

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.