

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL W.  
HUNKAPILLAR

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Michael W. Hunkapillar who today is receiving BayBio's prestigious Lifetime Achievement DiNA Award in San Francisco.

Mike is one of the brilliant minds in biotechnology. He has been instrumental in expanding the frontiers of genomics and proteomics. His extraordinary accomplishments include the invention of the first DNA sequencer and the realization of the Human Genome Mapping Project.

I had the great honor and pleasure to work with him while I was in the California Senate. I introduced legislation that established a missing person DNA database. Mike happened to hear me talk about it on the radio, called me and donated DNA testing equipment to make the program a reality. This important program helps solve thousands of rapes, homicides and missing person cases.

Mike has had a hugely successful and expansive career as a scientist, entrepreneur and life science industry executive. He is currently a general partner at AlloyVentures, a venture capital firm that invests in the next generation of information technology, life sciences and clean tech.

Before joining Alloy, he spent 21 years at Applied Biosystems which he co-founded. He turned it from a start-up into a \$2 billion a year company that supplies instruments and reagent systems to life science research. Mike also founded ABI's sister company Celera Genomics, now owned by Quest Diagnostics. Prior to ABI, Mike was a senior research fellow in the Division of Biology at the California Institute of Technology. While at Caltech he authored over 100 scientific publications, served on the editorial boards of several scientific journals and received patents for more than two dozen inventions.

Among his most influential inventions was the automated Gene and Protein Sequencer that was used to sequence the human genome in 2003. The project identified all 20,000–25,000 genes in the human DNA, determined the sequences of 3 billion chemical base pairs that make up human DNA, stored the information in a database, improved tools for data analysis and—for the first time in a large scientific project—addressed ethical, legal and social issues.

The National Academy of Engineering recently elected Mike for his life-long dedication to the human genome mapping project and the field of comparative genetics.

Mike was born in Paris, Texas in 1948. He received his B.S. in Chemistry from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1970 and his Ph.D. in Chemical Biology at Caltech in 1974.

Just last week he was appointed Executive Chairman of the board of directors of Pacific Biosciences, and he also serves on the boards of NuGEN, Verinata Health and RainDance Technologies.

Mike and his wife Beth have two children, Kathryn Keho and Nathan Hunkapillar, and two grandchildren, Christopher and Patrick Keho. In his spare time, Mike is an avid soccer player.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to honor Mike Hunkapillar, for his historic contributions to science and humanity.

HONORING MUSIC CITY HONOR  
FLIGHT WORLD WAR II VETERANS

**HON. JIM COOPER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2012*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II veterans who are flying to Washington, DC today from Nashville, TN, with Music City Honor Flight. This Honor Flight is part of a nationwide effort to bring as many World War II veterans as possible to the memorial created here in honor of their service and in memorial of their fallen peers.

Through their selflessness, the brave men and women who served in World War II protected our country and changed the course of history. We can never adequately thank them for their great sacrifice. Whether Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, or Coast Guardsman, they heroically stood up for their Nation during a turbulent time of great need. It is my great privilege to welcome them the Nation's Capital and to honor them here today.

I am proud to present the names of these distinguished veterans so that they can be recognized for their brave service and so my colleagues and I can express our gratitude.

Orville Jerome Aasen; Lytleton C. Anderson, Jr.; Clarence Arand; James L. Bass, James B. Batey, Jr.; Douglas Beard; Dempsie G. Binkley; Winston Bowling; Eugene W. Brock; Charles J. Brown; Edward L. Buquo; Roger L. Burgess; Hugh Lafayette Callens; Russell M. Campbell; Frank A. Cantwell; James W. Carroll; Francis A. Centimole; Robert E. Chadwell; James Robert Clower; Alfred Damon Corley;

