

Silvestre will not be forgotten. We offer his family and friends our prayers and hope that they find comfort in the wonderful memories of what Silvestre Duran had meant to each of the people who shared in his life.

"We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community . . . Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own."—Cesar Chavez

RENEE NELSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Renee Nelson for receiving the Arvada Chamber's Woman of the Year Award. The recipient of this award is selected by a committee and is awarded to a local community leader who has gone above and beyond to selflessly serve their community.

Renee's endless compassion and passion for her community has helped ensure the City of Arvada continues to be a vibrant and healthy community, from grass roots up. Renee frequently works around the clock on community projects and helping individuals in their hour of need, as well as helping injured animals. She often spends her vacation days to make Arvada a better place, and on occasion, has even worked without rest or sleep to ensure the completion of community projects. Those that have the privilege of working with Renee describe her as someone who is genuine, hardworking, respectful, and honest.

Renee's passion for volunteerism started early when she became the youngest chair of the Arvada Harvest Festival Committee at just nine years old. Since then, she has never stopped giving back. She has a passion for helping the homeless, reading at schools, and spends much of her time volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, the Jaycees, and the Arvada Historical Society, among others.

Renee is a shining example of an individual with great integrity who selflessly and continuously devotes her time, energy and resources to help her community and those in need. I extend my deepest congratulations to Renee Nelson for this well-deserved award and appreciate her many contributions to our community.

HONORING MARGARET SILVEIRA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Margaret Silveira and to celebrate her retirement after ten years of public service to the city of Lakeport.

Ms. Silveira earned an Associate of Arts degree from Modesto Junior College and graduated magna cum laude from Chapman University with a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership. Since then, she has dedicated her career to supporting California's

rural cities, serving as the Housing and Economic Development Manager for Riverbank and the City Manager for Gustine before being appointed as the City Manager for Lakeport in 2010.

Ms. Silveira has drawn upon her almost thirty years of leadership experience to guide the city of Lakeport through several crises. In the aftermath of the Great Recession, she led the economic revitalization efforts by stabilizing the city's budget, establishing the Lakeport Economic Development Advisory Committee, and creating multiple downtown improvement projects. As Director of Emergency Services, she has helped the city navigate through several winter storms, wildfires, and, more recently, the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Her passion for the city is evident by her efforts to improve the cultural scene in Lakeport through the promotion of public art projects and the construction of a new community center.

Ms. Silveira's success as City Manager can be attributed to her ability to lead staff members and inspire them with her positivity and tenacity. However, her dedication to Lakeport extends beyond her official role as City Manager. She is an active member of both the Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club and serves as a leader in multiple professional organizations, including the Lake County Friends of Medicine College, the Sutter Lakeside Hospital Community Advisory Council, and the California Association for Local Economic Development.

Madam Speaker, Margaret Silveira is the kind of citizen we should all strive to be. The community of Lakeport is certainly better, as a result of her dedicated service. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, due to a personal family matter, I was unable to vote on Roll Call No. 167. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 167.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, due to the birth of a grand child, I was unable to vote on the Legislative Day of July 27, 2020. I am a proud cosponsor of the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act and had I been present for this roll call vote, I would have cast the following: Roll Call 167: Yea.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to correct my vote on Amendment

No. 62 to H.R. 7608 offered by Mr. TONKO and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. This amendment blocks the EPA from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing its proposed rule on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, which does nothing to strengthen existing air quality regulations. On Friday, July 24, I recorded a vote of Nay. However, I wish to clarify that I support the amendment and continue to strongly support efforts to improve air quality in California's Central Valley and across our nation.

IN MEMORY OF REVEREND
CLINTON RIDDLE

HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK"

FLEISCHMANN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Clinton Elmer Riddle of Sweetwater, Tennessee and recognize his lifetime of service in his community and to our nation. Reverend Riddle passed on December 3, 2019.

Born on February 24, 1921 in Sweetwater, Reverend Riddle is a hometown hero. He graduated from Sweetwater High School in May of 1941. At the age of 21, Clinton Riddle joined the U.S. Army and during World War II he served in Company B—325th Glider Infantry of the 82nd Airborne Division. During his more than 30 months of service in Europe and Africa during the war, Reverend Riddle served with honor and distinction. On June 6, 1944 he survived a crash landing of his "canvass coffin" troop-carrying glider behind enemy lines in Normandy during the D-Day invasion and fought with his unit in the Battle of the Bulge. In all, his unit sustained over 400 days under fire during his time with the B 325th.

Reverend Riddle wedded Blanch Bernice Montooth in 1949 and they would remain married for more than 60 years until her passing in 2010, having reared three children. He pastored four churches including the New Bethany Baptist Church, Murray's Baptist Church, Cedar Valley Baptist Church, and Union McMinn Baptist Church. He also served as the interim pastor for several other area churches.

Beyond his service in the ministry, Reverend Riddle was an active member of his beloved community. He was a member of Sweetwater Valley Odd Fellows Lodge 280, Monroe County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5156, American Legion Post 106, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Reverend Riddle often shared his experiences and memories speaking with classrooms of children in local schools.

Before his passing the City of Sweetwater honored Reverend Riddle, proclaiming February 24, 2019 as Clinton Riddle Day.

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JOHN LEWIS

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I will always remember my last conversation with a