

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF GINA PAPAN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Gina Papan for her eight years of service on the Millbrae City Council, two of them as mayor, one as vice mayor.

In her role as mayor this past year and throughout her tenure on the council, Gina has focused on sustainable finances and revenue enhancement in Millbrae. She has played an instrumental role in the adoption of the Economic Development Plan and the ongoing negotiations for a fire department merger with Central County Fire and San Bruno Fire. She is an avid advocate for public-private partnerships that benefit the local community.

Gina serves on the City and County Association of Governments Board of Directors and Legislative Committee, the Congestion Management Program and Environmental Quality Committee, the High Speed Rail Policymakers Working Group, the San Mateo County Council of Cities, the Mayor's Civic Coordination Council, the Budget/Finance Subcommittee, the Field Agreement Subcommittee, the Fire Shared Services Subcommittee and the Commission/Committee Subcommittee.

In the past, she represented Millbrae on the San Mateo County Housing Endowment and Regional Trust, the Grand Boulevard Task Force, the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance, the San Mateo County Emergency Services Council and the Airport Land Use Committee.

Gina continues a family tradition of public service and philanthropy following in the footsteps of her late father, Lou Papan, known as the "Dean of the Assembly" for his 20 years of service in the California State Assembly and her late mother Irene Papan, a dedicated community leader and tireless supporter of her husband.

Gina began her professional career as a corporate attorney, but quickly moved to the public sector and served as Deputy Attorney General for the state for 19 years. She litigated to protect civil rights and prevent fraudulent use of taxpayer money. She was appointed deputy director of Governor Gray Davis' Office of Criminal Justice Planning. In that capacity, she served on the School Violence Prevention and Response Task Force, the Child Abduction Task Force and as a legislative advisor to the High Technology Crime Advisory Committee. School safety became an immediate focus on her second day on the job when the nation was shocked by the school shooting in Columbine.

Gina grew up in Millbrae and graduated from Capuchino High School. She received her Bachelor's degree in Finance and Economics from UC Santa Barbara and her law degree from the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law. She completed the Senior Executives in State and Local Govern-

ment program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Her commitment and dedication to others is unwavering. She and her sister Diane run John's Closet which provides free new clothing to underserved children and offers them confidence to achieve. John Papan was Gina's brother who suffered from a congenital condition that tragically and prematurely ended his life at age 21. In response and to continue its advocacy for disabled children, the Papan family set up John's Closet. Gina also is the co-director of the John Papan Memorial Scholarship Fund which was founded by the family to help special education students and late bloomers, kids who overcome early learning difficulties in high school.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring Gina Papan who is retiring today as mayor of Millbrae and who has committed her life and career to serving her community and fighting for justice.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
FLORA DAY KING

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Mrs. Flora Day King. Mrs. King passed away on November 29, 2013 in Seneca, South Carolina at the age of 97.

Flora Prussia Day was born on December 27, 1915 in Lexington, Virginia, the daughter of the late Philip Baldwin Day and Ernestine Albery Day. After graduating as valedictorian of the one-room schoolhouse in Lexington, she earned her Bachelor's degree from William and Mary College and her Master's degree in chemistry from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Following in the footsteps of her grandfather, Admiral Benjamin Franklin Day of the United States Navy, Flora enlisted in the Navy in 1941. She served as a Lieutenant in the Navy developing and testing jet propellant for rockets at Indian Head Naval Surface Warfare Center in Maryland for the duration of the Second World War.

Flora married Dr. Edwin Wallace King in 1950 and moved to Clemson, South Carolina in 1956, where she worked as a chemist for the United States Department of Agriculture at Clemson University. She was active in community service organizations and her local Episcopal church.

She is survived by her sister, Jane Day Casati, her sister-in-law, Jeanne Poe Day, her son Edwin Wallace King Jr., his wife Edythe and their two daughters, Edythe Day King and Elizabeth Monroe King, and her son Philip Day King, his wife Lori, and their son Philip Robert King.

Today we honor her service to our country and her commitment to her family. She was a

kind and loving woman who inspired those around her, and she will be truly missed.

