

knowledge. He loved to run, ride bicycles, and travel, particularly to his beloved Italy. He loved people and maintained many friendships over many years and great distances.

Gary had many and diverse interests, enough to occupy an average man's every waking hour, but Gary was not an average man. He worked for almost three decades at Hewlett Packard, rising to the top position of Vice President of Government Affairs, and moved on to lead as Vice President of Applied Materials. The offices he held at these major companies paint a picture of his business success, and are very much a part of his Silicon Valley story. Gary was a leader in the Valley whose opinion was sought and whose ideas and creativity were always valued. He knew that technology and innovation were key to changing the world for the better, and founded TechNet to be the voice of the innovation economy in Washington, D.C. He was recognized by all as a voice for the Valley and two years ago was the inspiration for the Information Technology Industry (ITI) Council's Gary P. Fazzino Award for Innovation Excellence.

Dean Garfield, President and CEO of ITI, wrote recently of Gary that "In truth, for the tech sector, there is no better definition of consistent leadership, no better demonstration of exemplary service than the work and the life of Gary Fazzino. A poet once called for men with "strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands." Gary was one of those men, in a class by himself."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest condolences to Annette, Julia and Matthew Fazzino, as well as the entire Fazzino family. It is fitting for the U.S. House of Representatives to honor the life of this extraordinarily brilliant, kind, honest and capable man who loved his community and his country so deeply. I count among the greatest blessings of my life my friendship with Gary Fazzino.

HONORING GRANT CARLISLE

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of my Congressional Staff who have served with me over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide exceptional constituent services and my team is second to none in providing the best assistance to all in our District. My Washington, D.C. office is also tasked with researching, processing, analyzing, and making recommendations on an infinite number of reports, policies, and legislation. I could not ask for a more talented or dedicated team, and I take great pride in the work that each staff member has done not only on my behalf, but also on behalf of the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina and the United States.

My team has shown a strong sense of dedication to meeting the needs of our constituency. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

Grant Carlisle has been a part of my Washington, D.C. office since August 2010. From

the very beginning, I have been impressed with his work ethic and attention to detail. Grant has proven himself to have a comprehensive understanding of every issue for which he is responsible, as well as the ability to efficiently and effectively communicate details of an issue, both verbally and in writing. Each of Grant's various roles has required expediency and precision, and he has proven himself to be a dedicated member of the staff in every capacity.

Grant should be proud of the service he has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with him and as I retire from office I wish him the very best in the future. western North Carolina is a better place because of his efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Grant and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Grant Carlisle for his hard work on behalf of all of Western North Carolina and to wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA CARMICHAEL

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Barbara Carmichael who passed away on October 17, 2012. Barbara was a pillar of the community in Norco, California and she will be deeply missed.

Barbara Carmichael moved to Norco in 1980 and served three terms on the Norco City Council starting in November 1990. She was mayor in 1992 and 1998, and left the council in 2003. In order to be closer to family, she moved to the small town of Manton in Northern California in 2005. During her time there, Barbara became active in local organizations and sat on the Manton Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees last year.

Barbara also was a 4-H leader for 22 years, honorary Future Farmers of America chapter farmer, a Norco Chamber of Commerce Fair Committee member for 10 years, Corona Regional Hospital Foundation Board member, a Riverside City College advisory board member, and was active in many other community groups. According to Norco Mayor Kevin Bash, Barbara was instrumental in securing national historical status for the former Norconian hotel and was involved in the initial planning stages of the Silverlakes equestrian and sports park. The way in which Barbara lived her life should serve as reminder to others that the power of an individual with drive, perseverance and a stellar work ethic can do great things.

Barbara is survived by daughters Bree Zimmerman and Brittney Mailhes, and five grandchildren.