James D. Craig; Fred M. Creasy; Rayford H. Danley; James L. Davis; Gerald Alvin Davis; Lloyd F. Driver; James W. Duke; Edward Eugene Durham; Lloyd C. Fisher; David Ray Fussell; Murray O. Fussell; Charles H. Gannon; Gerald Allen Gilman; Harry R. Guttridge; Herald D. Hackett; Thomas Hall, Jr.; Jones B. Hamlett; Wesley W. Harmon; Jackson Harris; Samuel A. Harris;

William J. Harvey; Eldon H. Hatcher, Jr.; Harley Walter Heilman; Irvan Hardeman Hendon; Wayne Hill; Vernard E. Hixson; Leonard Hollender; Edward L. Holton; Lawrence H. Horn; Edward W. Hudson; Robert W. Hull; Nathaniel B. Johnson, Jr.; Robert C. Jones; Clinton D. Keel; John W. King; James Fowler Lancaster; Earl Eugene Lerch; George Lukon; Nelson Lyne; Dock H. Lyons;

Joseph O. Maddux; Harry Eugene Margrave; Carl M. Martin; Henry C. McCall, Jr.; Carl E. Meeks; Ledlie J. Miller, Jr.; Charles A. Mitchell; Dr. John Myers; Robert M. Nabors, Jr.; James J. Panipinto; Andrew S. Parker; Baxter Lewis Perry; David M. Pettus; Carlos F. Plott; W.H. Reeves; Samuel Ralph Rehorn; Eugene R. Rhue; Clarence Richards; Robert McCulloch Rock; Elmer Julius Sager;

David Y. Sharpe; Milton Shearer; Robert Love Simpson; William Paul Sitton; Fred L. Stacey; John E. Stephens; Robert Merrill Stoops; Harry Richard Sturm; Glenn Swanson; James F. Tacker, Jr.; Denison Taylor; W. Glenn Tinsley; Jess Titus; Glenn Tompkins;

Eddie G. Wall; James E. Waugaman; Robert Conway Wilhite; Ross Williams; William E. Wingo; Henry C. Winstead; Talmadge R. Woodall; Charles Richard Zartman.

HONORING SERGEANT LAFAYETTE  
SPRADLEY

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 23, 2012*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Veterans of Foreign Wars Chowchilla Post 9896 Life Member Sergeant Lafayette Spradley. Sergeant Spradley served the United States of America honorably with the U.S. Army 4th Infantry Division in the Vietnam War.

Sergeant Spradley was born in Madera, California on November 24, 1943. Sergeant Spradley attended local Madera schools and enlisted in the U.S. Army in August of 1961. He completed basic training at Fort Ord, and was selected for communications training. Upon completion of communications training, he was assigned to work as a wireman. After additional stateside duty, he served with the 3rd Infantry Division before joining the 76th Artillery of the 3rd Infantry Division in Kitzingen, Germany.

In 1965, he returned to the U.S. for duty with the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. In July 1966, Mr. Spradley deployed to Pleiku, Vietnam. His unit was responsible for laying communication wire to fixed installations and forwarding operating bases in the Central Highlands region. He later served with Company "C" of the 1st Battalion of the 12th Regiment as a Communications Sergeant.

Throughout his service in Vietnam, Sergeant Spradley served with the 4th Division in combat operations in the western Central Highlands along the border between Cambodia and Vietnam. His unit was frequently assigned to missions to repair communications equipment damaged by enemy artillery and mortar fire.

In May 1967, Sergeant Spradley completed his tour in Vietnam and returned to the United States. He was discharged at the Oakland Army Base. For his service, Sergeant Spradley received the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with a Bronze Star, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, two awards of the Army Occupation Medal, and the Sharpshooter Badge for the M-14 Rifle.

Sergeant Spradley returned to the Chowchilla area where he attended Merced College. He was employed as a line operator by Certainteed Corporation for 27 years until his retirement. He and his wife, Marion, have three children, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He is a Life Member of Chowchilla VFW Post 9896, and he enjoys traveling with his wife.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Sergeant Lafayette Spradley for his honorable service to our great country, and wishing him the best of luck and health in his future endeavors.