

Lieutenant Colonel Wang worked tirelessly with Members of Congress and their staffs to accurately articulate the Army's budget position to the Appropriations Committees. Her professionalism, diligence, and commitment to the mission are unmatched. Her work as a liaison very effectively represented the U.S. Army and the Department of Defense to the United States Congress.

The footing of Laura's military success is her family. She is a devoted wife to her husband, Stephen, and committed mother to her daughter Claire Yvonne. Stephen and Claire provide the foundation for Laura's service. The Wang's attitude of service, sacrifice, and care for others permeates every organization and activity in which they participate. They are true examples of servant leaders in the Army and the communities they engage.

Throughout her career, Lieutenant Colonel Wang has positively impacted soldiers, peers, and superiors. Our country has benefited tremendously from her extraordinary leadership, judgment, and passion. I join my colleagues today in honoring her dedication to our Nation and invaluable service to the United States Congress as an Army Congressional Liaison.

Madam Speaker, it has been a genuine pleasure to have worked with Lieutenant Colonel Wang. On behalf of a grateful nation, this body recognizes and commends Laura for her service to our country. We wish her all the best as she continues her service in the United States Army.

IN RECOGNITION OF JEFF
HUCKABY BEING NAMED THE
ORGANIC TRADE ASSOCIATION'S
ORGANIC FARMER OF THE YEAR

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jeff Huckaby, President of Grimm way Farms and Cal Organic, for being named the Organic Trade Association's Organic Farmer of the Year.

A fourth-generation farmer, Jeff was born and raised in the small town of Arvin, in the southernmost tip of California's Central Valley. He first got his start with farming at the age of

11 when he would wake up at the crack of dawn to help on his grandfather's farm. He began his official career with Grimm way in 1999 and it wasn't long before he started his work with organic farming when in 2000 as farm manager, he took over all of Grimmway's organic production in California. He would later become general manager of Cal Organic Farm after its purchase by Grimmway.

Under his guidance and leadership Grimmway's Cal Organic has grown to be the largest carrot company in the world and the largest organic vegetable company in the nation. With over 65 items grown in over 45,000 acres throughout several states, Cal Organic can proudly say that 100 percent of its produce is grown in the United States. This true American company has accomplished the outstanding feats of being the largest supplier of organic vegetables to Whole Foods and Albertsons/Vons, providing most of the organic carrots sold by Walmart and Kroeger, and growing every carrot Costco sells in the U.S. and in several other countries.

Through his work Jeff has garnered a well-earned reputation for his expertise in organic farming. Many have sought his knowledge including the California Department of Food and Agriculture, The U.S. Department of Agriculture, as well as the House Agriculture Committee where he has testified about the role and importance of organic production.

I am honored to congratulate Jeff on this well-deserved recognition of his unparalleled work ethic, countless achievements, and his outstanding role in organic farming and in the agriculture industry overall.

HONORING EDDIE GALE

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Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a musical icon and celebrated community member, Eddie Gale, who passed away on July 10, 2020. Since making his home in San Jose in 1972, he enriched many lives through his music and community involvement.

An accomplished jazz musician and trumpeter, Eddie Gale, grew up in New York. He

was the third of five children of Edward and Daisy Stevens. His young life was filled with music, from gospel at Rose Hill Baptist Church, to his Cub Scout's marching band where he played the bugle, to his lessons with jazz legend, Kenny Dorham. In the early 1960s, Eddie Gale joined Sun Ra's Arkestra and released two Blue Note albums in 1968 and 1969. Throughout his career, he played alongside acclaimed jazz figures including John Coltrane, Cecil Taylor, Jackie McLean, Larry Young, Art Blakey, Elvin Jones, and Max Roach.

After moving to the West Coast, Eddie Gale started to focus on teaching and sharing music with local youths. He was an Artist in Residence at Stanford and San Jose State University. He also worked with Monroe Middle School, McClymonds High School, EastSide Arts Alliance, and Black Dot Artists Collective. To create spaces where music could thrive, he helped establish the Evergreen Youth Adult Jazz Society, the We're Jazzed! Youth/Adult Jazz Festival and the annual Concert for World Peace and Peace Poetry Contest.

Mr. Gale was an important part of Bay Area music culture and was known as "San Jose's Ambassador of Jazz." He was also named an Ambassador of Music, from the Association of World Citizens, San Francisco.

His dedication to sharing music was well known in the Bay Area. He received the Jefferson Award for community service in the arts and received the Sankofa Award from the California Arts Council for 25 years of service in the arts for training youth and adults in music. In the community, he coordinated the giveaway of trumpets and helped raise money for the Bay Area Jazz Musicians Self-Help Healthcare Project.

Eddie Gale made a lasting impression on our community through his music and service to others. He is survived by his wife, Georgette, three of his siblings, his six children, 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. I enjoyed the many times I was able to talk with Eddie and to enjoy his music. I join Mr. Gale's family, colleagues, and our neighbors in expressing my great sense of loss and appreciation for the 78 years he shared with us. He will be dearly missed but he leaves our community and world a better place.