HONORING SCOTT KARCZEWSKI

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Scott Karczewski on the occasion of his retirement from the Department of Veterans' Affairs after 36 years of dedicated service.

Scott's service to our country began in 1971, when he joined the U.S. Navy, serving on board the USS *John F. Kennedy* for more than three years. He began his VA career in 1977 at the Togus VA hospital as a temporary warehouse worker. He was quickly promoted to a full time file clerk position in the Regional Office, while still attending college at the University of Maine. Scott has held several positions at the Togus Regional Office including Claims Examiner, Senior Claims Examiner, Rating Specialist, Assistant Veterans Service Center Manager, Veterans Service Center Manager, and most recently as Director of the Regional Office.

Under his leadership, the Togus Regional Office has continued its exceptional performance as one of the top regional offices in the Nation, efficiently and accurately processing claims for Maine's veterans. The performance of the Togus Regional Office has been recognized with the establishment of two special missions, a rating resource center and a development resource center. These missions assist other regional offices with their backlogged claims and have contributed greatly towards the reduction in the claims backlog nationally.

Through his dedication and valued work, Scott has earned well-deserved appreciation and accolades including a Commendation Award in 1986 from the Chief Benefits Administrator, and the Eastern Area Leadership Award in 2007.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Scott Karczewski on his many years of outstanding service to our veterans and wishing him a rewarding and enjoyable retirement.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF LARRY HORTON OF STANFORD UNIVERSITY

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to note the remarkable career of Larry Horton who will retire from his post as Senior Associate Vice President and Director of Government and

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Community Relations at Stanford University at the end of 2013. His academic and professional tenure at Stanford spans a combined 52 years.

Born in Louisiana to a railroad switch operator and a homemaker, Larry came to Stanford in 1958 by way of Arkansas and Southern California. After earning his undergraduate degree in political science, he was drafted to serve in the U.S. Army in Europe for two years. He returned to Stanford to complete a master's degree in history. By 1970, the year of my own graduation from the university, he had been appointed an associate dean of student affairs. In this capacity he oversaw the integration of the sexes in coed university housing. During this period he helped ensure that egalitarian American principles and the recognition of the value of diversity that blossomed in the 1960s and '70s was reflected in University policies. Next he served as a special assistant to the secretary of Health and Human Services in both the Ford and Carter administrations.

Returning to Stanford again in 1977 with new experiences in dealing with Washington, he was appointed Associate Director of Government Affairs. From this post he helped Congress to shape the landmark 1980 Bayh-Dole Act. These efforts fostered free-market innovation by encouraging inventors and institutions to pursue ownership of patents for products created with the aid of Federal Government resources.

For all his accomplishments at the Federal level, some of Larry's most challenging and rewarding projects have involved local government. The cities of Palo Alto and Menlo Park and the Counties of Santa Clara and San Mateo as well as various state and local land and water authorities, have required skillful attention. He negotiated many cooperative land-use initiatives, sometimes in the face of disagreement from some of Stanford's neighbors. He made sure there was careful sensitivity to threatened wildlife like the California tiger salamander, for which the University built a tunnel under Junipero Serra Boulevard to encourage migration from Lake Lagunita to a new, more secure habitat in Stanford's foothills.

Beyond his admirable professional achievements, Larry is a thoughtful intellectual, host to authors debuting their books and is a friend and supporter for those who are writers, artists and, most particularly, friends of Stanford. This year, for his dedication to Stanford he was awarded the Cuthbertson Award during Stanford's graduation ceremony. Today I praise my good friend Larry Horton, whose intellect, humility, talent, tenacity, empathy, and dedication to our alma mater are unparalleled. Although his retirement will provide him with more time to spend on his personal loves—history, opera, Stanford Athletics, literature, theater, and his partner of 35 years, George Wilson—he will be deeply missed not only by his Stanford colleagues, but by those of us in Washington, Sacramento, and the Bay Area who have shared in the privilege of knowing him. He leaves a formidable legacy.

