

Fresno, California and attended California State University, Fresno. He comes from a family of farmers, working in Central California for over 100 years. Don's farming experience started in 1982 in Westlands, south of Three Rocks, California. He grows almonds, wine grapes, and pomegranates alongside his two sons and daughter.

He has been heavily involved in career-related board positions, including banking, insurance, agriculture and water. He served as a director of Westlands since 2008 and was elected president in 2011. Don served on the Valley Children's Hospital Foundation Board and has been actively involved with the Fresno Catholic Diocese. He chaired for the Step Forward campaign for San Joaquin Memorial High School for their new science wing and library.

As president of the largest public irrigation district in the United States, Don worked to promote more transparency and better decision-making. He helped develop a steady water supply to farms in Fresno and Kings counties, integral for farming. Under Don's leadership, the district negotiated revisions to the Coordinated Operations Agreement, converting the district's water service contract to a repayment contract, and developed a ground-water sustainability plan. Don crafted immediate solutions and worked directly with members of both the House of Representatives and Senate to find pragmatic solutions that benefit the state of California. For example, he assisted with the 2016 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act), which helped improve the nation's drinking water infrastructure.

Without a doubt, Don Peracchi has made a big impact on resolving California water issues. Tom Birmingham, the general manager of the district, commends Peracchi for leading the district through difficult times, including the drought and regulatory that severely reduced water supply in Central California.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service of Mr. Don Peracchi and wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM O'HALLERAN

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, on March 2, 2020, I did not have a chance to cast my vote for two bills on the floor of the House of Representatives due to unforeseen travel delays. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 5003, the Fair Debt Collection Practices for Servicemembers Act, as amended, and H.R. 5932, the Ensuring Chinese Debt Transparency Act of 2020, as amended."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for the following votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 80, the Ensuring Chinese Debt Transparency Act, and YEA on Roll Call No. 81, H.R. 5003, the Fair Debt Collection Practices for Servicemembers Act.

RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF SETH EAKER-MORGAN

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Seth Eaker-Morgan and his incredible contributions to the City of Seal Beach. Mr. Eaker-Morgan truly made an incredible difference and touched countless lives.

Mr. Eaker-Morgan worked tirelessly to make an impact in our community, including through his involvement in the Lions Club, Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce, and the Seal Beach Police Foundation. Mr. Eaker-Morgan was also the founder of Black Marble Consulting and worked with many large and small businesses throughout the United States.

A well-respected member of our community, Mr. Eaker-Morgan held numerous leadership roles. He was selected as Grand Marshal of the Seal Beach Christmas Parade in 2012 and was named Seal Beach Citizen of the Year by Cypress Community College in 2014.

Mr. Eaker-Morgan was unexpectedly taken from us much too soon on December 18, 2019. His legacy will continue to impact people across Orange County and our nation for years to come.

I ask that all Members join me in recognizing the extraordinary life of Seth Eaker-Morgan and extending our condolences to his family, friends, and all of those whose lives he touched.

HONORING MICHAEL AND SUSIE LORGE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael and Susie Lorge, who are being honored by Keshet at its annual gala on March 15, 2020 for their community leadership.

Susie has been an early childhood educator for 30 years and anchors the kindergarten staff at Chicago Jewish Day School. In addition to teaching, Susie leads Kabbalat Shabbat for the lower grades, tells stories and works on special projects. Susie also performs with her music group, Kol Sasson, which delivers an Israeli and American folk sound and performs throughout the United States.

Michael is Corporation Counsel for the Village of Skokie, where he works on municipal law, public policy and community engagement. Michael's career began as a prosecutor and continued at the firm Laser Pokorney. He was also an Administrative Law Judge and a Special Assistant to the Illinois Attorney General.

Michael and Susie share a passion for teaching and the arts. They are the founders

of the wonderful Greater Chicago Jewish Festival, the largest cultural event in the Chicago Jewish community and the longest running festival in the country.

They are true partners and together they support important institutions in the community, including their local synagogue, Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute summer camp, the Union for Reform Judaism, the Skokie Arts Board, and the board of Hebrew Union College.

As they are being recognized for their years of work on behalf of the community at the annual Keshet Gala, I congratulate Michael and Susie Lorge for their untiring commitment to serving others, fostering community, and working toward a society that reflects values towards which we all aspire: diversity, inclusion, generosity, kindness, and justice.

HONORING THE CAREER OF KATHERINE MACAULAY

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Katherine MacAulay, who recently retired from her role as Executive Director of the Northeast Indiana Chapter of the American Red Cross, where she served for forty years.

Katherine's lifelong desire to help and serve others forged a long and fruitful career for which our region and state are forever grateful. Her dedication to the lives and struggles of others has earned her three Red Cross awards, the lasting respect of her peers, and the gratitude of countless men and women whose lives have been forever changed by her selflessness.

From her beginnings as an administrative assistant at the Red Cross, Katherine rose through the ranks after years of hard work and, above all, a desire for service. For a time, she worked with my wife, Amanda, and it was then we witnessed firsthand Katherine's commitment to her community. Though she will no longer be with the Red Cross, her spirit of service there will serve as a proud example for others and her life's work will have an impact for many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 79, and YEA on Roll Call No. 80.

HONORING THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF ANTHONY EUGENE ROZA

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my cousin Anthony Eugene "Gene"