

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

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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

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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 aerotropolis 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,