

TRIBUTE TO DAVE OSTER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community are exceptional. Lake Elsinore has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities better places to live and work. Dave Oster is one of these individuals. On January 25, 2014, Dave will be honored as the 2013 "Citizen of the Year" at the Lake Elsinore Chamber of Commerce Installation and Awards Gala.

Dave was born and raised in the small town of Mantua, OH, where the friendly and respectful nature of the community created a family-like atmosphere. Dave grew up watching his father establish a successful career in human resources, and soon, his work ethic and values were formed. Growing up, Dave developed his passion for America's favorite pastime, baseball, and found himself consistently holding a leadership position as captain for many of his teams. Dave went on to graduate high school and attend Bowling Green State University and later Ohio Northern University, where he earned his degree in sports management. He was honored with his first leadership award, the Clyde A. Lamb Award, during his senior year at Ohio Northern.

Dave's thriving career in sports began when he interned for the Cleveland Force, a renowned soccer team based in Ohio. His first job out of college followed suit, as he became the General Manager for the minor league baseball team, the Geneva Cubs. Dave became involved in every facet of the organization, from concessions to clean up, and he established an environment of success and fun. Dave quickly learned how to grow a business and manage a staff, eventually leading him to win the John H. Johnson Award for team recognition and running of an organization.

After 4 years with the Geneva Cubs, Dave took his talent and drive to Delaware, where he began his job as Assistant General Manager for the Wilmington Blue Rocks minor league team. During a time when the organization was just beginning, Dave used his skills and expertise to help build the franchise from the ground up. He made sure the community saw every game as a "must-attend" event, and grew attendance from 800 to 6,000 fans, virtually selling out every home game. Dave soon made another move, ending up in

Salem, VA, where he was promoted to General Manager of the Salem Avalanche. For all of his hard work, he was honored with the Executive of the Year award for the Carolina League.

Following his success on the East Coast, Dave took a huge leap of faith, and moved out West, where he found his new home with the Lake Elsinore Storm as the Owner and President. His contributions as a leader in the area resulted in huge economic growth and community involvement. For this, he was once again honored with the Executive of the Year Award in the California League. Aside from the tremendous work he has done to create success with The Storm, above all, he is most proud of the family he has found in the staff, and the passion he has for the community, the players and the franchise. 2013 marked Dave's 25th year in professional sports, and his 14th season with the Lake Elsinore Storm.

Dave is most known as an effective leader with a natural ability to organize the efforts and goodwill of others. He is an enthusiastic team builder who enjoys encouraging creativity in the staff that he leads. Considering all that Dave has done for Lake Elsinore, the Lake Elsinore Chamber of Commerce named him their 2013 Citizen of the Year. Dave's tireless passion for service has contributed immensely to the betterment of our community. He has been the heart and soul of many organizations and events and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American, and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he receives this prestigious award.

FERRUM COLLEGE 100TH
ANNIVERSARY**HON. ROBERT HURT**

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. HURT. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Representatives BOB GOODLATTE and MORGAN GRIFFITH, I submit these remarks to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Ferrum College.

A private institution, Ferrum College was founded in 1913 and has a long and storied history that has left an enduring footprint on Franklin County, as well as Virginia and the nation. The 700-acre campus is located in Ferrum, Virginia, the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Ferrum is home to the second oldest environmental science program in the nation. Today, over 1500 students, from 25 states

and a dozen countries, are currently enrolled in 33 areas of study. Ferrum offers bachelor's degrees in twenty-eight programs and received accreditation as a four-year college in 1976. The students are active members of the surrounding Franklin County and Rocky Mount communities.

We wish the students, faculty, and staff the best, as they celebrate Founders Day and their 100th anniversary on February 8th. We also look forward to the continued success of Ferrum College as it carries on its mission of educating our young people and preparing them for their future endeavors.

KIM SKUMANICK, PRESIDENT OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION
OF REALTORS**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Kim Skumanick on her inauguration as president of the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors (PAR).

Ms. Skumanick is a graduate of Penn State University and presently works as an associate broker with Lewith and Freeman Real Estate in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. Prior to becoming president of PAR, she served as the chair of PAR's Legislative Planning Group and the Legislative Committee. She also held the roles of treasurer of the Realtors Political Action Committee (RPAC) and District 1 Vice President. Today, she is on the Strategic Oversight Committee, Legislative Committee and the Land Use and Local Issues Subcommittee, as well as on the Public Policy & Political Advocacy Coordinating Committee and the Administrative Coordinating Committee. Ms. Skumanick is a National Association of Realtors director and has served for nine years as a Federal Political Coordinator for the 10th Congressional District.

For her hard work and dedication in real estate, Ms. Skumanick has been the recipient of significant recognition. In 2003, she received PAR's Realtor Active in Politics Award. A member of the Greater Scranton Board of Realtors, Kim was president in 2003 and was named Realtor of the Year in 2006.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Skumanick has shown outstanding commitment to the Pennsylvania real estate community. Therefore, I commend her on her inauguration as president of the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors and wish her the best in her future endeavors.