veteran Services Officers (CACVSO) as well as CACVSO Parliamentarian. He is also a Certified Veterans Advocates, a member of the American Legion, part of The Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He has been married to his wife, Kate Jolly, since 1977. He is known for his unique hobbies such as playing the bagpipe and brewing his own beer. A kind, compassionate, and knowledgeable member of our community, Mr. Jolly has served our district and our country for decades.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Jolly is the kind of citizen we should all strive to be. He has dedicated his life to service and to his fellow veterans. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Patrick J. Jolly here today.

HONORING BENJAMIN AARON
PROBST

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Benjamin Aaron

Probst. Benny 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 1099, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Benny has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Benny 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, Benny has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Benny replaced the landscaping in front of the main building at Earnest Shepherd Youth Center in Liberty, Missouri.

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

HONORING THE LIFE OF EARL
MEYER GOLDMAN

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of longtime Concord resident, Earl Meyer Goldman.

Earl Goldman was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and along with his mother and brother, eventually came to California. Earl graduated from Albany High School and then UC Berkeley with a degree in business. After marrying, Earl and his wife moved to Concord where they raised their family.

In his professional life, Earl's entrepreneurial spirit led him down many different paths. He started Earl Goldman Insurance from his house, which he grew into a successful local business. He also owned a laundromat and co-owned a radio station.

Earl's passion for his community has left a mark on the City of Concord. He envisioned a revitalization of Concord's downtown Todos Santos Plaza, and not only worked with public officials to improve Concord's infrastructure, but also dedicated himself to the long process of expansion and redevelopment. In addition to that work, Earl also supported various organizations, including the Concord Junior Optimist baseball league, Mount Diablo Hospital, and Friends of Camp Concord. Most of all, Earl will be remembered for his positive attitude and the love he had for his community.

Earl Goldman was a cherished member of Concord and he will be missed.

RECOGNIZING PCWA GENERAL
MANAGER EINAR MAISCH

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise along with my colleague, Representative DOUG LAMALFA, to recognize Einar Maisch for his 34 years of service at the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA).