

With his unyielding dedication to his community, Bill's work has left a tremendous impact in numerous people's lives. He volunteered his time during the 1998 Hurricane Georges to offer comfort and critical live updates throughout the storm. Bill partook in broadcasts in Cuba as part of humanitarian efforts led by a local group taking essential medical supplies and food to the island nation. In 1982, Bill broadcasted live from Key West's Mallory Square when the Florida Keys seceded from the Union and formed the independent Conch Republic. Aside from his hard work in broadcasting, Bill also dedicated his time to the community of the Lower Keys by serving as the president of the Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce.

Through all these accomplishments, Bill made himself a pillar of the Keys community and his retirement marks the end of an era. Bill embodies the hard working, community-minded nature that the Florida Keys is known for. On behalf of Florida's 26th District, I would like to thank Bill for his contribution to the community and wish him the absolute best in this next chapter of his life.

RECOGNIZING MS. PATRICIA CROWLEY, PRESIDENT/CEO OF THE GREATER HERNANDO COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with sincere appreciation that I recognize my friend Patricia Crowley, President/CEO of the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce, for her leadership and service to our business community. After 20 years of service to the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Crowley will retire on October 31, 2020.

Ms. Crowley began her career with the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce in March of 2000 as a Membership Representative. A few years later, Ms. Crowley was named President/CEO of the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce. Throughout her years of service with the Chamber, she formed strong partnerships with local leaders and business organizations to strengthen the county's business environment to enable business development and prosperity throughout Hernando County.

Ms. Crowley has been a dedicated servant to people of Hernando County throughout her career. She has served in several organizations including the United Way of Hernando County, Kiwanis Club of Brooksville, and Oak Hill Hospital Board.

I am honored to recognize Patricia Crowley and thank her for her hard work and countless contributions to the Hernando County community. Her commitment to excellence, leadership and service is to be admired, and may it inspire others to follow in her footsteps. My sincerest wishes and congratulations to Pat on her retirement.

HONORING MICHAEL LAIRMORE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael Lairmore and his nearly 10 years of distinguished service as the Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of California, Davis. As Dr. Lairmore retires this year, his dedicated tenure ensures he leaves behind a veterinary school which, ranks among the best in the world and is well-placed to further its success at the forefront of veterinary science far into the future. Alongside the school's pioneering research, the veterinary hospital is unmatched in reputation and patient visits.

Dr. Lairmore became Dean in 2011 and immediately set to work; crafting a long-term and multifaceted plan to guide the institution to its full potential. His emphasis on the importance of the school's student and patient experience at the forefront of his efforts and under his leadership, the school implemented multiple comprehensive student programs, such as the Office of Global Programs and the Counseling and Career Service Center. Dr. Lairmore simultaneously reigned in student fees and was a vanguard for diversity, ultimately making UC Davis a leader among veterinary schools with both the lowest levels of student debt and most diverse student body. Together this allowed UC Davis' program to tackle inequities in the veterinary field and create greater opportunities for the most disadvantaged students.

Dr. Lairmore expanded the school's research capabilities—placing them at the top in funding, infrastructure, and cutting-edge technology. With his guidance, the school partnered with the United States State Department's Office of Food and Agriculture; to curtail the Newcastle and Mad Cow viruses. In addition, Dr. Lairmore played a pivotal role in the development of USAID's PREDICT project and identifying the Marburg and Ebola viruses in bats preventing potential outbreaks. While the world continues to combat the coronavirus pandemic, UC Davis provides a model for stopping future pandemics before they are allowed to spread.

Dr. Lairmore is continuing his career with the School of Veterinary Medicine as a distinguished professor in the Department of Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology. However, it is clear that his legacy as Dean will continue to shape the school and its students and faculty for years to come. On behalf of the people of California's 3rd Congressional District, I offer my sincere gratitude for his dedicated service and best wishes upon his future endeavors and accomplishments.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
GENRE VINCENT PECORA

HON. GUY RESCIENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Genre Vincent Pecora who sadly passed away in his North

Huntingdon, Pennsylvania home on August 30, 2020. I knew Vince personally and can attest that his devotion to family, community, and country was evident to everyone who met him.

Vince was the proud owner of Pecora Flooring Inc., a southwestern Pennsylvania company specializing in institutional and industrial installation for over fifty years. Throughout that time, Vince earned the respect and trust of his community through his tenacity, workmanship, and approachability.

Outside of work, Vince was committed to helping kids with cancer after his grandson was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. After watching one of their own go through treatment and ultimately achieve remission, the Pecora family started Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund to support others in similar situations. From entertainment systems to go-bags packed with essentials, Genre's Kids with Cancer Fund anticipates the needs of families confronted with the horror of a childhood cancer diagnosis.

Vince is survived by his wife of 56 years, Donna Day Pecora; children, Daunette Baker and her husband, John, Vincent Pecora and his wife, Brenda, Dante Pecora and his wife, Carla, and Todd Hook and his wife, Julie; sister, Antoinette Capo; grandchildren, Kaitlynn (Ricky) Boyer, James Baker, Genre Baker, Vincent Pecora, Gianna Baker, Avery Pecora and Ava Pecora; and great-grandchildren, Gideon Boyer, Eden Boyer, Lacey Hook and Cameron Hook.

Madam Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I recognize the loss of Genre Vincent Pecora. Vince will be remembered as a friend to many and his legacy will live on in southwestern Pennsylvania.

RECOGNIZING THE UKRAINIAN
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF CHICAGO

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Ukrainian National Museum of Chicago (UNM), a cultural landmark in the heart of my district, on the occasion of its annual banquet. The UNM prides itself, for good reason, on its museum artifacts, library, and archives, which highlight Ukraine's history, its ongoing fight for freedom and democracy, and the rich culture and contributions made by Ukrainian Americans and Americans of Ukrainian heritage, both to Chicago's cultural tapestry and to that of the United States.

Each one of the four waves of immigration from Ukraine, as well as the generations of American Ukrainians who have followed, have brought with it a wealth of literary, music, artistic, and cultural artifacts, historical testimonials, relics, scientific patents, personal keepsakes and reminders, all of which speak to the importance of Ukrainian heritage and the personal and professional accomplishments of American Ukrainians across our country.

Themselves a part of the third wave of Ukrainian immigrants to the United States, Olexa Hankewych, Julian Kamenetsky and Orest Horodysky, founded the Ukrainian Library and Archival Center in 1952 in order to