

up, he was a member of both the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts before beginning high school. He graduated from Shippensburg High School in 1962, and from the Barber School Harrisburg the following year. He was a member of the AV Club in addition to the proud owner of a 1952 Chevy Coupe, his first car. Jake started his work for Community Action in 1968, working part-time until 1970. He returned in 1972 as a full-time Community Development Coordinator working from the Shippensburg location, and has been with the agency since, becoming Housing Counselor in 1994. With Community Action, Jake has helped thousands achieve their goals, connecting first-time homebuyers to needed resources, and promoting economic self-sufficiency.

While working for Community Action, he managed to balance a litany of other roles that serve as a testament to his character. He worked at both the Carlisle and Chambersburg Hospitals in the 1980s and 90s, graduated Columbia School of Broadcasting in 1980, and honed his craft at WSHP radio, all while owning his own business—JB's Disc Jockey Service, which operated into the 2000s.

Jake is a cancer survivor of 26 years, and remains active in marching bands while being a world-renowned Masters Powerlifting Champion. He is a member of the Reilly Raiders Drum & Bugle Corps and the leader of the Dungeon Powerlifting Crew at the Front Street YMCA, holding numerous world records for his age group. Jake is also a member of the Mt. Pisgah AME Zion Church and the Locust Grove Cemetery Committee Firefighter Vigilant Hose Company No. 52. He loves gardening, the LA Dodgers, trains, fireworks, motorcycles, books, firearms, mini whiskey bottles, music, and enjoys collecting African-American relics.

Jake will tell you that his biggest and proudest accomplishment, by far, is his family. He is the proud father of five children (Andrew, Gerald, Mike, Kacey, and Ashley), 11 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Jake has lived his life by his personal mantra: "Never stop learning. Live everyday as if it were your last. Put your faith in God and never give up."

With great honor, I commend Gerald "Jake" Burke's distinguished career of service to Tri-County Community Action, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America.

HONORING THE FAITHFUL SERVICE OF ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY DOUGLASS TACKETT

**HON. MARK E. GREEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2020*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Assistant Chief Deputy Douglass Tackett.

Mr. Tackett began his career in law enforcement as part of the Army Military Police Corps. Upon leaving the Army, he transitioned to working in civilian law enforcement with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. On account of his persistent work ethic, he quickly rose through the ranks, serving as Jail Administrator, Lieutenant, Captain, and finally as Assistant Chief Deputy.

Charged with the supervision of the hundreds of inmates housed in the Montgomery

County Jail on a daily basis, Assistant Chief Deputy Tackett sought to maintain order and discipline while trying to aid inmates who wanted to change their ways. His constant fidelity and excellence throughout his career stands as an example to be followed by all those who are charged with upholding law and order.

Assistant Chief Deputy Tackett's four decades of service to the Montgomery County Sheriff's office have been invaluable and he has made an impact in his community for years to come. His service exemplifies the virtues of steadfastness and dedication. It is fitting that we honor him as he concludes a long and faithful career in service to the people of Montgomery County. On behalf of the United States Congress, I wish to commend Assistant Chief Deputy Tackett for his service, and I congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement from the Montgomery County Sheriff's office.

RETIREMENT OF DANIEL SPATZ

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2020*

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Daniel Spatz as he retires after 12 years as the Washington, D.C. Trip Scheduler for The Dalles Community Outreach Team. Daniel's dedication, diligence, and passion to support others has helped make the Community Outreach Team the success it is today.

Dan was born in Portland, Oregon and raised outside of White Salmon, Washington, and graduated from Columbia High School. He went on to earn his degree in journalism and business from Eastern Oregon State College after working at The White Salmon Enterprise as a high school student. After college, Dan began his career in the newspaper business working for every other newspaper in the Columbia River Gorge: Hood River News, Goldendale Sentinel, The Dalles Reminder, and lastly, The Dalles Chronicle. During this time, Dan learned all the nuances of newspaper production including running a printing press, running advertisement sales, directing news meetings, writing for publication, and ultimately serving as an editor and general manager. Additionally, he became an award-winning journalist recognized by both the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association (ONPA).

While working at The Dalles Reminder, Dan met his wife, Michele, when he interviewed her for a news story. Together they built a family and raised two daughters, Melissa and Kathryn, who are now, respectively, a general surgeon and an emergency room physician. In fact, Dan and Michele have always shared a welcoming home, especially since they developed a high school student exchange program between The Dalles and its sister city, Miyoshi City, Japan. For several years the Spatz home has served as a homestay family and hosted numerous Miyoshi City students, visitors, and adult chaperones.

After 30 years in regional journalism, Dan left to join Columbia Gorge Community College (CGCC) as their Chief Institutional Advancement Officer where he serves today as

the Executive Director of Institutional Advancement. His outstanding accomplishments at CGCC include negotiating intergovernmental agreements securing \$14.6 million for capital construction programs to build the Treaty Oaks Skills Center and student housing on The Dalles CGCC campus. Dan also supported CGCC's Hispanic Serving Institution designation by creating and facilitating the college's Latinx Advisory Council, which represents community organizations, school districts, and other groups with a mission to identify barriers to college recruitment, retention, and academic completion of Latinx students.

Additionally, as Chief Institutional Advancement Officer, Dan embraced the task of scheduling the Community Outreach Team's complement of Washington, D.C. meetings that occur each March and September. He was also instrumental in helping CGCC receive funding for a new National Guard Readiness Center, a Wind Energy Technician Training program, new 911 dispatch equipment for Wasco County, and construction dollars for The Dalles' East Gateway Project. Dan secured meetings with Oregon and Washington Legislators, the American Wind Energy Association, the Department of Energy, and the Department of Education enabling the Community Outreach Team to advocate for and ultimately receive funding for these important community projects. Dan was also an integral member of the Community Outreach Team itself and made many trips to Washington, D.C. as a representative of CGCC and the City of The Dalles.

Finally, over the last two decades, Dan has also served in several other key leadership positions within The Dalles and Wasco County. From 2008 to 2016, he was elected to The Dalles City Council representing the Cities of Wasco County and served on the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District Board, the Mt. Hood Economic Alliance Board, and as Vice-President of the QualityLife Intergovernmental Agency (QLife) Board. Additionally, through a CGCC subcontract with Wasco County, Dan served as the Wasco County Economic Development Coordinator where he crafted Wasco County's comprehensive economic development strategic plan and led the Wasco 2000 initiative to develop wastewater treatment in rural Wamic, Oregon.

It's hard to look around The Dalles without spotting something that hasn't been touched by Dan's efforts. The community and region are better off because of the time and energy he has invested in helping spur growth and development in the Gorge. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dan's service, leadership, and dedication to the communities of Wasco County and The Dalles.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN ERIC SWING

**HON. JIMMY GOMEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 29, 2020*

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and leadership of John Eric Swing, whose service to the members of Los Angeles' Historic Filipinotown and greater Filipino-American community will not be forgotten.