

on maximization of economic resources and development for distressed communities. Some of his domestic projects include the establishment of a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and assisting in establishing a credit union in Fresno, California. Other international projects include the consortium of the UNOCAL gas pipeline project, Petro chemical project and a construction project in Singapore.

Salam has expanded his experience and network internationally as he served as a County Head of Finance for a multi-national company, established international joint ventures, participated in the development of a \$2.5 billion eight-country gas pipeline consortium and other projects related to construction, petrochemicals and textiles. He traveled to many countries around the globe, including Western and Eastern Europe, Thailand, Dubai, and Romania. He was invited and recognized by the Romanian government to be the nation's Honorary Consul General.

His leadership in the community has made a significant impact. Salam has been involved within the community by serving on boards of several organizations, such as the Fresno Metropolitan Museum, Fresno Arts Museum, Citizens Foundation USA, Central Valley Center for the Blind, and other organizations. For the past 27 years, he has worked for the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission. He has served as the Chief Financial Officer and an effective leader managing the fiscal affairs within the nonprofit business. As CEO of the Fresno CDFI, he has successfully led the expansion of the operations and help communities develop infrastructure and enhance job potential. Without a doubt, Salam has made a significant impact to progress the economic and human prosperity within the Central Valley.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating and honoring the retirement of Mr. Salam Nalia. I wish Salam and his family continued success, health and happiness in this new chapter of his life.

HONORING FATHER LEWIS BROWN,
FORMER MILITARY CHAPLAIN
AND PAROCHIAL VICAR OF ALL
SAINTS PARISH IN CORNING,
NEW YORK

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2020

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Father Lewis Brown, former military chaplain and parochial vicar of All Saints Parish in Corning, New York. Father Brown passed away on September 5, 2020, and it is only fitting to remember him thusly today.

Father Brown, known as Father Lew to many, was a native of Elmira who attended Saint Mary's Southside Parish. He would go on to serve as the assistant pastor of the Church of the Assumption in Fairport; Saint Alphonsus in Auburn and Saint Ann of Hornell. He also served as an assistant at Immaculate Conception in Ithaca.

Father Brown served twenty-two years as a United States Navy Chaplain, serving in Okinawa, Japan; the USS *Nimitz*, Arlington National Cemetery and a recruitment base in

Chicago. In 2007, he retired and returned to the Southern Tier, making his home in the Corning area. In 2008, Father Brown became the parochial vicar of my family's church, All Saints Parish.

I have always been inspired by the kindness and peace that Father Brown exuded. I appreciated his military service as a chaplain and the deep dedication he had to the Church, especially All Saints Parish. He was almost always present at our Valentines for Vets events, where we shared special cards with veterans at the Bath VA Medical Center. I will always remember him fondly, as I am sure so many across the Corning area, the state and the nation will as well.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to honor Father Lewis Brown, former military chaplain and parochial vicar of All Saints Parish in Corning, NY.

RECOGNITION OF KAROLE HONAS
SERVICE TO IDAHO AGRICULTURE

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2020

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend Karole Honas on a well-earned retirement after an extraordinary broadcasting career.

Karole grew up in Gooding, Idaho and graduated from the University of Idaho with a degree in radio-TV, communications. Shortly after graduation she married her husband, Ken. They have been happily married for 40 years.

Karole started her career at KPVI in Pocatello. After 7 years, she left KPVI to raise her three sons. In 1990, Jay Hildebrandt called and asked her to fill in as an anchor for six weeks while another anchor was on maternity leave. Those six weeks turned into 30 years of co-anchoring with Jay Hildebrandt. Together they were an iconic news team that the community trusted.

In addition to her role at KIFI with Jay, Karole mentored new journalists who were getting started in the industry. She also spent 14 years as an adjunct instructor at Idaho State University. She has served as a member of the advisory board for the School of Journalism and Mass Media in the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Idaho. She continues to reach out to students interested in television news, informing of internship opportunities and job openings at her station and elsewhere.

Karole has served on several community boards and committees. As an active member of her community, Karole is committed to leaving this area better than she found it.

It has been my privilege to be interviewed by Karole throughout my political career. Even though we were friends she didn't hold back the tough questions. I have always appreciated her honesty and fairness.

