

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNUAL PITTSSTON TOMATO FESTIVAL FOR ITS CONTINUED SUPPORT OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA'S AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate the committee members and volunteers of the 30th Annual Pittston Tomato Festival. The City of Pittston, Pennsylvania has once again staged this remarkable and unique civic event celebrating both the exceptional tomatoes grown throughout the Northeastern Pennsylvania region and the warmth and hospitality of the City of Pittston.

The four-day festival that kicked-off on Thursday, August 15 was designed in part to showcase just how far the festival has come since its humble beginnings thirty years ago. In 1983, Valentine "Val" Delia founded the festival as a way to showcase the produce of his garden. Since then, the festival has grown from a small gathering of local farmers in a parking lot in downtown Pittston to a widely recognized and beloved iconic component of the region's summer entertainment.

With attractions such as local musicians, local vendors, a parade, 5K run, and the renowned "Tomato Fights" that raise money for food-related charities, the Pittston Tomato Festival showcases the best aspects of the community. The festival highlights the city's vibrant Italian-American culture, displays its beautiful and historic revitalization projects, and fosters an atmosphere of community and sense of service to others in each and every one of the thousands of visitors it brings to the City of Pittston.

In recognition of the 30th Annual Pittston Tomato Festival, I add my congratulations and best wishes for continued success in bringing family recreation and a strengthened sense of community to the City of Pittston and Northeastern Pennsylvania.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S ALVIN HENRY ENFINGER

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Northwest Florida's Alvin Henry Enfinger, who passed away on September 2, 2013. Mr. Enfinger spent his entire life serving those around him through his knowledge of medicine and farming and his predisposition to help his fellow man.

Born on September 27, 1925, Mr. Enfinger spent the early years of his life working on his family's farm in Chumuckla, Florida. At the age of 18, he enlisted in the Navy during World War II. After his military service, Mr. Enfinger returned home, married the love of his life Doris Gillman and looked toward his professional future.

Mr. Enfinger graduated from Auburn University in 1951 and then decided to pursue his chosen profession of pharmacy. Only three years into his practice, Mr. Enfinger opened his own pharmacy in West Pensacola named A & E Pharmacy, which is now Northwest Florida's oldest, continuously family-owned and operated pharmacy. A & E Pharmacy has been very successful throughout its nearly 60 years of operation, at one time being the largest pharmacy in Pensacola. Whereas the Gulf Coast has seen an influx of large chain pharmacies as most other areas of the country have over the years, A & E Pharmacy remains a local treasure in our community thanks to Mr. Enfinger's strong leadership.

Mr. Enfinger never veered too far from his upbringing on a farm or from his will to serve the people of Northwest Florida. In 1970, he began raising Red Angus Cattle, a mission that earned him significant recognition for his success and a term as President of The Southeastern Red Angus Association. He was also instrumental in preserving the Coon Hill Cemetery for many years: raising money for its support, restoring its grounds, and acting as steward of the cemetery's history for the entire community. We were very fortunate to have such a talented man as a friend, neighbor, and tireless servant to our community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Mr. Alvin Enfinger. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers and sincerest condolences to his five children, Art Enfinger, Rhonda Enfinger, David Enfinger, Beth Orr, and Jan Herrera; eleven grandchildren; and eighteen great grandchildren. He will truly be missed.

HONORING WILLIAM P. CLARK

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the memory of William P. Clark from San Luis Obispo County, who passed away on August 10, 2013.

William Clark was born in Oxnard, California on October 23, 1931. As a fourth-generation Californian, Mr. Clark served on several state courts and as a longtime advisor to President Ronald Regan. Since 1969, Mr. Clark was appointed to the SLO County Superior Court, the California State Appellate Court in Los Angeles and later to the California State Supreme Court by then Governor Reagan, where he served as an associate justice for eight years.

Recognized for his dedication to public service, he was appointed as the Deputy Secretary of State in 1981 by President Reagan. A year later, he became the National Security Advisor and then served as the Secretary of the Interior until 1985. In his later years, Mr. Clark moved to his ranch in Shandon, California where he and his wife, Joan, built the Chapel Hill that he donated to his local community.

He is survived by his five children.

On a personal note, Mr. Clark was a gracious host when he invited me to visit the beautiful Chapel Hill. He was a kind man of character who proudly served his country and I am honored to have met him.

I offer my most heartfelt condolences to Mr. Clark's family and friends. Please join me in

honoring this exemplary American and San Luis Obispo County resident.

IN MEMORY OF PETE MIRELEZ

**HON. JARED POLIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mr. Pete Mirelez, who served as a role model and mentor to his community. He was proud to be the first Hispanic Adams County Commissioner and stated that after his family and friends his second love was Adams County.

Pete Mirelez was born in LaSalle, Colorado and was the first person in his family to receive a college degree, completing his studies at Chadron State College in Chadron, Nebraska. Pete served as Adams County's first Director of the War on Poverty Program and was named Regional Director of the California Migrant Council in 1968. In 1972, Pete was named the National Director of the office of Economic Opportunity Migrant Division in Washington D.C., before becoming an Adams County Commissioner. During Pete's time as Adams County Commissioner, an edition of the Brighton Sentinel named him as "one of the most influential people in Adams County".

After serving Adams County, Pete was appointed by President Jimmy Carter as Representative to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Region 8, and served from 1979 to 1981. Afterwards, Pete served the Colorado Department of Transportation Highway Commission for twelve years until becoming a lobbyist for Adams County School Districts.

Pete was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and mentor of mine who I was proud to also call a friend. He exemplified the American dream by showing that through education and service a person could create positive change in his community. His true public service will be missed.

IN HONOR OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF TEMPLE BETH EL IN SALINAS, CALIFORNIA

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 9, 2013*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of Temple Beth El in Salinas, California. On behalf of the entire House, I am privileged to extend the gratitude of Congress and the American people for the past and future service of the Beth El congregation.

The First Hebrew Congregation and Community Center of Salinas was established in 1935. During World War II, and for a few years thereafter, Chaplain Hertz of Fort Ord served the congregation as its first religious leader. In 1949, Rabbi Seymour Stern joined the congregation as the synagogue's first Rabbi. Rabbi Abraham Haseklorn took over the rabbinic duties in 1953, and served until his retirement in 1973. He and his wife Alda made an invaluable contribution to the Salinas