

Dick is well known and respected throughout the state of California for his knowledge and contributions to the forest industry. In 41 years of private service in the forest industry, 38 of those were in Tuolumne County. During his forestry career, Dick was a member of TuCARE and the California Licensed Foresters Association. He also served as a Director of the California Forestry Association, President of the Sierra Cascade Logging Conference, and received the 1990 California "Logger of the Year" award.

Dick's private sector contributions also included 15 years of service as a Director of El Capitan Bank, and his legacy of leadership within the public sector began early when Dick served as a Platoon Leader with the United States Marine Corps. While balancing his career in forestry with raising a family, Dick still found the time to serve for 30 years on the Tuolumne County Board of Education.

Mr. Pland is wrapping up a 16-year run as the District 5 representative on the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors. During his time on the Board, Supervisor Pland was frequently called upon to bring common sense and effective leadership to some of the most difficult challenges facing the County, such as the decision to privatize Tuolumne General Hospital; advocating for sound budgetary goals and policies helping to navigate the County through "The Great Recession"; chairing numerous Board Committees aimed at improving County land use and regulatory policies; creating the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority; establishing the Board's Natural Resources Committee; and championing healthy forest practices within the Stanislaus National Forest to promote the long-term health and sustainability of the forest as well as to reinvigorate forest-based jobs. With such accomplishments, it is easy to understand why Dick was selected to receive the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce's "Excellence in Government Award" in 1999.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Tuolumne County Supervisor Dick Pland on his retirement and thanking him for his exemplary leadership, service to the community, and his time on the Board of Supervisors.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF
MARIAN R. CAREY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Marian R. Carey, whose exemplary leadership in serving as my Deputy District Director and Director of Constituent Services raised constituent services to the highest level possible—making the 10th Congressional District Office of Ohio the most impactful, responsive and successful constituent response center of any Congressional District Office in the nation.

For fourteen years, Ms. Carey directed and oversaw a multileveled and ever-evolving system of federal services available to constituents. Her expertise in legislative services, federal regulations and procedures, as well as her knowledge of government and non-profit programs and agencies, allowed her and my

entire District staff to successfully conduct an immense amount of complex casework in a streamlined, effective manner—built upon an unyielding foundation of support and collaboration.

During her tenure, Ms. Carey created critical partnerships with numerous leaders throughout local and federal government agencies, non-profit organizations, and the private sector. These key bonds supported constituent casework efforts by fostering mutual cooperation between our staff and outside agencies, which were vital elements needed to secure successful outcomes in resolving issues—many of them dire—for tens of thousands of constituents who sought our help.

Beyond her dynamic leadership in the area of constituent casework, Ms. Carey also successfully developed and managed the United States Military Academy Nomination Program. Due to her efforts, doors were opened for many young men and women from the Cleveland community, who were accepted onto this historic pathway of educational opportunity and service to our nation.

Consistently reflecting grace under fire, integrity, kindness, professionalism, a sense of fairness, a calm demeanor and a disarming wit, Ms. Carey gained the trust and respect of constituents, colleagues and community leaders. Whether helping an elderly veteran in need, a young man coming home from the war in desperate need of services, or a young woman suffering from mental illness, Ms. Carey left no pathway unexamined and never wavered in her commitment to find the assistance and resolution needed.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Marian R. Carey, Director of Constituent Services and Deputy District Director of the 10th Congressional District of Ohio. Her leadership, tenacity, dedication and accomplishment raised my work into the light of the American consciousness, as she, without fail, maintained the strongest framework of casework service possible—casework which will have a lasting impact on the lives of thousands of citizens and their families. I am forever grateful and honored to have had the opportunity to walk beside her on this journey of public service.

DEPARTING MEMBERS OF THE
CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC CON-
GRESSIONAL DELEGATION

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the departing Democratic Members from California who have faithfully served their constituents as representatives in the U.S. Congress. I would like to commend my colleagues Reps. PETE STARK, HOWARD BERMAN, Bob Filner, LYNN WOOLSEY, JOE BACA, and LAURA RICHARDSON for their years of service. Their achievements have not only helped their constituents, they have helped create a better America.

