

and the Contra Costa County Library system to receive \$2.8 million in grant funding. In order to protect Miwok artifacts, the library was built on a floating foundation. On March 4, 1995, the Clayton Community Library celebrated its grand opening.

Close to the center of downtown, the library serves as a meeting place for organizations and individuals of all ages. The library holds numerous events and activities throughout the year including literacy tutoring, craft programs, all abilities play groups, and family story time. Having represented Clayton since 1994 and as an active library supporter, I am proud of the partnership between the county, cities, workforce, and volunteers.

Please join me in honoring Clayton Community Library's 25th anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF MATT BURNETT, MONSIGNOR WILLIAM FARRELL DIVISION OF THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS' MAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Matt Burnett who will be named the Man of the Year by the Monsignor William Farrell Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Matt will be honored at their annual gathering on Saturday, March 7, 2020.

Matt is the son of Francis P. Burnett and Zita Lavelle Burnett. He is a member of Saint Rose Parish where he volunteers his time with the Altar and Rose Society. For the past several years, Matt has bravely battled Huntington's chorea, a rare, debilitating condition that affects the nerve cells in the brain causing a deterioration of motor skills, cognitive abilities, and speech. His grandfather and mother also suffered from this inherited disease. Despite his diagnosis, he has worked tirelessly to remain positive and active in his local community.

Enthusiastic about volunteer firefighting, Matt was often found at the fire headquarters on Main Street in Carbondale. In addition to responding to calls, he spent long hours at the scene of a fire cleaning and packing gear to be prepared for the next call. He was always willing to lend a hand to any volunteer company that needed additional assistance.

In 2006, prior to the onset of his illness, Matt and two fellow firefighters were honored for bravely entering a burning building to quell a fire which quickly turned into a heroic rescue mission. Their vision clouded with smoke, the three men advanced across the room, but the floor felt hot and spongy, threatening to give away at any moment. In their efforts to retreat, one of the firefighters fell to the basement as the floor between him and the exit collapsed. Alerted by their endangered partner tugging on the fire hose, Matt and his other partner went back into the building to pull him to safety.

Matt does not let his illness stop him from pursuing his passions, including volunteer firefighting. When a fire broke out earlier this year, Matt, undeterred by his physical limitations, responded in full gear, doing everything he could to assist his fellow volunteers.

It is an honor to join with the Monsignor William Farrell Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to recognize Matt Burnett as Man of the Year. Throughout his life, he has embodied the virtues of friendship, unity, and Christian charity and has been selflessly dedicated to others through the volunteer fire service. I wish him all the best on this St. Patrick's Day.

RECOGNIZING AYDEN POLICE CHIEF BARRY STANLEY

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to longtime law enforcement officer Barry Stanley, who retired this past Friday as Chief of Police in Ayden, North Carolina. Chief Stanley attended Pitt Community College for his law enforcement training, graduating in 1993. He has served several Eastern North Carolina communities during his career including Grifton, Bethel and Ayden. His service actually began in his youth with the explorer's post at the Lenoir County Sheriff's Department.

Chief Stanley has long been passionate about helping those who are victims of crime, especially the elderly. He feels helping those who cannot speak for themselves is the most important part of his job. Chief Stanley is a great leader who leads with fairness and integrity, earning the trust of his team. He has the respect of the men and women under his command, but they also consider him a friend. He will definitely be remembered as a chief who made a difference.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the legacy of this brave and patriotic man who has served Eastern North Carolina for 27 years. May we always keep our dedicated police officers and service members treasured in our hearts and constantly in our prayers for their service to God and country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, on February 7, 2020, I was unable to vote because I was with constituents from my district to participate in an official event with the President of the United States in North Carolina. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 52, YEA on Roll Call No. 53, and NAY on Roll Call No. 54.

CORONAVIRUS PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLIE CRIST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Mr. CRIST. Madam Speaker, I strongly support H.R. 6074, Coronavirus Preparedness

and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, and commend my fellow members of the Appropriations Committee, particularly the Gentlewoman from New York (Chairwoman LOWEY) and the Gentlewoman from Texas (Ranking Member GRANGER) for their leadership.

The robust, \$8.3 billion package includes vital funding for research, local health departments, supplies, preparedness, affordable vaccines, and support for small businesses.

I was particularly proud to support including \$500 million to cover telehealth services for Medicare patients.

This provision will reduce the number of non-urgent cases who have to go to emergency rooms and doctors' offices, a win for seniors, health care workers, and the general public.

The resounding, bipartisan vote for the emergency funding shows that the People's House is taking this outbreak seriously.

We are committed to fully exercising Congress' Constitutional Power of the Purse in support of the fight against this disease.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 86.

HONORING ALAN WALTS FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED, 44-YEAR LONG CAREER IN THE FIELD OF BROADCASTING ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Alan Walts for his distinguished, 44-year long career in the field of broadcasting on the occasion of his retirement.

Alan Walts began his broadcasting career in Watertown in 1976 and has hosted Watertown's Morning News on AM radio station, 790 WTNY, for the past ten years. Glen Curry, General Manager at Stevens Media Group, said "Alan would arrive at the station at 4 a.m. every morning, rain or shine, through his entire decade-long tenure as the host." He has also been a consistent volunteer for many organizations including the Salvation Army. As host of the morning news show, Alan made himself a pillar of the Watertown community and his departure marks the end of an era.

Alan Walts demonstrates the hard working, community minded nature that the North Country is known for. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Alan for his contribution to the community and wish him well on this next chapter in his life.