

CELEBRATING THE CENTER FOR VOLUNTEER AND NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Excellence on the occasion of the organization's 50th Anniversary Celebration on April 5, 2014.

For the last five decades, the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership (CVNL) has advanced nonprofits and volunteerism by strengthening leadership, encouraging innovation and empowering individuals to develop a vital and engaged community. CVNL is committed to creating a stronger nonprofit sector and a more engaged community by offering comprehensive leadership programs, organizing community fundraisers, coordinating volunteer opportunities, and providing many other resources and services.

The Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership is a community treasure, and Marin County has benefitted greatly from this organization's many years of fostering volunteerism and supporting the nonprofit sector. Please join me in expressing deep appreciation to CVNL, and congratulations on fifty years of service.

RECOGNIZING THE SYRACUSE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Syracuse Housing Authority, celebrating its 75th Anniversary in providing quality, affordable housing to the residents of Syracuse.

Established as one of the first housing authorities in the nation, the Syracuse Housing Authority opened the doors to its first development, Pioneer Homes, in 1938. This development began the continued success of the Syracuse Housing Authority, which now owns and manages 15 housing developments and over 2,500 apartments throughout the City of Syracuse.

The Syracuse Housing Authority provides a home to over 15,000 individuals and families, while also supporting the health and well-being of its residents. Opportunities are available for residents of the Syracuse Housing Authority for education, medical services and homeownership.

Under the leadership of Director Bill Simmons, the Syracuse Housing Authority cares deeply about its role as a leader in the City of Syracuse and provides safe, affordable housing to many members in our community, from young families to those neighbors who are elderly or living with disabilities.

Aside from a place to call home, the Syracuse Housing Authority also offers a variety of programs to its residents to promote educational achievement, economic independence

and job training. The Syracuse Housing Authority assists residents pursue their ambitions, building a stronger community for us all.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize and commend the Syracuse Housing Authority on its 75th Anniversary of public service to our community. I look forward to its continued legacy and the exciting things yet to come from this outstanding organization.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN GERRAL K. DAVID

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend a distinguished career of public service. On April 4, 2014 Captain Gerral K. David will relinquish his command of the Naval Support Activity Monterey and retire from the Navy later this year.

Public service careers are often measured by either their long duration or some particularly distinguished accomplishment. The measure of Captain David's career invariably involves both. His Navy career will extend to thirty years by the time he retires. And each of those years was marked by distinguished service.

Captain David grew up in Conroe, Texas. In 1984, he graduated from the Naval Academy and began his Naval career as a flight officer. His early career took him many places, including deployments to Sigonella, Sicily, Bermuda, as well as numerous Special Project detachments throughout the Atlantic Fleet. He later served aboard the USS *Kitty Hawk* during various deployments in the Pacific that included the support of operations in Somalia and Iraq. Other flight assignments took him to Diego Garcia, and Japan. In 2002, Captain David assumed command of Patrol Squadron 46, based in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. Under Captain David's command, the "Golden Swordsmen," won numerous unit awards and commendations, as well as deploying after 2003, to help support the U.S. war efforts in Iraq.

Interspersed with his flight commands, Captain David took on various shore duties. Early on, he served as a recruitment officer in Houston. In 1997, he assumed duties as the Flag Secretary for the Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy. In 2007, Captain David took command of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. Under Captain David's command, the Navy recognized Team Whidbey as the top Naval Air Station three years in a row and awarded it with a Meritorious Unit Commendation.

