

we remember and celebrate his extraordinary life, we recognize the immense contributions he made to the field of aviation and the safety of our skies.

Don Bateman was a pioneer in aviation, a man whose intellect and passion for flight reshaped the way we fly. Don Bateman made significant contributions to the development of numerous groundbreaking technologies that revolutionized aviation safety systems. He was the mastermind behind the Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System, a pivotal technology that has prevented countless collisions by warning pilots if their plane is heading into a mountain, radio tower, or some other obstacle. Before the warning system became widespread, obstacle collisions were among the leading causes of death from airline accidents. But because of Don's innovative work, these kinds of accidents are now incredibly rare. Many folks in the aviation industry believe he has saved more lives than anyone else in the history of flight.

Don's brilliance extended far beyond his professional accomplishments. He was not only a trailblazer in aviation safety, but also a mentor and an inspiration to countless aspiring engineers, scientists, and aviation professionals. He was a man of integrity, kindness, and humility. His warmth and genuine concern for the well-being of others left an indelible mark on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Today, as we mourn the loss of Don Bateman, let us also celebrate his remarkable life and the immense legacy he leaves behind. His groundbreaking work will continue to guide the aviation industry for generations to come, ensuring that the skies remain safe.

On behalf of this chamber, we extend our deepest condolences to Don Bateman's family, friends, and colleagues. May they find solace in knowing that his contributions have made the world a safer place and that his memory will continue to inspire the next generation of technology leaders.

HONORING DR. HERBERT K. YEE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend, Dr. Herbert Kik Ming Yee, for being honored posthumously with the dedication of the Chinese Railroad Workers' Experience exhibit by the California State Railroad Museum. This underscores the positive impact he has made in California and the Nation.

A descendant of Gold Rush pioneers, Herbert was born in Toishan, in the Guangdong Province of China in 1924. At age 6, he immigrated to the United States on the SS President Cleveland through Angel Island. In 1943 while attending Stanford University, he met the love of his life, Inez Fong, and together raised 4 sons, who all entered the dental and medical profession. In 1948, Herbert graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in San Francisco as a dental surgeon. He spent over half a century in the dental profession, including as the dentist for California Governors Pat Brown and Ronald Reagan, who both appointed him to the California State Board of Dental Examiners.

A man for all seasons, Herbert's influence spanned numerous fields. In dentistry, he served as the head of the California State Board of Dental Examiners, the American Dental Association Council on Dental Education, and the International College of Dentists (ICD). In banking, he served as Chairman of the Board of Sacramento Valley Bank and on other boards. In education, he served as a Regent of the University of the Pacific (UOP). In civic and veteran organizations, he served as the leader of the Sacramento American Cancer Society, Sacramento Pioneer Association, and the Sacramento Chinese Benevolent Association. In government, he had enduring friendships with California Secretary of State March Fong Eu, United States Senator Hiram Fong, and President Ronald Reagan.

A philanthropist and committed community member, Herbert has funded numerous major projects across the Sacramento region. At the UOP School of Dentistry, he endowed a scholarship. Through the Herbert K. Yee and Inez F. Yee Foundation, he sent gifts to the Asian Community Center, California Museum, and the California State Railroad Museum Foundation, among others. He also built a school, cultural center, and library near his village in Toishan. Recognized with distinction, Herbert has been inducted into the California School Board Foundation Hall of Fame, named the California Dental Association's Humanitarian of the Year, received the President's Volunteer Service Award, and received the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation's highest civilian award. A trailblazer with an extraordinary life, he paved the way for future generations and exemplified the American dream.

On behalf of the constituents of California's Seventh Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Dr. Herbert K. Yee and his family for its generations of service to the people of California.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal family matter, I was unable to be in D.C. and vote on June 21, 2023.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 276; YEA on Roll Call No. 277; YEA on Roll Call No. 282; and YEA on Roll Call No. 283.

CONGRATULATING JIM KEET AS ARKANSAN OF THE YEAR

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my friend, Jim Keet, on being named Arkansan of the Year.

Throughout his life, Jim has been an outstanding and active member of our state civic affairs, and particularly in central Arkansas.

Jim served both in the House of Representatives and in the Arkansas State Senate in the 1990s.

In addition to his years of public service, he's one of our state's most successful entrepreneurs.

He's president of the Keet Management Company and chairman of JTY Restaurants, where he has operated at 155 restaurants over the past five decades.

