

safety inspections and boat stops to enforce all aspects of boating law.

For 21 years, he has put on the badge and a gun to protect and serve the people of Harris County that he loves. He patrols the Ship Channel, where he works closely with Homeland Security at the Port of Houston.

Retire? Not Tom. Again, let me remind you. Tom is 93 years old. Tom is the oldest lawyer in Texas.

In 2008, Tom's Texas beauty, Pat, passed away. Tom and Pat were married for 61 years. It's been five years since her passing; Tom told me not a day goes by that he doesn't miss his Pat. He says it's good for him to stay busy: working, volunteering at his church, spending time with his three children who all live in the Houston area and enjoying his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ronald Reagan best summed it up when he said, "Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference. The Marines don't have that problem." And Tom definitely does not have that problem.

Soon, Sheriff Adrian Garcia of Harris County, Texas, will recognize Lieutenant Tom Morgan with the Lifetime Achievement Award. A fitting honor for a remarkable man. Semper Paratus! Oohh Rah! Marine and Texas Lawman—Tom Morgan.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING CC YIN OF SOLANO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 11, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. CC Yin, who is being honored by the Asian American Bar Association of Solano County for his countless contributions to his community.

Mr. Yin's life exemplifies the "American Dream" that many immigrants have when they come to America. Mr. Yin arrived in America 48 years ago with no English language skills and very little money in his pocket. He worked his way through college to earn a degree in Engineering. After a successful career as a civil engineer, his entrepreneurial spirit drove him to seek an opportunity to own a McDonald's franchise. Along with his wife and two daughters, Mr. Yin owns one of the largest McDonald's franchises in the country, with 28 franchises in 11 cities. They have received national and international accolades for their successes.

CC Yin and his family have embraced the McDonald's motto of giving back and investing in the community. The Yin's are active in numerous civic organizations and give generously to many charitable causes throughout their community.

Above all, Mr. Yin has invested his personal energy and resources to build the non-profit organization, Asian Pacific Islander Public Affairs Association (APAPA). The goals of the organization are to promote the importance of political awareness and civic engagement for Asian Americans and new Asian immigrants.

Mr. Speaker, CC Yin has dedicated his life and resources to the betterment of all peoples in Solano County. It is therefore appropriate that we honor Mr. Yin today and wish him well in his future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE GROUND-BREAKING OF THE GATEHOUSE

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 11, 2013*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to announce and celebrate the ceremonial groundbreaking for The Gatehouse, a truly transformative community for women in difficult situations, which will occur soon on October 16, 2013, in Grapevine, Texas.

The Gatehouse will be a unique community of transitional housing for women (and their children) coming out of abusive, impoverished, or other challenging situations. Gatehouse will be an entire suburban neighborhood complete with new houses of various sizes, a community center for counseling and events, a general store, a clothing boutique, and plenty of beautiful open green space. In addition to the physical amenities, Gatehouse is extraordinary because of its Independent Life Program—a two and one-half year program of practical and emotional assistance to ensure that women and families at Gatehouse are not just shuttled through life but make a positive long-term life transformation. The Independent Life Program at Gatehouse is also faith-based, though it does not affiliate with any particular church or take government funding, and is purely funded by generous private donors.

Gatehouse was founded by Lisa Rose and grew out of projectHandUp. In 2008, projectHandUp began as a group providing wisdom, hope, and practical resources to abused women at monthly "First Friday" meetings. Their first meeting drew 169, and they now are attended by 350 to 1,000 people. Financial assistance was also made available in some cases to those in need. Over a period from 2011 to 2012, a group of women from the project worked with the Grapevine City Council to develop the idea for Gatehouse, and approval was granted on August 21, 2012.

In June of this year, work began on the roads and infrastructure for The Gatehouse. The groundbreaking ceremony will occur on October 16. The community is expected to open in the Fall of 2014 with the first neighborhood, Phase I, providing 24 units. At Gatehouse, great importance will be placed on healthy and compassionate relationships within the community in order to foster a sense of dignity and lasting improvement in women's lives. I commend the good work done by those who are laboring to make The Gatehouse a reality and look forward to seeing the success of their mission to provide women with a "hand up."

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating the groundbreaking of The Gatehouse in Grapevine, Texas.

BENITO A. TRANGUCH

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 11, 2013*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Benito A. Tranguch, an outstanding member

of the UNICO Hazleton, Pennsylvania Chapter.

A lifelong resident of the area, Mr. Tranguch served as the president of the UNICO Hazleton Chapter from 2002–2005. UNICO is the largest Italian American organization in the United States. Members seek to improve their communities by providing assistance to area and national charities through fundraisers and donations. Additionally, they strive to honor and educate others about their Italian culture and ethnic heritage.

Mr. Tranguch's commitment to the community does not end with his service to UNICO. He is an active member of the Men of Malvern, the Hazleton Quarterback Club, Hazleton Community Concerts, Hazleton Gourmet, and the Queen of Heaven Church, where he serves on the Financial Committee and as an usher. He supports the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), the Committee to Help Handicapped Infants and Parents Succeed (CHHIPS) and the United Rehabilitation Services (URS). Mr. Tranguch was also awarded V.I.P. of the year from the Helping Hands Society.

Mr. Speaker, for his dedicated service to both his Italian heritage and our community, I commend Benito A. Tranguch, an outstanding member of the UNICO Hazleton, Pennsylvania Chapter.

ENDING THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 11, 2013*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, today is the 11th day of the government shutdown, with 800,000 government employees still out of work, including 1,400 of my constituents, due to this reckless, irresponsible and high-risk venture of House Republicans. \$12.5 million is being lost every hour in work and services the government is unable to perform. Thousands of small businesses and startups—the backbone of America's economy—are without SBA's guaranteed loans and regulatory approval. And the latest estimate from the Treasury is that if Congress doesn't vote to raise the debt ceiling by October 17th there is a virtual guarantee that our economy and the global economy could implode.

Let's recall how we arrived here as we reach the end of the second week of this government shutdown. It all began when House Republicans insisted that the Affordable Care Act be repealed in order to win their votes to keep the government functioning.

This non-starter demand has now bled into the debt ceiling debate and mutated into a litany of others: offshore oil drilling permits; ending "net neutrality" policies; approving the Keystone XL pipeline; defunding the 2010 Wall Street reform law; and piecemeal funding of popular government programs. If I were to try to explain this to small children, I'd say it's as if Harry Potter overdosed on polyjuice potion.

What I can only expect next from House Republicans is something we'd find in a children's fantasy book, which is meaningless in the real world. It's meaningless for the millions of Americans the government shutdown affects, and the low-income mothers and their