HONORING U.S. MARINE CORPS GENERAL RAYMOND GILBERT "RAY" DAVIS, SERGEANT RODNEY MAXWELL DAVIS, MAJOR HENRY TALMAGE ELROD, AND U.S. NAVY SEAMAN FIRST CLASS WENDALL LEON JONES

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the careers of several individuals from Georgia's Eighth Congressional District who gave their all for our country and for our freedoms. They have been posthumously inducted into Georgia's first-ever Military Veterans Hall of Fame, and I would like to recognize them today.

United States Marine Corps General Raymond Gilbert "Ray" Davis hails from Fitzgerald, GA. In Korea in December 1950, then Lieutenant Colonel Davis personally led his battalion to victory in hand to hand combat against a strongly entrenched and numerically superior hostile force. For his valorous actions he was awarded the Medal of Honor.

United States Marine Corps Sergeant Rodney Maxwell Davis hails from Macon, GA. In Vietnam in September 1967 while his platoon was pinned down by a numerically superior force, he personally led his men in repulsing an onrushing enemy. With disregard for his own life, he saved many of his men by throwing himself on an exploding enemy grenade. He gallantly gave his life for his country and was awarded the Medal of Honor.

United States Marine Corps Major Henry Talmage Elrod hails from Ashburn, GA. On Wake Island in December 1941, as a fighter pilot, he personally destroyed an enemy warship and shot down two enemy airplanes before assuming command of a ground unit and inspirationally led his men against an attacking superior enemy force until he was killed in action. He gallantly gave his life for his country and was awarded the Medal of Honor.

United States Navy Seaman First Class Wendall Leon Jones hails from Tifton, GA. At the age of 16, he enlisted in the Navy. At age 17 the landing craft that he was aboard was sunk by a German U-Boat killing all but 89 of the 641 aboard. He was severely burned on the face and hands while rescuing Sailors and Soldiers. During the D-Day Landing, he was among the 51 survivors of a 600 man demolition unit, once again sustaining injuries to his hands during small arms fire fights. One month later at age 18, he was wounded again by shell fragments in the right ear, right ankle, and face during a demolition mission behind enemy lines. After recovering, he was headed to Japan when the war ended and he was soon discharged having just reached the age of 19. He was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for Valor and 3 Purple Hearts. He died at age 36 from injuries to his brain caused by wounds.

RECOGNIZING IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE SOUTHEAST

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Ivy Tech Community College Southeast to the success of the 6th District Job Fair.

On October 21, 2013, over 150 job seekers from across the district met with 36 businesses looking to hire new employees. In a time when jobs are still hard to come by these job fairs are an important tool in linking job seekers with perspective employers. I am proud we were able to bring community leaders together and provide this service to the people of the 6th District.

The job fair would not have been the success it was without the help of Ivy Tech Community College Southeast. I want to recognize the work of Shakira Grubbs, Tim Buehler, Daniel Smith, and Chancellor Jim Helms. Their efforts in hosting the job fair show a deep commitment to their community and the economic health of Southeastern Indiana.

I ask the entire 6th Congressional District to join me in recognizing Ivy Tech Community College Southeast. I look forward to working with them in the future as we strive to serve the people of Southeastern Indiana.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAM AND DOROTHY YOUNG

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sam and Dorothy Young who just celebrated their 50th Anniversary. Their commitment to each other and their family is an inspiration and a wonderful reminder of the importance of family, particularly during the holiday season.

Sam and Dorothy, high school sweethearts at Lockett High School, were wed on August 4, 1963 at Lockett Baptist Church shortly after Sam joined the Navy. Over the past five decades, Mr. and Mrs. Young have been blessed with three children—Trent, Christi, and Todd—and seven grandchildren—Dane, Zachary, Teresa, Sammi, Jacque, Gracie, and Aubrey.

The Youngs moved to Mount Vernon, Texas in the early 1980's when Sam was transferred with AO Smith Harvestore Silos. The family later owned and operated Donuts Etc. in Mount Pleasant, Mount Vernon, Pittsburg, and Winnsboro. Sam and Dorothy continue to actively participate in the community, and since 2002, Sam has served Franklin County as Commissioner for Precinct 4.

Sam and Dorothy Young are blessed to have had so many happy years together, and I wish them many more happy years in the future. Mister Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebration of the Young's 50th Wedding Anniversary.