

supporters from across the state joined together to reverse this decision and keep the base open, there hung over the base a sense that it was a "relic," that it was somehow an outdated and gloomy place in which to serve. Each and every day since arriving at the base, Captain Ginda worked to reverse that perception by reconnecting the base with the community around it, by looking forward at what the base could be, and by ensuring that the base is able to accomplish its most important goal—the support of the sailors and families who make up our submarine force.

Not too long after Captain Ginda took command of the base, I was honored to be elected as the representative of the second Congressional district of Connecticut. As a new member from the other side of the district, it was important for me to get up to speed fast on the needs of the base and the challenges it faced. From day one, Captain Ginda made sure to reach out to me, and take the time to walk me through his vision for the base and ensuring that no question of mine went unasked. His help, and counsel, was instrumental in making sure I had the knowledge I needed to come to Washington to advocate on behalf of the base and its importance to our nation. I am so grateful for his assistance and the close working relationship he has had with me and my office. I am also especially thankful for the warm friendship that he and his wife, Terry, have shown and their efforts to ensure that I felt at home as a member of the SUBASE New London community.

Madam Speaker, it has truly been an honor to work with Captain Ginda, and I have no doubt that his legacy will be felt at the base and in the region for some time to come. He has been a terrific resource for me and my office, a trusted advocate for his base, and a respected partner in the southeastern Connecticut community. I ask all my colleagues in joining me in thanking Captain Ginda for his service to the Navy, recognizing his tireless efforts at SUBASE New London, and in wishing he and Terry good luck as they prepare to move on to this next step in their lives.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES PRATHER,
FIRE CHIEF ORANGE COUNTY
FIRE AUTHORITY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Orange County, California are exceptional. Orange County has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Fire Chief Charles "Chip" Prather is one of these individuals. Chief Prather is retiring from the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) and today I honor his years of public service.

Chief Prather became Fire Chief for the Orange County Fire Authority on October 1, 1997. In this capacity he is responsible for the daily operation of one of the largest fire organizations in the State of California. Under Chief Prather's direction are a total of 1,500

firefighters, reserves and professional staff. The OCFA serves 22 cities and unincorporated areas of Orange County, with a total population of more than 1,300,000, from 62 fire stations and has an annual operating budget of 260 million dollars.

In addition, Chief Prather currently serves on the Orange County Emergency Council, Chairs the Orange County Emergency Operational Area Council, Fire Scope Board of Directors, Co-chairs an Orange County Joint Law/Fire/Health anti-terrorism advisory committee and is a member of the California Fire Chiefs Association Executive Board of Directors. In 2002, Chip was appointed by Governor Davis to the State Emergency Council which advises the Governor on policy matters during times of disaster and served on the states 2003 Blue Ribbon Fire Commission.

Chief Prather is also is a member of The Raise Foundation's Advisory Board (formerly Prevent Child Abuse Orange County), serves as a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board and the Trauma Intervention Program Advisory Board and numerous other boards and commissions. Chief Prather was honored as the recipient of the Boy Scouts Spurgeon Award 2000 for his involvement in Explorer Scouting and in 2002 was selected as the Fire Chief of the Year by the California Fire Chiefs Association.

Chief Prather is a member of the following organizations: Orange County Chambers of Commerce, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Metropolitan Fire Chiefs' Association, California Fire Chiefs' Association, California State Firefighters' Association, the Orange County Fire Chiefs' Association and the National Fire Protection Association.

Chip holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Management and has completed the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Program for Senior Executives in state and local government. He has also attended the United States Fire Administration National Fire Academy, completing the Executive Fire Officer Program.

Chief Prather and his wife Katie live in San Clemente California with their two children.

Chief Prather's tireless passion for community and public service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Orange County, California. I am proud to call Chip a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he retires.

MT. CARMEL HOSPITAL OF
COLVILLE, WASHINGTON CELEBRATES 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mt. Carmel Hospital in Colville, Washington. Mt. Carmel Hospital was founded in 1919 as a non-profit, critical access, Catholic hospital and is currently run by the Sisters of Providence. For 90 years, the hospital has carried out its mission of providing medical care to members of the rural community in the Stevens, Ferry, and Pend Oreille counties of Northeast Washington.

Mt. Carmel Hospital is dedicated to assuring medical service is provided in accordance with its core values of respect, compassion, justice, excellence, and stewardship. In addition to its operating emergency services, a surgery center, rehabilitation, and diagnostic imaging, Mt. Carmel serves the community's underprivileged and provides education to professionals and laymen alike. Through their partnership with various other regional nonprofits, such as Christ Clinic and Project Access, Mt. Carmel compassionately reaches out to those who have limited or no health insurance. Additionally, the hospital's Resident Physician program offers training for new medical personnel while its Community Health Education Center provides classes and support groups on awareness and health improvement opportunities. The excellent care and community support contributed by Mt. Carmel Hospital offers the rural counties of Northeast Washington the kind of healthcare options often only available in large urban centers.

In early June, 2009, Mt. Carmel Hospital completed its renewal and expansion project, which doubled the hospital's size and renovated the existing building. Construction of the new hospital building will increase the hospital's area by 70,000 square feet, which will include a new inpatient facility and an expanded outpatient area, emergency room, and laboratory, as well as other additions.

Madam Speaker, I believe the ongoing efforts to provide excellent medical assistance to the counties of Northeast Washington make Mt. Carmel Hospital worthy of recognition before this body. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring Mt. Carmel Hospital and the Sisters of Providence by observing and celebrating 90 years of dedication to wellness and health education in the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE IX

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I wish to take a moment this week to recognize the thirty-seventh anniversary of Title IX. When I think of this historic legislation that champions equal rights for women, I am reminded of something Betty Friedan said in her book, *The Feminine Mystique*. She said, "The problem that has no name—which is simply the fact that American women are kept from growing to their full human capacities—is taking a far greater toll on the physical and mental health of our country than any known disease." Ms. Friedan—a leader of the women's rights movement and a founding member of the National Organization for Women—described an ongoing battle; a battle that has plagued our country for far too long.

Title IX was enacted with the purpose of removing the barriers that could negatively constrict the potential of over 50% of our population. This monumental advance in equal rights for women was passed on June 23, 1972, with the goal of prohibiting gender discrimination in education programs, especially concerning athletic opportunities for young men and women. I have time and time again