

in several organizations and boards, including the Hope Clinic, SOS Community Services, Turner Geriatric Advisory Board, WCSO Ministerial Advisory Team, and Southeastern Michigan AME Minister's Alliance, and continues to seek out opportunities to help people navigate spiritual, emotional, or physical issues. Moreover, Pastor Hatter is mentor to many and particularly strives to assist younger generations in developing their relationships with the church and God. He is involved in the Mentor2Youth program that empowers youth to excel in life, academics, and work, and was honored by the organization for his tremendous accomplishments in the community.

Among his friends, family, peers, and congregation, Pastor Jerry Hatter is recognized as a dedicated and spirited leader who humbly strives to make the world a better place. As the longest-serving pastor in Brown Chapel AME Church's history, Pastor Hatter has preached at a variety of prestigious celebrations across Michigan and implemented a number of successful faith-based programs. In times of divisiveness and strife, Pastor Hatter is been the voice of reason, and he has been an unwavering advocate of the entire religious community. Without a doubt, Pastor Hatter has demonstrated what a true servant of God should endeavor to be. He provides a clear example of selfless love and compassion that encourages others to live a life of purpose, integrity, and virtue. His commitment to the word of God has left a positive mark on Brown Chapel and the community beyond.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the retirement of Pastor Jerry Hatter from the pastoral ministry at Brown Chapel AME Church. In addition to being a faithful leader, Pastor Hatter was a friend who was deeply valued, cherished, and respected by John Dingell. His devotion to God continues to make a difference, and his legacy at Brown Chapel AME Church is one that will never be forgotten. Although we are sad to see him go, we are all grateful for his years of service, his extraordinary work, and his significant community impact.

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HONORING COLONEL GREG FORD

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 1, 2020*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Greg Ford for his 24 years of military service and to congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Army. Colonel Ford assumed command of Presidio of Monterey (POM) in June 2018 and has served not only the post, but also the broader community with distinction. It has been a privilege to work alongside Colonel Ford over the past two years, and it is my honor to recognize his service on the House floor today.

Colonel Ford earned a bachelor's degree from Western Oregon University in 1996, and was commissioned a Military Intelligence Second Lieutenant through ROTC. He later held numerous assignments within the 101st Airborne, deploying to Operation Iraqi Freedom multiple times between 2001 and 2006. In 2010, Ford transferred to Hawaii where he served as the U.S. Army Pacific G2 Oper-

ations Chief and later as the 25th Infantry Division G2. Between these assignments, Ford deployed to Afghanistan from 2014 to 2015. Upon his return, Ford became a U.S. Army War College Fellow at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. From there, he served in the Republic of Korea as the G2 Chief of Operations for the 8th U.S. Army.

In the two years that Colonel Ford served as Garrison Commander at the Presidio of Monterey, he has made a lasting impact on base operations, military families, and the wellbeing of the broader community. He was a leading advocate for Presidio of Monterey Housing residents and worked tirelessly to ensure safe and quality housing to our servicemembers and their families. My office has received countless testimonials from POM residents who credit Colonel Ford with improving their health and safety through his advocacy efforts and direct communication with anyone in need of assistance.

Colonel Ford continuously engaged on the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Board to ensure Army equities and community reuse goals were synchronized. He also worked to strengthen ties between POM and the local community, including organizing rehearsals of the Peninsula Evacuation Plan with the City of Monterey for the first time in a decade.

During his command, Colonel Ford worked with local organizations and leaders to improve support to Gold Star Families, Exceptional Family Members, and Housing Residents. In doing so, he sought ways to integrate local efforts, such as Stonepine Estate, Operation Care and Comfort, and Hayward Scores, to better support the military community.

Most recently, Colonel Ford rose to the challenge as COVID-19 reached the central coast of California. He coordinated with the County and local municipalities to ensure that Garrison actions were synchronized with local efforts. Additionally, Colonel Ford quickly implemented safety measures through POM and held regular virtual townhalls to ensure the Military community remained informed in the midst of the pandemic. His actions undoubtedly contributed to the relatively small impact of COVID-19 within POM.

It has been a pleasure having Colonel Ford and his wife, Mrs. Rebecca Ford, in Monterey for the past two years. Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Colonel Ford on his retirement and expressing gratitude for his and his family's many years of honorable service to our country.

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COMMEMORATING JAMES  
"RUSTY" MITCHELL

**HON. DEBBIE LESKO**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 1, 2020*

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of James "Rusty" Mitchell from the Department of the Air Force as a civilian employee out of Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.

Mr. Mitchell has been a well-loved and influential member of the military and veteran community for over 25 years. He began his career in the Air Force flying fighter jets and retired

from Active Duty after 22 years as the Commander of the 21st Fighter Squadron at Luke Air Force Base.

During his time in service, Mr. Mitchell acquired a long list of achievements and awards to include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Aerial Achievement Medal, both the Air Force and Army Commendation Medals, and more. Professionally, he has been awarded the Air Force Practice Award and the Valley Peaks Community Partnership Award, to name a few. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Valley Partnership and WESTMARC.

Mr. Mitchell has dedicated the last 17 years to serving the West Valley proactively—promoting the relationships between Luke Air Force Base, nine municipalities, Maricopa County, and the State of Arizona as the Director of the Community Initiatives Team with Luke Air Force Base. The relationships he built on behalf of Luke Air Force Base continue to be critical to accomplishing their mission of "Training the World's Best Fighter Pilots."

I am certain that his efforts improving relationships with communities near bases that are tasked with flight operation missions has enhanced the compatibility of several military bases and their communities across the United States.

On this day, we as a community would like to thank Mr. Mitchell for his service to his country. His impact will be felt not only in the West Valley, but also within the Air Force Community beyond his retirement.

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IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN  
ROUSH'S RETIREMENT

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 1, 2020*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. John A. Roush on his retirement as president of Centre College in Danville, Kentucky.

President Roush often told his students, "Do your best. Be your best. No regrets." I have had the privilege of getting to know President Roush during my time representing Danville and Centre College in Congress, and I can undoubtedly say that President Roush always did his best. I have always admired his work and appreciated his advice, particularly when I served as chairman of the Higher Education subcommittee. During his 22 years at Centre College, he oversaw a 40 percent growth in the student body population, without sacrificing quality of education or Centre's liberal arts values. He has helped build Centre's national reputation. My colleagues might know Centre as the host of not one, but two vice presidential debates during his time as president. President Roush's legacy will live on at Centre College for generations to come.

Today is not only the first day of President Roush's retirement, but also his birthday. I congratulate him on his retirement, and I wish him and his wife Susie the best.