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HONORING MAX P. WOLF-JOHNSON AND HIS SERVICE TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service and accomplishments of Max P. Wolf-Johnson, my senior legislative assistant who is transitioning from my office to pursue an advanced degree. Max joined my office in 2018 and has blossomed into an extraordinary policy expert and leader.

Max has been instrumental in my efforts to change the landscape of American higher education and provide more support to HBCUs. Further, he has helped to advance labor-related legislation that ensures critical provisions for America's workers and supports Job Corps in the next WIOA reauthorization. His actions have led to countless wins in education and labor policy, and he has gained a wealth of knowledge in both respective areas.

Additionally, Max has been willing to take on whatever assignment or job placed before him. His ability to take on new positions and excel is a testament to his work ethic and versatility. Though a proud native of the state of California, Max has treated Miami as his second home through his tireless work. A son of educators and a graduate of public K–12 schools, he understands the importance of the public school system.

After graduating high school, Max earned an associate degree at the College of Marin and a bachelor's degree at the University of California Berkeley, both in political science and government.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Max Wolf-Johnson for his extraordinary accomplishments, commitment to public service, and trailblazing leadership.

AWARDING CORPORAL BOB KERR A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I am honored and privileged to award Corporal Bob Kerr with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and sacrifice through the United States Marine Corps exemplify his national pride and embodiment as a role-model citizen to serve the country he loves. Corporal Kerr is truly an ideal candidate to receive the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Corporal Kerr served as a Squad Leader for the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. He was a very skilled and qualified Rifle Expert and had obtained the highest score in the Depot. Due to his raw talent and impressive rifle skills, Corporal Kerr was promoted to Lance Corporal in less than a month. With his eventual promotion to Corporal, Corporal Kerr was a great resource for the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Corporal Kerr also served overseas in Vietnam. His specific service in Dong Ha, Hue City, Chulai, Phu Bai, and Quangtri exemplifies his passion and dedication to supporting the Nation he loves. As Squad Leader, Corporal Kerr oversaw four squads per platoon and also served as an Ammunition Technician. Corporal Kerr's long list of medals, awards, and honors include one representing the ultimate sacrifice of service. While in Vietnam, Corporal Kerr earned a Purple Heart.

Today, Corporal Kerr serves the Sulfur Springs Community and those around him. He serves as a Judge Advocate with the Hopkins County Marine Corps League and rides in motorcycle events that honor fellow veterans. As a combat veteran from the Vietnam era, he attends various patriotic assemblies in both Franklin and Hopkins Counties.

I am beyond honored to have Corporal Kerr in Texas' 4th Congressional district and am privileged to award such a distinguished citizen for his sacrifices.

HONORING RICH MAROVICH ON HIS 21 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rich Marovich for his 21 years of service with the Solano County Water Agency. Through his work as streamkeeper of Putah Creek, Mr. Marovich has shown a ceaseless dedication and passion for protecting and preserving our community's natural resources.

Mr. Marovich is originally from Palo Alto, California, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Plant Science at the University of California, Davis. After college, he worked at the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, where he administered the department's first Endangered Species Program.

After years of drought, the Putah Creek Accord restored the natural flow of the creek; with this restoration, the need for a streamkeeper emerged and Mr. Marovich was a natural choice for the role. Putah Creek's 70-mile-long stream extends from the Cobb Mountains to the Yolo Bypass making it a major fishing and wildlife resource. To maintain the creek and protect its resources, Mr. Marovich was ever diligent as streamkeeper in improving water quality and conserving creek resources. Through his position, he also provided educational resources to the community regarding the creek's importance and collaborated with landowners along the creek on cleanup efforts.

In addition to his work preserving Putah Creek, Mr. Marovich created several environmental projects including the development of plant nurseries, food cultivation efforts, and critical fundraising campaigns for assessment programs related to the creek's condition.

The annual Winters Salmon Festival and the return of Chinook salmon to Putah Creek is a testament to the tireless efforts and unyielding zeal of Mr. Marovich throughout his career. While his service as Putah Creek's streamkeeper will surely be missed, Mr. Marovich's 21 years of service to the conservation of California's water resources has undoubtedly left a legacy that will last for many years to come. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for Mr. Marovich's dedicated service to the preservation of Putah Creek and wish him and his family my best as he enters retirement.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF KAREN MITCHOFF

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today, along with Congressman SWALWELL, to recognize the service of Karen Mitchoff as she retires from her role on the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors.

Karen has dedicated her career to public service and the people of Contra Costa County. In 1981, she began her career in public service as an executive assistant in the office of former Sherriff Richard Rainey. Karen went on to serve as chief of staff to then-County Supervisor Wright McPeak and served as my chief of staff during my time with the board, as well, Karen then stepped into the role of fiscal and administrative analyst for Contra Costa County's Human Resources Department from 1998–2010.

Karen also has an extensive history serving as an elected official for the county. In 1988, she was appointed to the Pleasant Hill Resident's Advisory Committee on Redevelopment. Karen went on to join the Pleasant Hill Planning Commission, serving in this position from 1992–1996. In 2003, Karen was appointed to the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Parks District Board of Supervisors, where she served as chair both in 2005 and 2006. In 2008, Karen was elected to the Pleasant Hill Board of Supervisors, and in 2010 was elected as mayor of Pleasant Hill. Finally in 2011, Karen was elected to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors overseeing District IV, where she has worked tirelessly to serve Contra Costans for the past 11 years.

Throughout her tenure on the Board, Karen has done substantial work to promote strength and resiliency within our community. She has helped protect and conserve the integrity of the Delta as an appointee to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Board and