Mr. Speaker, Golden State Members have never known Congress without PETE STARK in it. Elected in 1972, PETE STARK is the longest serving Member from California and serves as our delegation's Dean. His list of accomplish-

ments is long and impressive. As one of the highest ranking Democrats on the Ways and Means Committee, and Ranking Member and former Chair of the Subcommittee on Health, PETE has been a vocal leader and advocate for ensuring that all Americans have access to affordable health care. From creating COBRA, creating electronic and easily transferrable medical records, or in helping to draft the historic health care reform bill, PETE has fought tirelessly for better patient care at lower cost. As his long-serving Chief of Staff said recently in Roll Call, ". . . no one can question Pete Stark's commitment to those who don't have a voice and his firm belief that government is here to improve people's lives. He has never wavered in his willingness to challenge special interests and take on powerful groups in order to pursue the right public policy." PETE's compassion and determination will be missed.

Our next longest-serving Member, HOWARD BERMAN, has been an extraordinary Member since 1983. As the Ranking Member and former Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, he has worked to strengthen U.S. relations with foreign governments abroad and keep Americans safe. Widely-regarded as a brilliant and effective legislator in the House, some of his biggest accomplishments include programs critical to the global fight against HIV/AIDS and improving U.S. foreign aid programs. And as a colleague and senior Member on the Judiciary Committee, he has valiantly fought on behalf of immigrants. His role in drafting immigration law is unique and important. When we disagree on copyright and patent issues, I still consider HOWARD a friend. I will deeply miss his bipartisanship and legislative prowess.

Bob Filner was elected in 1992 to Congress and is widely known for his commitment to our service men and women. As the Ranking Member and previous Chairman on the Veterans' Affairs Committee, Bob Filner worked to ensure that our veterans receive increased healthcare services, low interest-rates for home loans, and helped pass the GI Bill for veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. Bob also had a long history as a civil rights activist and professor. Fortunately, we'll continue to work with him as he was elected—and is now serving—as the Mayor of San Diego.

As a senior Member on the Education and Labor Committee, and Ranking Member and former Chair of the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, LYNN WOOLSEY has been a tireless fighter to protect working Americans by improving working conditions and legislating equal pay. As a colleague of mine on the Science, Space and Technology Committee, she has supported clean energy initiatives and the preservation of our fragile ecosystem, including protecting the California coastline. First elected in 1992, in the year of the woman, LYNN WOOLSEY certainly helped put a few more cracks in that glass ceiling, and she now leaves Congress in a year that saw a record number of women elected to the House and Senate.

As a senior member on the Agriculture Committee, JOE BACA has worked to preserve and ensure that our most needy families have access to nutritious food. First elected to Congress in 1999, JOE also served as Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus during the 110th Congress and is a member of the House Financial Services Committee.

Laura Richardson was elected to Congress in 2007, and has served on the Transportation and Infrastructure and Homeland Security Committees, serving as a key advocate for Long Beach's port and California's development of high speed rail.

Mr. Speaker, the aforementioned Members have served a combined 128 years in the House of Representatives. As the Chair of the California Democratic Congressional Delegation, I want to thank them for their commitment to our country, to California, and to their constituents who elected them. Together we've worked to ensure that America is a prosperous and safe society where everyone has equal opportunity. I've enjoyed being with them on this journey and wish them all of the best in the years ahead.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CONGRESSMAN LEONARD BOSWELL

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Congressman LEONARD BOSWELL for his 16 years of dedicated service to the people of Iowa's Third Congressional District, and the country.

At the end of this term, the U.S. Congress will bid farewell to one of its great leaders. I have had the good fortune to serve with Congressman BOSWELL on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and as a fellow member of the Blue Dog Coalition. In a Congress that has become infamous for its partisan gridlock, LEONARD has been a stalwart advocate for compromise. He has always understood that on issues related to the well being of our working-class families, the nation's infrastructure, and our men and women in uniform, our responsibilities as elected Representatives must always come before politics.

LEONARD's leadership in this regard has always been a source of inspiration to me. With his departure the U.S. Congress will lose the experience of a public servant who has held elective office for 28 years, a distinguished combat veteran and a true American patriot. His example of hard work and bipartisan compromise should not be lost on the 113th Congress when it convenes next month.

I would like to offer LEONARD and his family my deepest thanks and my best wishes for the future.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in commemorating Congressman LEONARD BOSWELL's tremendous service to the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH E. ROSS

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, our Ranking Member, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life of Joseph E. Ross, former Director of the Congressional Research Service. Joe

Ross passed away on November 23, survived by his wife of 66 years, Joan, 8 children, 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind many friends and colleagues who fondly recall his many years of public service.

