

IN HONOR OF KEN WHITE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 7, 2021

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ken White, the recently retired Executive Director of the Peninsula Humane Society. As Mr. White noted, he was retiring on his 469th birthday, as measured in dog years. He joined the Peninsula Humane Society in 2002 and his successes at this organization have been historic for this beloved organization.

Upon his arrival, Ken White and the Peninsula Humane Society guaranteed a home to every adoptable dog or cat in their care, a promise they have kept ever since. In 2003, the organization expanded its promise to include as many ill and injured and behaviorally challenged pets as possible. In 2005, the Humane Society purchased a mobile veterinary clinic and provided spay/neutering surgeries for animals in some of the most underserved communities in the county.

More than 22,000 households contribute to the work of the Peninsula Humane Society. The euthanasia rate has decreased 98 percent since 1970. 1200 volunteers allow PHS to function as an integral part of our community.

In 2006, Ken and his board bought an old Burlingame warehouse. Through a major gift and the loving care of volunteers, they were able to open this facility as the Center for Compassion to house charitably funded programs through state-of-the-art facilities. The progress is amazing. When Ken arrived in our community, the percentage of animals released live back into the community was 53 percent. Today, it is 89 percent. There are tens of thousands of peninsula animals who found their forever-home thanks to the kind heart and amazing fundraising talents of Ken White.

Not content to be an over-achieving humane organization, Ken, his board, employees and volunteers have set a reach goal. The organization now owns 260 acres of land in San Mateo County which will be turned into an animal sanctuary. It will be the first in our nation owned and operated by a humane society.

Ken has seen a tortoise survive being driven over by a vehicle, and today that tortoise thrives as Ken's pet. He watched a falcon be released into the wild after severe injuries were healed. Reptiles have been visitors to his home. He and his apparently patient wife, Lisa Crane, have also taken in a pot-bellied pig and an Argentinian horned frog. If there was a wild party at Ken's home and the noise ever got to be too much, I'm sure there was always a pet or two that was more than willing to lay down the law to Ken.

Ken White got into the business of running animal shelters from an unusual background. He holds a Master's Degree in creative writing. After a series of jobs, he was eventually invited to create educational materials for a local shelter. As a child he was never allowed to own a pet, but then as a young man he was suddenly surrounded by animals. It was love at first sight.

As he leaves his longtime position, he goes out on a national high note. The 260 acre sanctuary in the San Mateo County mountains

will be for medically or behaviorally challenged dogs and cats with low adoption rates. This facility will be a huge step forward for those that are able to live out a full life, but without troublesome humans and their nitpicking rules as preconditions. So goes the dream of San Mateo County's Dr. Doolittle, the man who talks to our animals. I have long admired Ken White for his ingenuity and can-do spirit. The San Mateo community and I wish him well as he leaves his avid fans, of all breeds, behind. Undoubtedly there's a movie about Ken that will someday be released on Netflix: Ken White: Lifesaver, Tortoise Daddy and Snake Whisperer. Watch for it, streaming soon.

CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN MARK
MCDANIEL ON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE DOWNEY POLICE DE-
PARTMENT

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and thank Captain Mark McDaniel as he retires from the Downey Police Department on Thursday, May 13, 2021.

Captain Mark McDaniel began his career with the Downey Police Department from April 1990 to August 1991 as a police aide. He attended the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Academy and graduated as a Downey police officer in 1991. Mark was promoted to the rank of captain on May 7, 2018. He currently oversees the Downey Police Department Field Operations Division.

From August 1991 to August 2005, Mark served as a police officer, field training officer, police corporal, and patrol supervisor. He has also worked as a detective in the Downey Police Department Gang Unit and in the Special Enforcement Team (SET) assisting with the recruitment and background investigations of all police department employees.

Mark served as the administrative sergeant from August 2005 to May 2010, during which time he supervised, trained, and mentored sworn officers and professional staff throughout the organization; oversaw the department's accounts payable and equipment purchasing; and supervised other programs as needed throughout the organization.

Mark served as a lieutenant in the Downey Police Department from May 2010 to May 2018. During this time, he has served as a patrol watch commander and detective bureau lieutenant, where he served as the department's public information officer. Mark managed and provided leadership to field operations personnel; the department's Field Training Program; and implemented the department's Mental Health Team. In addition to being the officer in charge of managing and leading the Detective Bureau, he also managed and prepared multi-million dollar budgets for the Patrol and Detective Bureaus. Mark also co-founded the department's PEER Support Team.

