sick leave, and I will continue to fight for their rights.

TRIBUTE TO DON HORSLEY ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a devoted servant of the people of San Mateo County who is completing his tenure on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, Don Horsley. He has worked in law enforcement, education, as elected Sheriff and President of the Healthcare District Board. His life has been one devoted to the wellbeing of others.

Don Horsley is married to Elaine and they reside in Emerald Hills. They have three adult children and one grandchild. Don is a native San Franciscan who was raised in Daly City. He graduated from Westmoor High School and earned his Bachelor's degree with Honors from San Francisco State University. He later earned a secondary school teaching credential.

Don Horsley began his working career doing odd jobs as a teenager, then as a juvenile counselor with the San Mateo County Probation Department. He taught middle school students, and then began his work in law enforcement with the City of Pacifica.

Don began his career with the San Mateo County Sheriffs office as a Patrol Deputy in East Palo Alto in 1972. He won the race for San Mateo County Sheriff in 1993 and served as the elected Sheriff for nearly 14 years. His tenure was marked by innovation, modernization and upgrading the tools used by law enforcement. He helped establish a gang investigative unit, and his work resulted in the lowest county homicide rate in California.

Don Horsley was elected to the Sequoia Healthcare District where he served as President until he was elected to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. At the Healthcare District he spearheaded efforts to increase funding to the North Fair Oaks Clinic and the Community Grant Program, and advocated annexation of the San Mateo Coastside into the District, and worked successfully to fund school nurses and health programs in District schools.

Don Horsley was elected to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors for District 3 in 2010 and has served with great distinction for three terms. The District includes the cities of Atherton, southeast Belmont, Half Moon Bay, Pacifica, Portola Valley, San Carlos and Woodside. It also includes unincorporated Devonshire Canyon, El Granada, Emerald Lake Hills, Harbor Industrial Park, La Honda, Ladera, Loma Mar, Los Trancos Woods, Miramar, Montara, Moss Beach, Palomar Park, Pescadero, Princeton By-The-Sea, San Gregorio, Skyline, Skylonda, Stanford Lands, Vista Verde and West Menlo Park. His third and last term will end on December 31, 2022, and he currently serves as the Board's President, an office he held twice before.

Don Horsley hosted Getting Prohibited Guns Off the Street: Firearm Relinquishment in San Mateo County, an inter-agency partnership with the Giffords Law Center on March 11, 2022. Subsequently, the Board of Supervisors committed $1 million to taking guns away from people with violent offenses and restraining orders.

Don Horsley is a tireless advocate for farmworkers on the Coast and helped develop the San Mateo County Farm Labor Housing Loan Program. The program finances the construction of new and renovated housing for farmworkers, in partnership with agricultural operators.

Don is an outspoken supporter of civilian oversight of law enforcement, a strong advocate for affordable housing, and is committed to ensuring that policies and funding for housing, transportation, job training and other services reach the most vulnerable residents.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House to join me in thanking Don Horsley for his exemplary service to the people of San Mateo County and in wishing him every blessing in the next chapter of his life. He is a good and great man and we are a better community and a stronger country because of him and his work.

HONORING KRISTI HOWELL

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kristi Howell, a champion for small businesses who has dedicated her career to empowering business owners that shape New Jersey's economy every day.

As we celebrate her 20th anniversary of joining the Burlington County Regional Chamber of Commerce (BCRCC) as President and CEO, it's important to note how her work has transformed the Chamber's impact on our district and across the state. Kristi has been at the forefront of leading rebranding efforts, strengthening key partnerships, including with Joint Base McGuire-Dix Lakehurst, and expanding programming from 20 annual networking and educational events to 60. Through Lunch N' Learns, Women's Business Conferences, Workforce Development Conferences, and more, Kristi has created a welcoming space for businesses and their employees to find success.

Beyond her service through the Chamber of Commerce, Kristi has also been an active member of our community. From advising lawmakers in Trenton before deciding to apply her government background and communication skills to the business world, she has had an impact on multiple sectors of service. Kristi continues to give back as a board member and advisor for numerous organizations including the Military Support Alliance of NJ, the YMCA of the Pines, the Girl Scouts of Central and Southern New Jersey, Visit South Jersey, and the Burlington County Institute of Technology.

Kristi's passion for service has also been recognized through a number of prestigious awards and honors over the years. More recently, Kristi was recognized by South Jersey Biz Magazine as Executive of the Year, by SJ Magazine's Women of Excellence for her Leadership, and by Gloucester County's Chamber of Commerce Foundation for her commitment to small businesses.

Having worked with Kristi on the Small Business Advisory Council in 2019, I am humbled to know firsthand the value of her leadership and expertise. We are grateful for the work that Kristi has done. I know I speak for the 3rd District in congratulating her for a remarkable milestone of 20-years leading the BCRCC.

RECOGNIZING CHAIRMAN JOSE ''PEPE'' DIAZ FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of my good friend, Chairman Jose ''Pepe'' Diaz for his outstanding work as a Miami-Dade County Commissioner and Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. During my tenure as Mayor of Miami-Dade County, I had the pleasure of working closely with Chairman Diaz on many important issues over the years. We were able to come together to serve the residents of Miami-Dade County and formed a strong friendship that has continued even after my time at the County.

Chairman Diaz is the quintessential public servant. He started his career in public service at a young age as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps and has continued down a path of lifelong service to the community he so deeply admires. Chairman Diaz has served on numerous boards and been appointed to countless committees, which is a testament to his leadership and dedication to improving the lives of the residents of South Florida. Chairman Diaz has spearheaded countless projects and initiatives for Miami-Dade County over the span of his 20 years serving on the County Commission and most recently led a bid committee to support Miami as a future host city for the World Cup. He has always been deeply committed to serving the county's veterans and active-duty service members.

It is my honor to recognize and honor Chairman Diaz for his service to the South Florida community. I had the distinct honor of working with Chairman Diaz for a large portion of my career, and I know the kind of focus and leadership he has brought to his entire career of public service. Although his time as a county commissioner is coming to an end, I know he will continue to thrive in his upcoming endeavors. I look forward to seeing what the future has in store and wish Chairman Diaz all the very best.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MELVIN C. HIGH, SHERIFF OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the loss of an exceptional law enforcement official and community leader in Prince George's County, Maryland: Sheriff Melvin C. High. After a barrier-breaking career in law enforcement spanning 53 years, Sheriff High