

RECOGNIZING ED MORRISON AND SHELLY & SANDS INC.

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2020

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to Ed Morrison, and the entire Shelly & Sands Inc. team of my hometown, Zanesville, Ohio, on winning the National Asphalt Pavement Associations' Sheldon G. Haynes Award.

To be eligible for the Sheldon G. Haynes award, a paving company must first win the Pavement Associations Quality in Construction award for a project using more than 50,000 tons of asphalt. Paving companies must submit projects from across the United States to be judged by an independent pavement consultant. The projects are then judged on pavement smoothness, safety, and durability, and innovative techniques used during the projects. Of the thousands of largescale paving projects submitted every year, four companies are considered finalists and only one company wins.

The I-77 roadway in Guernsey County, Ohio presented a unique paving challenge for Quality Control Director Ed Morrison and the Shelly & Sands team. Shelly & Sands began paving in the middle of a bridge construction project. The team used innovative thermal cameras to ensure even asphalt cooling for surface smoothness and durability. This was just one of many masterful techniques used by the Shelly & Sands team to achieve success in this project.

I again extend my warmest congratulations to Ed and his team on this prestigious award. I look forward to hearing more about their future endeavors and wish them continued success in paving high quality, largescale projects throughout Ohio.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 4432—PRO- TECTING CRITICAL INFRASTRUC- TURE AGAINST DRONES AND EMERGING THREATS ACT

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as a senior member of Congress, I rise in support of H.R. 4432, the Protecting Critical Infrastructure Against Drones and Emerging Threats Act, which requires a full assessment of threats relating to unmanned aircrafts, development and dissemination of a security threat assessment regarding unmanned aircrafts and similar technologies, and the establishment of secure communications and critical information technology infrastructure to properly utilize analytical tools.

By requiring the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security to prepare a threat assessment within one year of the bill's enactment to share with the House and Senate Homeland Security committees, Congress and the President can act swiftly to prevent any potential risks.

With national security as one of our nation's top priorities, we must begin to fully determine

the risks posed by this advanced and increasingly popular technology.

The data will be collected from agencies through data-mining and other advanced diagnostic tools at the Federal, state and local levels, as well as various infrastructure owners and operators.

Assessment of the data will include a report and classified plan to alleviate any potential threats through the use of unmanned aircrafts.

The Federal Aviation Administration reported a total of 1.1 million small hobbyist drones and about 412,000 commercial drone registrations for the year 2019.

The use of unmanned aircrafts is growing rapidly, both as a hobby and for commercial purposes, including in the oil and gas industry.

I ask my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to vote in support of H.R. 4432.

CONGRATULATING JUDGE JACK B. WEINSTEIN

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate U.S. District Judge Jack B. Weinstein of Brooklyn on his retirement after 53 years on the bench at the age of 98. Judge Weinstein is well known for his liberal sensibilities, especially for his suggested reforms of sentencing guidelines to reduce the length of time most offenders spend behind bars. I related to him as a champion of women's rights, criminal justice reform and the lack of sentencing alternatives for young offenders. A submarine officer in the Pacific Theatre in World War II, he returned home and was a 1948 graduate of Columbia University Law School. As a young lawyer, he worked on briefs in the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* desegregation case and recently lamented that, in New York as in so many other places, re-segregation of public schools is the reality. In a long and colorful career on the bench after being nominated to the district court by President Lyndon Johnson in 1967, Judge Weinstein presided at the trial of Vincent "The Chin" Gigante, the head of the Genovese crime family, and massive tort cases involving asbestos and Agent Orange. In a recent interview with *The New York Times*, he said that, although the country is "going downhill" with a "very conservative" Supreme Court at the moment, he was optimistic for the future because it is "essentially a good country made up of people who will fight for what's right." It's nice to know that Judge Weinstein, in retirement with his newly retired physician son, will be studying how post-Civil War Reconstruction devolved into Jim Crowism as they both pursue master's degrees in history. I wish Judge Weinstein, a productive and fulfilling retirement and thank him for his long service to our country.

CONGRATULATING HOBBIE VOLUN- TEER FIRE COMPANY ON THEIR 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2020

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great admiration that I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Hobbie Volunteer Fire Company in Luzerne County, PA on their 70th anniversary.

In 1736, our nation's first fire company was founded in Pennsylvania by Benjamin Franklin. Since then, thousands of brave and courageous firefighters have carried on our Commonwealth's distinguished legacy of selflessness, community service and commitment to safety.

Each member of Hobbie Volunteer Fire Company has continued to build on the principles of professionalism and service since their founding on October 23, 1949. Over 70 years later, they have remained steadfast in their dedication to serving and protecting the people of Hollenback Township and the surrounding communities. This 70th anniversary is a great milestone for the Hobbie Volunteer Fire Company. I am grateful for all the past, present and future members of the department and their unyielding commitment to public safety.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Hobbie Volunteer Fire Company on 70 years of serving and wish you many more years of safety and service.

HONORING WORLD WAR II VETERAN PAUL GARCIA

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 21, 2020

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of United States Navy Veteran and Firefighter Paul Garcia who passed away on February 14, 2020 at the age of 93. Mr. Garcia hails from my hometown of San Antonio and is survived by his wife, Aurora Garcia; children, Marie Diaz de Leon and husband, David; Leroy Garcia and wife, Carrie; grandchildren, David Diaz de Leon Jr. and Frank Diaz de Leon; and 17 great grandchildren. A World War II Navy Veteran with over 25 years of civil service, Mr. Garcia's life represents honor and commitment. His journey is one of true distinction that warrants the highest praise. He will be greatly missed.

Paul Garcia was born on February 9, 1927 in San Antonio, Texas to Policarpo and Maria de Jesus Garcia, who migrated from Mexico in 1915. At an early age, he was interested in serving the country that he so loved, and he carried such adoration throughout his life. He joined the United States Navy at the age of 17, where he eventually served in the Pacific Theater and in the liberation of the Philippine Islands from Japanese Forces during World War II. Mr. Garcia's honorable service earned him the World War II Victory Medal, The