On Sunday, November 18, 2012, a memorial service celebrating Barbara's extraordinary life will be held. Barbara will always be remembered for her contributions to the community, work ethic, generosity, and love of family. Her dedication to her work, family and community are a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Barbara's family and friends; al-

though Barbara may be gone, the light and goodness she brought to the world remains and will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING TOM KAISER FOR HIS COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO HIS FELLOW VETERANS

HON. ALLEN B. WEST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. WEST. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to stand today and recognize Tom Kaiser for his selfless devotion to his fellow veterans and brothers in arms.

Mr. Kaiser is a proud member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, Korean War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Sons of the American Legion.

As a member of these veterans organizations, Mr. Kaiser has displayed an unyielding sense of duty in making the sacrifice that our veterans have displayed throughout the years known to south Florida residents.

Mr. Kaiser, as the head of the Boynton Beach Veterans Council, was able to establish the Boynton Beach Veterans Park and oversaw many dedications at the park to veterans of all wars. The park now has 32 monuments and benches to honor the branches of service. Further, Mr. Kaiser has arranged to have local schools visit the park to learn about our history and the many wars it has taken to promote the freedoms that we hold so dear.

He also helped many World War II Veterans obtain the French Medal of Honor. At this time, they have honored at least 300 veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I drive down Federal highway almost daily when I am home in south Florida, and not a day goes by when I do not see the POW/MIA signs along the road. We all have Mr. Kaiser to thank for installing those onto such a busy highway for all to see. We hope that these signs will one day stretch from Key West to the Georgia state line.

As a 22-year active duty retired Army Lieutenant Colonel, I know the sacrifice and sense of duty that all veterans feel. I know that many of our veterans do their job, not for recognition, but for love of country and selfless devotion to their fellow brother in arms.

Mr. Speaker, today, however, Tom Kaiser deserves this recognition for all the hard work he has displayed throughout the years, ensuring that our veterans' sacrifices are never forgotten, and that our future generations may carry the torch that he has helped carry. May Mr. Kaiser always remain steadfast and loyal in these altruistic pursuits.

TRIBUTE TO KEVIN KESTER

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend, Kevin Kester, on his retirement as President of the California Cattlemen's Association (CCA). He has been an effective and passionate advocate for ranching and the cattle industry in our

local community, our State of California, and across the United States.

Kevin hails from a long line of ranchers, and his family has been in the business for almost 150 years—running cattle since 1867. A graduate of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, with a degree in agriculture management, he served in the City of Paso Robles Police Department for several years and later as a San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's deputy. Upon returning to help run his family's Bear Valley Ranch, today he operates the ranch with his wife, June, and their three children, Kayleen, Kody, and Kara, ensuring another generation of Kester leadership in California agriculture.

As President of CCA, Kevin was one of the unique individuals who was able to advocate for issues critical to the ranching and cattle industry, fighting to maintain and promote, as well as educate, policymakers both in Washington and Sacramento on the importance of ranching heritage and how California cattlemen and cattlemen are proud stewards of the environment. Understanding the link between rangeland conservation, environmental management, and running cattle, he was successful in working with both sides of the aisle on a variety of issues, be it on taxes, trade or regulatory issues important to ranchers.

During his tenure as CCA President, Kevin was also able to better coordinate with and involve all the local and county cattle associations in California to more effectively promote issues of importance to them. Prior to being elected CCA President, he served as the CCA Wildlife Management Committee Chairman and is a past president of the San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Association. Kevin is also a past chairman of the California Mid-State Fair Heritage Foundation Board of Directors and the California Mid-State Fair Agriculture Committee, as well as a member of the Shandon Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees.

I always enjoy meeting with Kevin and getting his counsel, whether it be on important policies facing ranchers or for advice on the best cut of steak for dinner. When we meet in San Luis Obispo, he's usually right off Bear Valley in his ranching uniform. When in Washington, he may put on a coat and tie, but true to his ranching heritage, I can always spot him amongst all the dark suits in the hallways of the Capitol in his cowboy hat, cowboy boots and belt buckle.

