

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING CITRUS COUNTY ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT MIKE MULLEN ON HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2023*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize and congratulate Citrus County Assistant Superintendent Mike Mullen for his retirement after more than 28 years of service in Citrus County.

After graduating from California University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Mullen joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. After serving for over four years in various roles, he became a teacher at Baker County Middle School in Baker County, Florida. This is a role he would have for four years before moving over to Baker County High School for another three years. While teaching, he also helped with multiple sports including Football, Golf, and Softball. Mr. Mullen then made his way to Citrus County, becoming an instructor at Lecanto Middle School before moving to an administrative role as Assistant Principal and then Principal of Citrus High School. After his principalship, he became Executive Director of School Support Services for Citrus County Schools, helping develop the district's long range capital improvement plan. On July 1, 2011, Mike became Assistant Superintendent of School Operations for Citrus County Schools. In this role, he has provided leadership and direction for district strategic planning, ensured compliance with all district, state, and federal mandates related to school operations, and assisted in the development of the district operating budget. Throughout each phase of his career, Mr. Mullen has impacted countless young lives, leaving an imprint that will last a lifetime. While his influence is incalculable, I know that Citrus County is better for having had him serve.

I thank Mike Mullen for his years of service to our community and wish him well as he enjoys his well-earned retirement.

JOHN ERICKSON EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize John Carpenter Erickson. John is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 5, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

John has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years John has been involved with

scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. John has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. John led an effort to redo the community garden at Camp Mabry. John mapped out plant beds, ordered the necessary materials, recruited and coordinated volunteers, and handled the logistics of the food that was donated.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending John Carpenter Erickson for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING HERMAN J. HERNANDEZ

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Herman J. Hernandez for receiving an honorary doctoral degree from Sonoma State University, in recognition of his 50 years of social justice advocacy in Sonoma County.

Born to immigrant parents in San Francisco's Mission District, Mr. Hernandez grew up in San Francisco, California and graduated from Sacred Heart High School. He moved to Guerneville, California in 1970, where he earned his real estate license. Here he began working with his father, who had started one of San Francisco's first Latino-owned real estate and insurance businesses in 1953. After his father's passing in 1978, Mr. Hernandez took over Hernandez Realty to continue his legacy from Sonoma County.

Mr. Hernandez quickly became an active local volunteer. In 1973, he was invited to join the Russian River Rotary Club. At just 23 years old, he became Guerneville Rotary Club's first Latino member. He became active in the Rotary Club's Government Relations Committee and began to engage in local public policy and community service. He has volunteered with Family Justice Center Sonoma County, Sonoma County Health Action, the Russian River Park and Recreation District, the Sonoma County Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, and the North Bay Association of Realtors.

Mr. Hernandez is well known in our district as the founder of Los Cien, the largest Latino advocacy group in the North Bay. Mr. Hernandez founded Los Cien in 2008 to address the lack of Latino representation in local politics and to give the Latino community a voice in Sonoma County's public policy. Los Cien prioritizes civic engagement and education for its members while working to build bridges between the Latino community and others in Sonoma County. What began as a small group of Latinos talking about civic issues in the back room of pizza shops and cafes, has

become a leadership organization with more than 1,500 members. Los Cien provides valuable networking opportunities for Latino professionals to delve into local issues, including education, health care, law enforcement, and immigration. In addition, Los Cien puts on an annual State of the Latino Community Address at the Address at Sonoma State University which highlights the priorities and needs of the Latino community. Los Cien has also expanded their advocacy by connecting with the nonprofit Northern California Latino Leaders to inspire similar movements amongst Latino communities in Marin, Napa, and Mendocino counties.

Mr. Hernandez is known for being energetic, passionate, generous, and a good listener. He spends his spare time with his wife Guillermina and two children, who each continue in their father's footsteps. Mr. Hernandez's daughter, Daniella, is a third-generation realtor and his son, Herman, became the new executive director for Los Cien in 2023.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize my friend, Herman J. Hernandez, an exceptional community leader who has fought for Latino representation and participation in Sonoma County for decades. It is therefore fitting that we honor him here today.

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**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2023*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Mr. Jim Sullivan and Mrs. Kelly Sullivan, President and Vice President of Millennium Press in Agawam, Massachusetts, for recently being recognized by the Small Business Administration as the Small Business Persons of the Year.

The achievement of Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan is a testament to their unwavering dedication, diligent work, and remarkable leadership at Millennium Press. With a devoted team of 15 full-time employees and one part-time employee, they have successfully built a flourishing business that not only delivers exceptional services to its clients, but also cultivates a supportive and collaborative work environment for their staff.

Their commitment to providing top-notch service while maintaining a culture of teamwork and mutual respect is a model for small businesses across the nation. The Sullivan's accomplishments serve as an inspiration to other entrepreneurs and small business owners who strive to achieve a similar level of success in their respective fields. I have no doubt that Millennium Press will continue to thrive and reach even greater heights under their leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to Jim and Kelly Sullivan for their hard-earned recognition. Their dedication, leadership, and service to their

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