Beyond his success in business and politics, he has served on the Board of Director for 20 years at EasterSeals Arkansas.

EasterSeals is an organization that seeks to empower those with disabilities to have fulfilling lives and become active members of their communities.

As the founder of the Arkansan of the Year Award, while with EasterSeals Arkansas, this honor comes full circle now for Jim.

His tremendous work ethic and dedication to improving the lives of Arkansas deserves this recognition.

I'm proud to call Jim a friend and congratulate him on this expectational honor.

RECOGNIZING GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION INSPECTOR GENERAL CAROL OCHOA

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the announced retirement of Carol Ochoa from her position as Inspector General (IG) at the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) after serving there for the past 8 years.

Inspectors General in agencies across the federal government are independent officials charged with promoting economy and efficiency in government programs and combatting waste, fraud and abuse. They make recommendations to the heads of the agencies in which they serve but they also independently keep Congress directly and concurrently informed about major issues in government programs.

During the 8 years of her service as the IG, Carol Ochoa has performed this job in a manner which sets a very fine example, not only for other IGs, but for all of us who devote ourselves to government oversight.

The Senate confirmed Carol Ochoa as the Inspector General at GSA on July 29, 2015. She came to the office well-qualified. Her prior career experience included more than 25 years of service as a federal prosecutor and manager in the U.S. Department of Justice where she served as the Assistant Inspector General of the Oversight and Review Division. Prior to that she was an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of Columbia where she prosecuted more than 40 cases before federal and local juries and specialized in public corruption and fraud matters.

During her roughly 8 years of service as GSA IG, she led audit and inspection efforts which produced nearly 600 reports to GSA, and ultimately to Congress. The reports provided recommendations for corrective actions to address serious deficiencies found in GSA programs. These reports also included extremely valuable contract audits which, over her term, identified more than \$4 billion in potential savings in the form of questioned costs or funds that could be put to better use.

As a former federal prosecutor, she also very effectively led the law enforcement function of her office. Investigations conducted during her tenure resulted in the closure of more than 1,000 investigative cases leading to more than 300 successful criminal prosecutions. These crimes included fraud against the U.S. Government, theft of government property, as well as conspiracies and false statements associated with those crimes. Based on her office's wide-ranging investigative efforts, the federal government was able to obtain more than \$900 million in civil settlements and court-imposed recoveries. That is about \$113 million in each of her eight years of leadership as the Inspector General. Given the fact that her office's annual budget averaged about \$67 million over her tenure, we should all be deeply grateful for the high return on investment the American taxpayers received for the budgetary funding entrusted to this Inspector General.

During the eight years of her service as Inspector General she came here to the House of Representatives and gave testimony at six hearings; five of which were before the Oversight committee. Twice she testified about GSA's mismanagement of the Army's childcare subsidy program and the hard-earned money of our already struggling military families. She also testified about GSA's mismanagement of database records for the federal program which donates surplus firearms to state and local law enforcement agencies.

She testified before the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee regarding the Trump Administration's oversight of the Trump International Hotel Lease in which she detailed her office's important evaluation which found that GSA attorneys decided not to address emoluments issues related to the lease without documenting their rationale, conducting any legal research, or seeking guidance from appropriate experts. She told the Committee that her staff found that the decision to exclude the emoluments issues from GSA's consideration of the lease was improper because GSA, like all government agencies, has an obligation to uphold and enforce the Constitution—a reminder which merits repeating on a regular basis.

Finally, Inspector General Ochoa and I collaborated on a blockbuster report on the Trump Administration's decision to abandon plans for a new consolidated suburban headquarters campus for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and instead rebuild a new headquarters on the site of the current J. Edgar Hoover building. That report showed that GSA had obscured from Congress \$516 million in relevant construction costs associated with the Administration's new plan. The report found that security requirements necessary for a future headquarters had not been fully evaluated. It also found GSA Administrator Emily Murphy provided testimony to Congress that had the effect of misleading Congress about meetings Administrator Murphy had with the White House and which she chose not to divulge to Congress.

Mr. Speaker, Carol Ochoa's exemplary leadership of the Office of the Inspector General at GSA over the past eight years sets an example for others to follow. It is my hope that she transitions into retirement knowing she has the deepest appreciation from the Congress for her outstanding service to the Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. FRANK G. "DOC" TAYLOR

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Frank G. Taylor of Stafford, Connecticut, known affectionately as Doc. Doc passed away on May 28, 2023, at the peaceful age of 88. He was a giant in the neighboring community of Enfield, touching countless lives through more than a half-century of service as an educator.

