

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,