

the beauty of the river that has shaped our community.

What sets Quapaw Canoe Company apart is their unwavering commitment to environmental conservation and cultural preservation. Their work goes beyond simply providing recreational activities; it involves a deep respect for the river's ecosystem and a passion for sharing the rich stories of our past. Through their efforts, they have fostered a greater appreciation for the Mississippi River and have played a crucial role in maintaining its natural beauty for future generations.

During the challenges of the past few years, Quapaw Canoe Company has demonstrated remarkable resilience and innovation. They adapted their business practices to meet new demands and continued to serve our community with dedication and excellence. This ability to overcome obstacles and continue to thrive is a true reflection of the spirit of entrepreneurship.

As we celebrate their accomplishment, it is fitting that we recognize Quapaw Canoe Company for their outstanding achievements. John Ruskey and his team are deserving of this honor, and their success serves as an inspiration to us all.

Please join me in extending heartfelt congratulations to Quapaw Canoe Company for this prestigious award. Their contributions to our community and their dedication to their mission are truly commendable.

MISSION VIEJO CITY MANAGER
DENNIS WILBERG RETIREMENT

HON. YOUNG KIM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Mission Viejo City Manager, Dennis Wilberg, for his decades of service to our Mission Viejo community and to Orange County.

His work in the public and private sectors of civil and transportation engineering, including 20 years as City Manager, has left an enormous impact across Mission Viejo and the County.

From helping create the second-largest animal shelter in Orange County and building a water treatment facility, to increasing public safety and maintaining the City's transportation network, there's no question how he has become the longest-tenured city manager in Orange County.

I thank Dennis for his dedication to keeping our communities safe and connected.

We are grateful for his leadership, and I wish him a wonderful retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, on July 24, 2024, I was not recorded on Roll Call No. 391. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 391.

APPRECIATING
BRUCE SAMUEL KIMBRELL, JR.
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. MICHAEL WALTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. WALTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American and an exceptional leader in our U.S. Navy.

Commander Bruce Kimbrell has distinguished himself through his professional character and dedication by serving this Nation in uniform. For the past year, Commander Kimbrell served admirably as the Department of Defense Legislative Fellow for my office where he handled House Armed Service Committee hearing preparation and execution while also contributing to my work on with the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Above all, he was the driving force behind my Maritime policy portfolio via multiple, pieces of maritime legislation, congressional letters, as well as multiple Maritime Statecraft engagements with representatives from the Secretary of the Navy, Chief of Naval Operations, Maritime Administrator, and an extensive executive list of Maritime industry stakeholders involved in carrying out maritime statecraft activities and national maritime strategy.

His efforts advanced a shared effort for reinvigorating our Nation's maritime sector and gaining greater insight into the tools available for helping create a more favorable global environment for advancing America's maritime power.

Commander Kimbrell has had a remarkable twenty-two-year career after enlisting into the U.S. Navy in 2002, graduating from the University of Massachusetts in 2011, and commissioning as an Ensign designated as an Intelligence Officer. He served aboard two aircraft carriers, an amphibious war ship, as well as temporary duties aboard the NATO Afloat Standing Maritime Group Flag Ship. Later, he won the 2017 RADM Thomas A Brooks Junior Officer of the Year for the Naval Intelligence Community Award while assigned to Carrier Air Wing THREE. He also served as the Deputy Director of Maritime Intelligence Operations Center and Chief of Targets for U.S. FIFTH Fleet during which he was designated as a member of the Military Top 40 Under 40 in 2017 by Recruit Military, Bradley Morris, Inc. In addition, he served as the Executive Assistance to the Director Maritime Operations as U.S. Pacific Fleet prior to his role as Special Advisor to the Chief of Naval Operations on force design, strategic planning, ally and partner interoperability, and strategic risk.

The Secretary of the Navy was impressed enough by his legislative work and especially in his creation of the maritime task force that he selected Commander Kimbrell to serve as his Special Advisor in which he advised the Secretary on maritime policy at the intersection of industry, government agencies, strategic think tanks, maritime advocacy groups, and U.S. Congress. His efforts led to the second annual Maritime Statecraft Innovation workshop sponsored by the Secretary of the Navy and Maritime Administration.

Mr. Speaker, next month Commander Kimbrell will assume duties as the Deputy

Legislative Director to the Commander of European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. It has been a great pleasure to work with Commander Kimbrell during his time representing the Department of Defense in my office on Capitol Hill. On behalf of our grateful Nation, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of Commander Kimbrell and his four children. I wish them the very best as they continue their journey in our U.S. Navy. They have dedicated their lives to the service of our great Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATIE PORTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present to cast my vote on Roll Call Nos. 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, and 399. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 391, NAY on Roll Call No. 392, YEA on Roll Call No. 393, NAY on Roll Call No. 394, NAY on Roll Call No. 395, NAY on Roll Call No. 396, NAY on Roll Call No. 397, NAY on Roll Call No. 398, and NAY on Roll Call No. 399.

HONORING DIXON FAMILY SERVICES

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dixon Family Services as they celebrate their 40th year of service.

Established in 1984, Dixon Family Services is a community-based organization that offers intervention and support services. Cooperating with local schools, churches, businesses, and community members, Dixon Family Services assists residents in the pursuit of goals such as financial stability, improved or increased employment, escape from domestic violence, household budgeting, improved nutrition, and emotional wellness.

Dixon Family Services maintains the Dixon Family Services Food Pantry, which helps combat food insecurity in local households. Dixon Family Service also acts as a bridge between residents and larger health care and governmental programs, ensuring that the local population is aware of and able to use resources that they may have otherwise overlooked or struggled to access.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our community's need for human services dramatically increased. Answering this need, the dedicated staff of Dixon Family Services ensured that the organization safely remained open. Because of their compassion and commitment, Dixon Family Services was able to continue to provide vital information and referral services to clients even during the depths of the pandemic.

Dixon Family Services uplifts members of our community, providing future opportunities for all. Over the past 40 years, Dixon Family Services has welcomed numerous college intern therapists, case managers, and clerical