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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).

Einar's career as a civil engineer in the greater Sacramento area began immediately after his graduation from California State University, Sacramento. After stints at two local engineering firms, Einar joined PCWA in 1985, and his rapid ascension since then highlights his profound impact in serving the needs of the community.

Water resiliency and infrastructure are among the most pressing needs in our region, and Einar has never shied away from tackling the most challenging projects that certainly could not have been completed without his hard work and devotion.

Beginning his tenure at PCWA as a Senior Civil Engineer, Einar went on to serve as the Agency's Director of Strategic Affairs for fifteen years. His responsibilities in engaging in external matters included his participation in the Sacramento Area Water Forum and managing several large-scale water infrastructure projects critical to the region. These include the Penryn/Lincoln pipeline project, the expansion of the Foothill Water Treatment Plant, and the Stanford Ranch project, just to name a few.

Einar provided strategic planning, management, and oversight for PCWA's Cross-Basin Pipeline Project, L.L. Anderson Dam spillway modification project, American River Pump Station project, and relicensing of the Middle Fork American River Project, where he negotiated a new power sale contract and the renewal of PCWA's water supply contracts. All of this work has greatly expanded the Agency's status in the California energy market.

This extensive list of accomplishment led to him being selected as PCWA's General Manager in 2015, a role he has thrived in over the past five years. As General Manager, he worked to ensure PCWA's long-term viability as the local leader in water rights and economic prosperity by overseeing a clear and transparent budget process, increasing customer accessibility to the Agency, and expanding its regional and national influence on water issues. Throughout this long tenure, Einar has always prioritized the needs and interests of the customers and community.

Einar is now retiring after nearly 35 years of service at the Agency, where he took tremendous pride in serving the people of Placer County. His work will leave a lasting impact on water planning, resiliency, and management in Northern California for decades to come, and Representative LAMALFA and I could not be more thankful for all Einar has done. He will now be able to spend much more time traveling, playing golf, and spending time with his wife Susan, his son, daughter, stepdaughter, and two grandsons. We wish him the best of luck in his much-deserved retirement.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MARK DAVIS

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mark Davis in appreciation of his dedicated service to the people of Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District, specifically through his tireless work with Operation UNITE and the Eastern Kentucky PRIDE organization over the last two decades.

I count it a great honor to have had high-caliber individuals, like Mark, helping lead initiatives that I personally launched to meet dire needs across more than 40 counties in southern and eastern Kentucky. He's the type of individual who has sacrificed countless hours, executing a broad spectrum of tasks with his unique charisma, the utmost humility, a tireless reliability and sheer excellence.

Mark joined Eastern Kentucky PRIDE (Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment) in 2002 as a Field Representative. PRIDE is a grassroots non-profit organization that was launched to help clean-up the hill-sides, roadways, lakes and streams, across our beautiful Appalachian region in Kentucky. Thanks in-large-part to Mark's ambition, organizational skills, and drive, upwards of 30,000 volunteers have participated in litter clean-up campaigns every year to improve the environment. There has never been a task too great or too small for Mark. He was always the first to graciously give his time and energy for the greater good, whether it involved greeting volunteers at events and handing out trash bags, or working directly with state officials to clean up the largest illegal dumpsites in Eastern Kentucky, or educating students about the value of greenhouses and protecting our wetlands. While others discussed ways to improve our environment, Mark was outdoors getting the job done. PRIDE's work is where the rubber meets the road—and Mark could often be found pulling up his bootstraps to haul appliances from illegal dumpsites, transport volunteers to service sites, building outdoor classrooms, and finding every opportunity to make a difference every single day.

Mark's passion for PRIDE bled over to another powerful movement in our region, Operation UNITE, a holistic non-profit organization aimed at curbing the deadly opioid epidemic both in our region and nationwide. After faithfully volunteering for Camp UNITE, where he served as a mentor to at-risk middle school students, he joined the UNITE team in 2014 as the Youth Programs Coordinator, and later a Law Enforcement Liaison. In an effort to creatively raise drug-free awareness among our youth, Mark operated a state-of-the-art mobile education trailer and prevention program, called "On the Move," in partnership with the Kentucky Army National Guard and the Appalachian High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (AHIDTA). Since 2013, approximately 40,000 students from schools in 43 counties and four states have participated in the interactive program. He also played a valuable role each year at the National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit, coordinating logistics for the event that has grown into the largest conference in the country aimed at saving lives and addressing the nation's opioid crisis through a multipronged approach.

Mark is the teammate you want to have in the fox hole with you when things get tough, and the comic relief you need on a difficult day. His dedication, his inspirational attitude, and perseverance have set the bar high for programs operated by PRIDE and UNITE. I'm grateful for the personal efforts that he has invested in the lives of countless students and families across Southern and Eastern Kentucky, and I wish him the very best success in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING EMILY HERGENRIDER OF LAUREL

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Emily Hergenrider of Laurel for her resilience as she faces life's challenges and her leadership.

A senior at Laurel High School, Emily was born with 16 congenital heart defects and has had seven open-heart surgeries. They are a huge part of Emily's life, but she has not let them define her.

Emily faced one of her most challenging times in seventh grade. She had gone through her seventh open-heart surgery and was missing a lot of school. As a result, it was recommended she be held back for a year. Not wanting to do that, Emily refused to let the circumstances get the best of her, and instead used it as motivation.

Emily worked diligently to catch up in school, even as she recovered from surgery and attended numerous follow-up visits. Today, five years later, her hard work and drive have paid off. Emily is reaching her full potential and is expected to graduate in May.

In addition to her success in the classroom, Emily serves as president of the Laurel High School chapter of Future Farmers of America. She says she fell in love with agriculture because of her dad. She dreams of one day becoming a rancher and owning cattle. Emily says FFA, along with her other extracurricular activities, have motivated her to come to school even when she isn't feeling well.

Emily says she plans to continue her education and earn a degree in ag business or ag management. She even already has a few heads of her own cattle.

Madam Speaker, for her persistence and perseverance in the face of life's challenges and for her leadership and service, I recognize Emily Hergenrider of Laurel for her Spirit of Montana.

RECOGNIZING NACHA, ONE OF THE 2020 BEST PLACES TO WORK IN VIRGINIA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 6, 2020

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and my colleague, Rep. JENNIFER WEXTON (VA-11), I rise to recognize Nacha, and to congratulate them on their recent designation as one of the 2020 Best Places to Work in Virginia by the Virginia Business and Best Companies Group. Determined by a statewide survey competition, the annual list honors the best places of employment in Virginia. A testament to their commitment to success in this area, this is the second consecutive year Nacha has been named to the list.

Nacha's designation as one of the 2020 Best Places to Work in Virginia is a fitting acknowledgement of their many contributions to Virginia's economy, workforce, and business community. Headquartered in Herndon, Virginia, Nacha proudly employs 66 Virginians,