Madam Speaker, Karole Honas has provided an immeasurable service to Eastern Idaho for the last 30 years. I want to thank her for that service and wish her well in a well-earned retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF VINCENT
"VIC" SHUTTERA

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great marine, Vincent "Vic" Shuttera who passed away July 30, 2020. Vincent served in the Marine Corps at the first offensive land battle of Guadalcanal and continued his service in the Central Valley. He was a veteran, an honorable friend, a father, and a patriot in the community.

Vincent was born on April 11, 1918 in Stanislaus County to Frank and Hannah Shuttera. After graduating high school, Vincent was selected for the first group of young men to take part in the Boys State program's inaugural year. After a few years of college, Vincent joined the military—a decision that would change his life.

In 1943, Vincent joined the Marine Corps and became a driver of a tank destroyer with a .75 mm gun. He later joined the pistol range and became one of the top marksmen in his unit.

Vincent was stationed in San Diego, then moved to Oceanside's Camp Pendleton. The unit was then transported to the island of Guadalcanal. To support the regimental and headquarters companies, Vincent served there for six months. From his view on the island, he witnessed the sinking of more than 50 war ships in Navy battles.

After his duty in Guadalcanal, Vincent was ordered to New Zealand where he contracted malaria. He returned to the United States on July 3, 1943 still in poor health from malaria. He spent nearly a year in Oak Knoll hospital in Santa Cruz, California. Vincent would finish his service with the Marine Corps with an honorable discharge as Corporal Vincent Shuttera.

After serving in World War II, Vincent started a family, moved to Modesto, California and started a truck driving business, where he worked with large equipment like tractors, scrapers, and bulldozers on farmland.

Vincent dedicated his life to his fellow veterans and telling stories about his experiences in World War II. He was the guest speaker for Boys State, was on the Central Valley Honor Flight, in the Marine Corps League, American Legion Post 4, in the Central Valley Veterans Day Parade, and more.

Vincent is survived by his sons, Steve and Mark Shuttera, and his daughter Vicki Essman. Grandchildren Michelle Launier, Sacbe Shuttera, Brian Day, Brandi Shuttera, Charlie Shuttera, and his great-grandchildren Matthew Silva, Audrey Shuttera, Gavin Launier, Autumn Day, Ahren Shuttera, Luke Launier, and Jacob Day.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating and honoring the life of Mr. Vincent Shuttera. His advocacy and service to his country will be remembered for many years to come. We join his family, friends and community in honoring his great life and legacy.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT
COLONEL HARRY V. SHOOP

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2020

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the late LTC Harry Shoop who passed away on August 19, at the age of 99. LTC Shoop joined the Army in 1940, serving in Ohio's 37th and 38th Infantry Divisions.

He demonstrated integrity and valor in the Pacific during World War II, serving as platoon sergeant for Company B and Company H of the 149th Infantry Regiment. I was proud to present him with his Purple Heart at a 2017 ceremony, when he was also awarded his long overdue Bronze Star and World War II Service Medal.

I am eternally grateful for LTC Shoop for his outstanding 31-year military career. I also thank him for his lifelong commitment to serving the people of Ohio and this great nation.

I pray that God will bring comfort to LTC Shoop's family and friends, and all those in the community grieving his loss.

May God bless them.

CONGRATULATING HANNAH
STRAIN AS A WINNER OF THE
2018 FFA NATIONAL AGRICULTURE
PROFICIENCY AWARD

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2020

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hannah Strain of Rolla, Missouri for being selected as a winner of the 2018 National Agricultural Proficiency Award for her Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project at the 91st National FFA Convention & Expo.

The SAE project is one that every FFA member completes, compelling them to apply what they are learning in the classroom while gaining hands-on career experience as an agricultural entrepreneur. Out of the 600,000-plus FFA members nationwide, Hannah is one of 188 national finalists who will be competing this month in Indianapolis. This is an enormous accomplishment for Hannah and a historical milestone for the Rolla FFA chapter.

Hannah started a hay business in conjunction with her family's beef ranch, Elk Prairie Farms LLC, where she manages grazing for the cattle and produces and sells hay to local farmers and ranchers. She won the local, area, and state proficiency award contests, propelling her to the national convention. Hannah excelled at this project because of her knowledge and ability in growing, managing, marketing and selling hay.