Born in Concord, New Hampshire on July 4, 1934, to Hazel and Frank Taylor Sr., Doc's birthdate would prove prophetic as he would quickly dedicate his life to advancing the story of a nation as a prolific social studies teacher. After a brief stint in the Army as a company clerk, Doc graduated from Keene Teachers College in 1958 and commenced a career path which would positively change the trajectory of thousands.

While at Keene, Doc met the love of his life, Eveline Binmore, whom he married in the same year as his graduation. Together, they would go on to have two sons, Andrew and Jeffrey, who meant the world to them. In 1976, the family settled permanently in Suffield, Connecticut. Doc dutifully cared for Eveline until her passing in 2009 due to complications from Alzheimer's.

Turning the page back to 1958, the origin of Doc's long education career, Doc first set out from college with a brief stint of teaching in the Stafford school district. From there, he and Eveline travelled to Germany so that he could serve in the military yet again, this time as a teacher for the children of personnel stationed abroad. In 1963, the Taylor family returned to Connecticut where Doc began his legendary career at Enfield High School. Teaching at Enfield until his retirement in 2012, Doc made it his mission to engage students, reinforce and promote those who were gifted and challenge those who may have otherwise seemed disinterested to another educator. Through frequent field trips to historic locations and landmarks, he developed in his students a keen awareness of how history is a living narrative around us, setting examples and guiding decisions. Through it all, his kindness and dedication never wavered, and to this day countless students, many who are now teachers themselves, regard him as the best teacher they ever had.

Doc Taylor was such a stalwart in the education industry because he, himself, was a sponge for knowledge. In the 1970s, Taylor received his Doctorate in Education from the University of Connecticut, an accomplishment from which his nickname of "Doc" was derived. His thesis was focused on Shaker Education. Completing such a feat involved him interviewing every living descendent of the "shaking Quaker," better known as Shaker, community. This experience quenched an intense thirst of local history, and he would mission onto new Enfield archeological projects for much of his remaining life. Doc was an invaluable curator of all aspects of north-central Connecticut's heritage, particularly through his famous, self-made courses on Enfield and Connecticut history. Were it not for his life's work, this region comprised of smaller commu-

nities could have seen their knowledge of stories like the Shakers—who had Enfield roots dating back to the 18th century—otherwise forgotten. In one anecdote that typifies the value of his work, Doc recalled preparing to take a picture of a Shaker building before it was demolished only to look up and see a wrecking ball smash through the home.

For years, Doc went above and beyond not just to preserve, but also craft a more self-sustaining community eco-system. He helped coach the "As Schools Match Wits" team, an experience which helped cause some participants to go onto become teachers themselves. In 1970, he and his student coordinated the clean-up for the Scantic River, which had once been heavily polluted. So inspirational were their efforts that the Scantic River Park was developed as a result. He continued with his global travels after serving in the Army, posting photographs from his trips around the school as a small yet impactful opportunity to broaden any students' perspectives. In recognition of his excellence, he was honored by the Daughters of the American Revolution as the Connecticut Social Studies Teacher of the Year in 1982, and as Enfield's Teacher of the Year in 1985. The students were always his primary motivation, though; one of his greatest delights was teaching the children (and even grandchildren) of past students.

Mr. Speaker, Doc Taylor's life was an institution in itself. He had this industrious, infectious love for history. He guided a town with a soft yet impactful touch, sewing seeds along the way, for three generations. He was a recruiter of several decades' worth of public servants—literally mentoring some from student to teacher and colleague. No one could ever hope to duplicate the impact of Doc's generous spirit. However, there are thousands out there, both in Enfield and beyond, who are unknowingly working as a collective to fill his shoes and extend that same spirit. His mission to education saw no horizon and will therefore see no end. He is also survived by his sons, Andrew and Jeffrey Taylor, his sisters Donna and Frances, his stepmother Lillian and all their respective partners. I humbly request that my colleagues join me in honoring Doc's storied service, as he joins his wife Eveline in this next chapter.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, due to a family obligation, I was unable to attend session on June 21, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 274; YEA on Roll Call No. 275; NAY on Roll Call No. 276; YEA on Roll Call No. 277; NAY on Roll Call No. 278; YEA on Roll Call No. 279; YEA on Roll Call No. 280; NAY on Roll Call No. 281; YEA on Roll Call No. 282; and YEA on Roll Call No. 283.