Along with other residents of Maryland’s Sixth District, I am grateful for the generosity of Turkish Americans and their gracious support to our fellow Marylanders. These PPE deliveries complement shipments made by the Turkish Republic, which sent two military cargo plane loads of the PPE to the United States, including surgical masks, suits, face shields. Our frontline healthcare workforce has been heroic throughout this pandemic, and I am heartened to see contributions like those made by the Turkish American community.

As TASC says, “Be Negative on COVID, Stay Positive on Life.”

HONORING MICHAEL LEAVITT
HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS
OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the professional achievements and service of Michael Leavitt, City Manager for the City of Highland Village, Texas. Mr. Leavitt is retiring following more than thirty years of exemplary service to the public.

Upon graduation from Truman University in Kirkville, Missouri with a B.S. in Industrial Science, Mr. Leavitt worked for the cities of Kirkville, Missouri and Denton, Texas. In 2000, Leavitt moved to the City of Highland Village, first serving as the public works director followed by his appointed as City Manager in 2003. A true advocate for public safety and fiscal responsibility, Leavitt spearheaded the transformation from a volunteer fire department to a full-time professional department. Under his leadership as City Manager, the ad valorem tax rate was reduced, and tax exemptions increased by fifty per-cent for those with a disability and those over the age of 65. Through his capable direction, sales tax revenue has increased by fifty per-cent for those with a disability and those over the age of 65.

Mr. Leavitt was appointed as Chairman in 1995. Jack worked for Nationwide Insurance starting in 1984, and he retired in 2018 after 34 years. He took his leadership skills to new heights when he served on the Hyenn County Board of Commissioners for two terms, and he was appointed as Chairman in 1995.

Jack was a loyal friend and leader who served others with selfless devotion. He attended college in France and New Mexico, where he served as class president. After he received his degree from The Hiram Scott College in Nebraska, he moved to Brunswick, Georgia and was employed in the radio broadcasting business for the Wiggins family. When he worked in radio, he was known as Jack Pride, and managed three different radio stations in Georgia and Florida.

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Jack was a founding shareholder of the Atlantic National Bank and served on the Board for the Georgia Underwriting Association for many years. He was also an accomplished fisherman and a Licensed Master Captain.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and everyone who knew him during this most difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO BIZ STEINBERG—CALIFORNIA’S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR
HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Woman of the Year Award recipient, Biz Steinberg, of San Luis Obispo, California.

Biz Steinberg has been contributing to this community and county since the early 1970’s. She currently serves as CEO of Community Action Partnership (CAPSLO), a position she has held since 1984. Biz has been involved with many boards throughout the years including the National Head Start Association, National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association, Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo, Housing Authority San Luis Obispo, The Children’s Services Network, the Mission Community Services Corporation, and the Child Development Policy Institute Education Board. In her quest to better the community, Biz helped develop the Adult Day Centers, Health Services, Homeless Services, and Energy Conservation branches of CAPSLO.

Biz has been recognized by multiple organizations for her incredible work, including the Commission on the Status of Women, SLO County Children’s Services Network, and the National Heads Start Association. Biz Steinberg is an outstanding activist who is working to establish sustainable community centers with a special focus on youth and women. Biz’s work to support the population of San Luis Obispo has been a tremendous asset to members of our community in need.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California’s 24th Congressional District, Biz Steinberg, for her incredible service to her community.

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON
OF IDAHO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Dr. Mark Peters for his excellent service as Director at Idaho National Laboratory. After nearly five years of capable leadership, Dr. Peters has accepted a position as Executive Vice President for Laboratory Operations for the Battelle Memorial Institute. I wish him well in this new endeavor and take comfort that he will continue to have a role in oversight, not just at INL, but of the national laboratories managed by Battelle.

Dr. Peters spent considerable time on Capitol Hill and many of you have gotten to know him and rely upon his expertise.

One of the benefits of representing a Department of Energy national laboratory is you get to meet and work with some of our nation’s best and brightest. Intelligent and driven people come to these crown jewels of science and innovation and contribute so much to our economic prosperity and national security.

Mark’s service at INL is an example of operational excellence, energy innovation, and national security impact.

Under Dr. Peters’ leadership, INL has delivered on the grand challenges we ask of our national labs. Since Mark arrived at INL on Oct. 1, 2015, the laboratory has helped push forward development and demonstration of advanced nuclear technologies and deployed new capabilities to secure our nation’s critical infrastructure from cyberattack.

Mark’s vision and ability to bring people together allowed INL’s clean energy program to expand and contribute to new and exciting areas. I’m talking integrated energy systems, advanced manufacturing, biomass upgrades, and so much more.