In his most recent position, Captain McDaniel is the commanding officer of both the Detective Bureau and the Administration Division. He also serves as executive leader and command staff; manages the recruitment

and hiring of all department personnel; provides strategic and multimillion dollar budgetary planning and management; participates in labor negotiations and employee conflict resolution; manages vehicle fleet operation; ensures good public relations with various community organizations; ensures adherence to policies, rules, and procedures; mentors all personnel; and inspires those in his charge to reach goals and better the organization.

In addition to his responsibilities at work, Mark also volunteers in the Downey community. He belongs to Gangs Out of Downey and was elected twice as president in 2016–17 and 2017–18. He has also been a member of the Downey Kiwanis club since 2017; a founding member of the Downey Police and Fire Foundation; president of the Downey Police Management Association; and a board member of the Friends of the Downey Police Mounted Unit Foundation.

Captain Mark McDaniel was born in the city of Downey and was raised in Cerritos. He is a graduate of Cerritos High School. Mark earned a bachelor's degree in occupational studies from California State University, Long Beach and holds a master's degree in emergency services administration. Mark is also a graduate of the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute and the Los Angeles Police Department Leadership Program.

Mark enjoys spending time with his wife Lorena, his two sons Mark, Jr. and Nicholas, and his daughter Mia; camping and fishing; and is an avid Dallas Cowboys and UCLA Bruins football fan.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking and congratulating Captain Mark McDaniel for his many years of exemplary leadership and outstanding service to our community. Let us wish him many happy years of retirement.

REMEMBERING ARNOLD PERL

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay my respects to a great civic leader of Memphis, Arnold E. Perl, who passed on Tuesday. A labor and employment lawyer for more than 40 years, Mr. Perl served on the Memphis and Shelby County Airport Authority, including 16 years as its chairman, where he advocated the idea of an aerropolis linking the airport to the commerce of our city. He was also a past General Counsel of the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry as well as Secretary and General Counsel of the Greater Memphis Regional Chamber. Mr. Perl served as the Chairman of the New Arena Public Building Authority, which built the \$250 million FedEx Forum. Very active in the Jewish community, he served as the 45th President of Temple Israel from 2006 to 2008. Mr. Perl also served on the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee from 1996 to 2002 and was supportive of the Hope Scholarship funded by the state lottery I worked to establish as a state senator. For his efforts founding the Japan-Tennessee Society and his contributions to Japanese-American relations, he was honored in 2007 with membership in the Order of the Rising Sun by the Emperor of Japan. In 2006,

he published *Simple Solutions: Harness the Power of Passion and Simplicity to Get Results with FedEx's Tom Schmitt* about best practices in business leadership. Mr. Perl founded the law firm Young and Perl, was a partner in the law firm Ford and Harrison, and he later became a member of the law firm Glankler Brown. Memphis has lost a fine leader. I extend my condolences to his wife Mary Lynn, his daughters Stephanie Perl Marks and Laurie Perl Meskin and their husbands, his extended family and his many friends.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
BRADFORD FREEMAN

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 7, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Mr. Bradford Freeman, a member of the Greatest Generation and a true hero. He belonged to Company E, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment under the 101st Airborne Division, also known as Easy Company. Their exploits were memorialized in the HBO mini-series "Band of Brothers."

Mr. Freeman was born in Mississippi on September 4, 1924. He started his freshman year at Mississippi State University before enlisting in the Army in December of 1942. He finished his freshman year and reported in April 1943. He first reported to Camp Shelby, and then Fort McClellan for 13 weeks of basic training. He trained as a paratrooper at Fort Benning, Georgia. In North Carolina, he joined the 541st which evolved into the 101st.

After midnight on D-Day, nineteen-year-old Freeman made his first combat jump. On June 5, 1944 he boarded a C-47, among a fleet of 87 aircraft, and travelled across the English channel over Normandy. German anti-aircrafts broke the soldier's silence. He jumped from the aircraft at 200 miles per hour, 100 miles per hour faster than normal jump speed. Freeman landed safely and was assigned to guard a crossroads near the Breccourt Manor farm, where the battalion would later take out four German artillery pieces. He heard Navy shells flying overhead towards targets further inland.

Freeman served for two years, 11 months and 20 days in the United States Army and left the service as a private first class. He returned home to his family on December 2, 1945. He reunited with his childhood friend Willie Gurfley, and the two were married in 1947. They had two daughters, Beverly Clark and Rebecca Louis. After over 60 years of marriage, Willie passed away in 2008. After returning from war, Mr. Freeman returned to farming. He loved to hunt, fish, and sit on his front porch.

I am deeply grateful for Bradford Freeman's lifetime of service to this country and the state of Mississippi. His sacrifices will never be forgotten, and his service always revered.

