

and as a director of the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association. He continues to serve as a member of the Executive Board as a Past President.

Professionally, Mr. LaPlante is retired from teaching English and United States history for the Duarte Unified School District. He taught at the seventh and eighth grade level for more than twenty years. He received three awards from the PTSA at Northview Intermediate School in Duarte for his service to the school and the students, including a Continuing Service Award. He holds credentials for the teaching of English and social science and is certified to provide instruction to limited-English speaking students. Donald also holds a credential in school administration.

A graduate of the University of Southern California with majors in political science and journalism, he also holds a master's degree in educational leadership from Point Loma Nazarene University. He did work for his teaching credential at California State University, Long Beach.

Prior to becoming a teacher, Mr. LaPlante held a managerial position in the printing industry for over twelve years. He has lived in Downey for more than 55 years and is a graduate of Warren High School in Downey. He was honored by the Downey Unified School District in 2007 when it named the new science building on the Warren High School Campus as "Donald E. LaPlante Hall."

Donald E. LaPlante will officially retire in December after more than 41 years as a member of the Board of Education of the Downey Unified School District.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Mr. Donald E. LaPlante for his many years of exemplary leadership and outstanding service to the education of our youth and their families.

CONGRATULATING ASSISTANT  
CHIEF YOGANANDA PITTMAN OF  
THE U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

### HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2020*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Assistant Chief Yogananda Pittman of the United States Capitol Police on being awarded the Women in Federal Law Enforcement's 2020 Outstanding Advocate for Women in Federal Law Enforcement Award. Ms. Pittman joined the U.S. Capitol Police force in 2001. Her USCP career began with security and protective services for the U.S. Senate. She has continually risen through the ranks, and in 2012 became the first African-American female supervisor to become Captain. From 2016 to 2018, Ms. Pittman completed the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) CEO Mentoring Program, and in October of last year, she became the first female to achieve the rank of Assistant Chief of the U.S. Capitol Police—the same year she completed a Master's Degree in Public Administration and enrolled in a Doctoral program. As if these accomplishments were not enough, Ms. Pittman has been promoting diversity and mentoring through the U.S. Capitol Police's Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Action (IDEA) Office—all in addition to her police force responsibilities. To call her impressive is truly an understatement. I'd like to formally express my gratitude for her dedicated public service and congratulate her on her well-deserved achievement of the Outstanding Advocate for Women in Federal Law Enforcement Award.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE  
OF DONALD KENT HOBERT, M.D.

### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 5, 2020*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Donald Kent Hobert, M.D.

Born in Iowa, Dr. Hobert grew up on his family's hog farm. His education began in a one-room schoolhouse, but he later attended junior high at a city school. During his freshman year at Charles City High School, Dr. Hobert met his future wife, Nancy, when they ran against each other for class president. The two eventually reconnected during their college years, fell in love, and married in 1959. Dr. Hobert attended medical school at the University of Iowa before the couple relocated to California where he worked as an intern at San Joaquin County Hospital in Stockton.

The Hobert family relocated again during Dr. Hobert's service in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. The family then settled permanently in Martinez, California, where Dr. Hobert began working at Contra Costa County Medical Center and later started a private medical practice. He dedicated his professional career to caring for and helping his patients. Dr. Hobert's life changed when he became confined to a wheelchair in 1983, but it never deterred him—he found ways to continue practicing medicine in his pursuit to help others.

Beyond his career, Dr. Hobert adored his family and was committed to the happiness of his loved ones. He cherished family vacations and used his time working to make gifts for family and items to be donated for auctions to various organizations that he supported.

Sadly, Dr. Hobert passed away this year. He is survived by his wife, three children, four grandchildren, sister, and stepmother. He will be remembered for his compassion, generosity, and determination. Please join me in honoring Dr. Hobert for his many contributions to our community.