Kevin's dedication to ranching and our community continue to be exemplified through his commitment to service, and while he may be leaving CCA's top post, I look forward to working with him on issues of importance to agriculture in our community, California, and across the country.

HONORING JACK MCCARTHY

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor several of the volunteers who have served in my district office over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide excellent constituent services and

these volunteers have assisted my staff in providing the exceptional assistance so many have come to expect in our district. I take great pride in the work that each one has done on my behalf and on behalf of everyone in the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina.

These volunteers have always treated our constituents with the utmost respect and made sure their needs were met in a timely fashion. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

Jack McCarthy played a valuable role as a volunteer from the very beginning of my time in Congress. I could always count on Jack to make sure visitors to our District office felt genuinely respected and listened to. Jack's calming voice and demeanor provided confidence to the countless constituents who called in need of critical assistance. Jack's friendship and support over these past six years have been invaluable, and I will take with me his many wise and uplifting affirmations.

Jack should be proud of the service he has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with Jack and as I retire from office I wish him the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of his efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Jack McCarthy for his hard work on behalf of all of Western North Carolina and to wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL CLARENCE E. "BUD" ANDERSON (USAF, RET.)

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, we are met here today on several items of important business.

First, we are here to dedicate Col. Bud Anderson Way as a permanent and daily reminder to all of us how honored our community is to be the home of Bud Anderson.

But more importantly, we name this street after Bud Anderson as a lesson to succeeding generations in matters of courage and sacrifice and duty and patriotism, in the hope and expectation that these generations will find inspiration and instruction in Col. Anderson's life story.

He grew up in the little California town of Newcastle, in the 1920's and 30's—an age and a place where uniquely American values of individual responsibility, self-reliance, love of liberty, sense of duty, and love of country were very real, very strong, and inculcated into the very souls of America's greatest generation.

When our nation, and all that it stood for, came under attack by foreign tyrants, that Greatest Generation knew instantly what was at stake and could see clearly what had to be done.

President Roosevelt sounded the clarion call with these words: "No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people, in their righteous might, will win through to absolute victory."

The whole might and fury of the nation was committed to the cause, and from little towns like Newcastle, courageous young men like Bud Anderson stepped forward—indeed, rushed forward—to defend not only our country, but what Lincoln had called the last best hope of mankind.

Today, it is hard to imagine a time when an attack on our country was met with the complete and total resolve of the entire nation—where every citizen set aside their daily lives and indeed devoted themselves to, "absolute victory." Because people like Bud Anderson did just that, 3½ years later, the enemies of our nation had been utterly vanquished.

Bud Anderson shot down more than 16 German fighters in 116 combat missions. But what he really did was far more important. At great personal risk, he saved countless American bomber crews, making it possible to deliver justice to what Churchill called the "foulest and most soul-destroying tyranny in the history of the human race," and ultimately to fulfill the Liberty Bell's proud mandate from Leviticus: "to proclaim liberty throughout all the land and unto all the inhabitants thereof."

That's why we're really here. Not just to honor Bud Anderson. Lincoln was right that there's no way that we can add or detract from the honor that his deeds already earned him.

We're really here because we want to know that in this nation there once existed an American spirit that compelled us to recognize moral imperatives, to destroy absolute evil with absolute victory, and to celebrate American exceptionalism without reservation or hesitation.

We have in Bud Anderson a great example of these virtues, a great reminder that they are real, and a great teacher from whom we can recover these virtues in a world that is once again piled high with difficulties at home and abroad.

That's why we're naming this road in his honor—because we are desperately searching for the qualities that defined his deeds and his times and we have found in him a guide back to America's greatness.

Every person who travels this road, and who reflects on the story of Bud Anderson and his times, who learns that story and learns it well, will know that it is a road that can take us to better and brighter days ahead.

HONORING MIKE LUKSO

HON. HEATH SHULER

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