ADDRESSING THE SITUATION IN
KAZAKHSTAN
CONCERNING
KLEPTOCRACY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 7, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity today to recognize the importance of the bilateral relationship between the United States and Kazakhstan. Following the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the United States, on December 25, 1991, was the first country to recognize Kazakhstan's independence. Thereafter, the Clinton Administration facilitated the entry of Kazakh oil to the world market via the CPC export pipeline. American companies were the first to enter the Kazakh economy but were soon pushed aside from the most attractive projects, such as Chinese companies which have invariably won international tenders for privatized assets.

I rise today to express my growing concern over an article published by author Tom Burgis. The article contains information surrounding leaked documents that indicate the former Kazakh president's son-in-law, Timur Kulibayev, designed a scheme that would result in him receiving tens of millions of dollars from contracts related to a multibillion-dollar gas pipeline between Central Asia and China.

The Asia Gas Pipeline project was to accelerate a shift of economic power from the West to the East. Built jointly by Kazakhstan and China, these pipelines would stretch around 2000 miles and be funded by Chinese loans. "The first two lines would cost \$7.5bn, with a third to follow for some \$3bn and a fourth after that."

Author Tom Burgis states, "Mr. Kulibayev, who has served on the Russian energy giant's board since 2011, is the son-in-law of the former Kazakh president and has wide-ranging business interests, from banking to mining and real estate. As one of the most powerful officials in the country, he oversaw the state companies that awarded contracts to build the pipelines across Kazakhstan. Emails sent between 2008 and 2014 and leaked by a whistleblower contain detailed descriptions of a set-up that it appears would allow Mr. Kulibayev to receive a share of the profits from pipeline contracts granted to ETK, a company owned by Russian businessman Alexander Karmanov."

This is not Timur Kulibayev's first time coming to the attention of the West. In 2007, it was revealed that he was the mystery buyer of a multimillion-dollar Sunninghill Park estate that the Queen had given Prince Andrew as a wedding present. He also has faced money-laundering allegations in a Swiss case, which was eventually dropped.

The United States currently spends about \$115 million a year on global anti-corruption programs. Unfortunately, many of the funds we put toward anti-corruption efforts get trapped in multi-year technical programs that are unable to respond nimbly to sudden opportunities for governance reform. If the United States does intervene, authoritarian kleptocrats will gain ground. The United States needs to be proactive in developing strategic relationships and agile programs that will keep us relevant in moments of historic opportunity.

Recently, U.S. Senator BEN CARDIN (D-Md.) and Senator ROGER WICKER (R-Miss.), incoming Chair of the U.S. Helsinki Commission and Co-Chair, respectively, introduced the Countering Russian and Other Overseas Kleptocracy (CROOK) Act to upgrade America's anti-corruption efforts by targeting kleptocracy at the source. The CROOK Act would create an anticorruption action fund to help activists leverage public sentiment to achieve lasting reform, without any additional cost to taxpayers. The fund would be financed through a \$5 million surcharge on entities found liable for \$50 million or more in criminal fines and penalties under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). Based on data from the last 10 years, this bill would put an additional \$16 million per year toward global anti-corruption work. Funds would continue to accrue until a historic window of opportunity opens, at which point funds would be rapidly deployed to help establish the rule of law.

Fighting corruption is an imperative for the United States. As a beacon of liberty and the rule of law, it is our duty and the purest expression of our values. It is also a highly practical form of soft power that advances our national security. As Kazakhstan is aspiring to be a strategic partner of the United States, I call on my colleagues to join me in urging the Biden Administration to review this case of kleptocracy and corrupt officials from Kazakhstan and assure that it will be included in our Government's discussions regarding this important part of the world.

HONORING SAM AND ARLENE
DANIELS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 7, 2021

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. and Mrs. Sam Daniels from Wellington, Kentucky.

Sam and Arlene Daniels visited in Kentucky in 1999. The trip resulted in the purchase of a home and a move to rural Menifee County. This move placed them on a path that led to assisting people in need by feeding the hungry in their area.

In 2001, Arlene Daniels was called by God to start a food pantry at their church, Dayspring. Her sister-in-law donated \$2500 to help start the pantry in memory of Sam's brother Albert Daniels. Pastor Andy Timblin shared the food pantry idea with the congregation and a visitor offered a \$1,000 donation. On May 14, 2001, the Dayspring Food Pantry became a reality.

For twenty years, community support and grants have brought much needed funds to the Dayspring Food Pantry. The pantry now helps over 400 families a month and has community partnerships with senior citizens, schools, churches, and other agencies to lend a hand to those in need. The Daniels have served as directors of the pantry since its beginning. Led by their strong faith, Brother Sam Daniels and Sister Arlene Daniels have impacted their community for generations to come.

On the 20th anniversary of the founding of Dayspring Food Pantry, it is my honor to recognize these amazing people and thank them