Joe was the Director of CRS from 1986 to 1993. Before that he led CRS' American Law Division for 13 years. Prior to his career at CRS, Joe served in the Navy during World War II. Returning from that service, he earned his law degree and entered private practice from 1948–1951. He was called back to active duty, eventually rising to the rank of Captain in the Navy and retiring from the military in 1969. This distinguished military career was followed by 2 years at the Department of Justice and then his 21-year career at CRS which saw him rise from Chief of the American Law Division to eventually lead the agency for over 7 years.

Joe Ross' years as CRS Director saw Congress grapple with the Persian Gulf War, the Iran/Contra investigation, deficit reduction, financial regulatory reform, the Strategic Defense Initiative, multinational trade agreements and early efforts at welfare and health care reform. CRS deployed its staff to assist with these and the many other issues on the legislative agenda and streamlined and modernized its product offerings. Congress celebrated its bicentennial in 1989 and CRS supported and participated in the many events surrounding that anniversary. That year was also CRS' 75th anniversary, an occasion marked by programs on the history of Congress and the Congress of the future.

Under Joe Ross' leadership, CRS became a key player in the Frost-Solomon Task Force. Established by Congress in 1990, the task force provided assistance to emerging democracies in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. CRS helped administer the task force's programs and provided much of the sought after expertise needed to help establish democratic legislatures in those countries. During Joe's tenure as CRS Director, the Service also modernized its technological infrastructure with the introduction of more advanced hardware and software to enhance the products and services CRS was able to provide to Congress and increase the productivity of its staff. CRS staff also benefited from innovative recruitment programs launched during this period to increase the diversity of the CRS workforce.

Joe was active in bar activities throughout his career, serving in several capacities with the Federal Bar Association, including president, and also serving on the governing body of the American Bar Association. After retirement, he was actively involved in providing legal assistance to Habitat for Humanity.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Ross was the epitome of the dedicated public servant. He served his country for over 20 years in the Navy which included involvement in decisive battles of the Pacific theater. He followed that career with service in the Executive Branch as an attorney in the Department of Justice. The United States Congress was then the beneficiary of Joe's second career, over 20 years in leadership positions in the Congressional Research Service, including 7 years as its Director. We are grateful for his dedication to the public good. To his wife, Joan, and his extended family, I extend our deepest sympathies.

HONORING SUPERVISOR KENDALL SMITH OF MENDOCINO COUNTY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, my colleague, stalwart community member and outgoing Supervisor Kendall Smith for decades of giving back to Mendocino County.

I first met Kendall when she was a student at Sonoma State University at a graduate class she was taking in Public Administration. She already had a Bachelor of Arts degree from San Jose State University and had been a long time member of the American Association of University Women.

Kendall is also a member of the National Women's Political Caucus of Mendocino County, a group I am proud to say picked me as their last male candidate to endorse, an achievement in no small part supported by Kendall.

As a 32-year resident of the North Coast, Kendall knows the territory. That's why I hired her in 1997 to be a field representative when I was a State Senator. Two years later, when I became a Member of Congress, Kendall continued as my Mendocino County district representative, attending to constituent services, working with all parts of the county and supporting businesses, tribes, environmental groups, nonprofits and government entities in a multitude of ways.

In 2004, when Kendall decided to run for Fourth District Supervisor, I had mixed reactions—pride that she wanted to take that step into the life of an elected representative and sadness that she wouldn't be on my staff. Her record speaks for itself, and we have remained close throughout her eight years on the Board. I was honored to support her appointment by the Secretary of the Interior to the Bureau of Land Management's Northwest California Resource Advisory Council, one of the many boards and associations for which she is a stalwart advocate and member.

Kendall is a model public servant. A dogged researcher and diligent policy maker, she earns her admiration through selfless, hard work. Mister Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we pay tribute to Kendall Smith, a fine legislator, worthy representative and esteemed citizen.

HONORING FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONER JUDITH K. SHUPE

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Judy Shupe, a long time Commissioner of Fairfield County, Ohio. After twenty exemplary years of service, Commissioner Shupe will be retiring at the end of this year. Commissioner Shupe first took office on January 2, 1993 and is now serving out the remainder of her fifth term as Commissioner.

Commissioner Shupe has always expressed a passion for public service. Before becoming a Commissioner she served as Clerk of Madison Township where she spent 13 years.