Hannah has since moved on to the University of Missouri, where she is studying Agricultural Education and Leadership, hoping to work in community outreach for an agribusiness. It is my great privilege to congratulate Hannah Strain before the United States House of Representatives on her remarkable achievement.

HONORING THE STATE ACCREDITATION OF MADERA COMMUNITY COLLEGE CENTER

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the state accreditation of Madera Community College, which becomes the 116th campus of the state's community college system. It is the newest college in California.

In 1958, State Center Community College District began offering classes at Madera High School with 158 students enrolled in 19 evening classes. In 1989, the Madera Community College Center was then relocated and established in a portable building at James Madison Elementary School.

Throughout the years, the institution has grown and expanded by establishing buildings, laboratories, food services, large instruction classrooms, vocational training courses, certifications and offering more than 360 courses. In fall 2009, the Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) was established to offer mechanic and welding programs. Recently, the college added the Center for Agriculture and Technology (CAT) which provides laboratory, vocational training programs and various agriculture programs in plant science, agriculture mechanics, industrial maintenance and welding.

Because of the leadership of then Chancellor Dr. Bill F. Stewart and Vice Chancellor of External Relations Dr. Tom Crow, a donation of 114 acres was made by local landowners to establish the expanded current campus. Today, Madera Community College Center serves more than 6,123 students, with comprehensive and innovative programs in transfer/general education, occupational education, distance learning courses, online learning and developmental education. The Center continues to provide an affordable, quality education for the residents of Madera County and nearby communities in the San Joaquin Valley.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this historical moment and the success of the Madera Community College. This could not have been possible without the dedication and contributions of their staff, faculty, administrators and community leaders. I look forward to seeing the future achievements and success of our students, the leaders of tomorrow.

GENE BUDIG

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2020

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Dr. Gene Budig of Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Gene was raised in the small town of McCook, Nebraska where his love of baseball began at age 12. He wrote to then St. Louis Browns owner, Bill Veeck, asking for a tryout and received a letter back informing Gene that he could have a tryout under the stipulations that he graduate high school. This formative moment taught

Gene that with a little audacity and a lot of hard work, achieving his dreams was possible.

In his 81 years, Gene served in countless leadership positions across the country, from Major General in the Air National Guard; University President at Illinois State, West Virginia and Kansas; and a newspaper executive and author, just to name a few. Despite his lengthy educational career, anyone who knew Gene knew his deep passion for baseball and that he wore his love for the game, and the Yankees, on his sleeve. Gene was the last President of the American League, where he celebrated diversity and hired Larry Doby, the first Black player in the American League, as an assistant. The Charleston RiverDogs brought Gene back to his childhood barter with Bill Veeck, but this time, he was shaking hands with his son, Mike Veeck. In the 14 years that Gene served as co-owner, it was clear how much the franchise loved Gene. We will all miss his kind presence.

Gene is survived by Gretchen, his wife of 57 years, his three children, and his siblings. The Lowcountry mourns this loss but will remember Gene for the life he lived as a loving father, a leader full of wit and integrity, and an avid fan of all things baseball.

TRIBUTE TO MARC AARONS

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to Southern California are exceptional. Today, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Marc Aarons on his year as the District Governor of Rotary District 5320.

Marc's Rotary career began in 1997, and since then his involvement in the organization has been expansive. Today, he is a member of the Rotary Club of Newport Balboa and has been recognized with several awards, including the Cliff Docterman Award, for his dedication to the organization. Throughout his years of service, Marc has served as the Rotary Club of Newport Balboa's Treasurer, Vocational Chair, VP Ethics, International Chair, and Immediate Past President.

His service goes beyond Newport Balboa as Marc has served Southern California as Rotary District 5320's District Governor for the 2019–2020 year. Previously, he was an Assistant District Governor from 2013–2015 and a member of the District's Advisory Board from 2015 to 2017. Marc has also served as a member of the Foundation Committee, the Training Committee, and the Membership Committee.

A proud Eagle Scout, Marc's character and dedication to service have been largely influenced by his involvement with the Boy Scouts of America. He has received awards and recognition for his service to the Scouts around the world, including in Sweden, South Africa, and Germany. He also served as the Boy Scout's International Committee Chairman for Orange County.

Marc is a Certified Senior Advisor who has extensively studied the financial, physical, emotional, and personal issues affecting today's business owners. After living in Japan,