Then in 2010, Captain David took command of the Naval Support Activity Monterey. In essence, he became the city manager for the naval facilities that house the Naval Postgraduate School, the Navy's Fleet meteorology forecasting and research center, and a variety of other U.S. Navy shore functions. And it is in this capacity that I have come to know Captain David. He has helped steer several significant new construction projects to completion and has deftly managed his facilities relationship with the surrounding communities. He never fails to combine an understanding of the issue at hand with a deft personal diplomacy.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House in extending our most sincere gratitude

for Captain David's service to our Nation. The United States is a more secure and fruitful place as a consequence of his efforts. I want to wish Captain David and his wife Anne all the best as they transition from active duty to continued public service in what will surely be an active and fruitful retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BELOVED COMMISSIONER JIM WILLIAMSON

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to today to recognize the life and service of Northwest Florida's beloved Commissioner Jim Williamson, who passed away on April 2, 2014. Throughout his long and distinguished career in public service, Jim served as a mentor and an inspiration to countless individuals. All those who have been blessed by his presence mourn the loss of a great man and accomplished public servant.

A life-long native resident of Santa Rosa County, Florida, Jim graduated from Milton High School in 1964. He enjoyed a four-year professional baseball career with the St. Louis Cardinals, before establishing his own business, Williamson Electrical Co., Inc., in Northwest Florida.

In 1977, Jim began his career in public service when he was elected as a member of the Milton City Council, where he served until 1985. He then continued his dedicated service to the community when he won a seat on the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners in 1996. Thanks to his leadership and strong work ethic, Jim achieved rapid success, and he was re-elected without opposition in 2000. He then went on to serve as Chairman of the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners until his recent retirement just days ago.

Jim served Santa Rosa County with the utmost integrity. During his time in office, he contributed greatly to the growth of Santa Rosa County and worked tirelessly to promote economic and cultural growth as well as fiscal accountability. His efforts included streamlining the building permit and inspection process, enhancing recreational opportunities for Santa Rosa County residents, constructing county buildings, and implementing safety improvements at Peter Prince Airport. His achievements did not go unrecognized, as he received several accolades, most notably the God in Government award and Santa Rosa County Chamber Leader of the Year. Aside from his leadership in Santa Rosa County, Jim was actively involved in many other aspects of the community, including coaching youth athletics and worshipping the Lord at Immanuel Baptist Church.

Throughout his life, Jim served his community with humility. For more than twenty years, I have had the privilege of working closely with him on a bevy of issues that affected Santa Rosa County and the entire Florida Gulf Coast. Jim represented everything that is great about Santa Rosa County. There is no question he will be remembered as a man of unquestionable character, unwavering resolve and unmatched determination. To his family

and friends, he will be remembered as a man of great faith and compassion, and a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Commissioner Jim Williamson. My wife Vicki joins me in extending our sincerest condolences and our prayers to his wife, Paulette; sons, Jayer, Jeremy, Jarrod, Randy, and David; 11 grandchildren; and the entire Williamson family. Jim's presence will be deeply missed, but his example will always be with us.

A TRIBUTE TO SACRED HEART  
PREP'S FOOTBALL TEAM

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Football Team of Sacred Heart Prep in Atherton, California for winning the Central Coast Championship and the Northern California CIF Championship. They made history by being the first team in San Mateo County to play in the California CIF Championship Game.

The Sacred Heart Prep Football Team is a combination of talent and competitive spirit with the highest ideals of good sportsmanship and has established itself as an exceptional group. With great dedication, the Gators worked diligently and ended their season on this historic note.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Head Coach Pete Lavorato, Assistant Head Coach Matt Moran, and Assistant Coaches Ed Larios, Mark Modeste, and Greg Sutter on an extraordinary season! The entire team can look back on this season with tremendous pride. I wish the seniors the best of luck in your next endeavors, and their younger teammates the best of luck in next year's season. Go Gators!

TRIBUTE TO DAVE HAUGEBERG

**HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dave Haugeberg, community stalwart, citizen activist, Newberg-Dundee Bypass champion—and today, 2013 Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Former Oregon Governor Tom McCall once said, "Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky. They are people who say, 'This is my community, and it is my responsibility to make it better.'" Dave Haugeberg epitomizes this spirit—combining great determination with a hero's tendency toward humility.

In addition to a lengthy and distinguished legal career, Dave has a remarkable track record of community service. He is currently Chair of the Board of Trustees at Linfield College and serves as President of the Board at Mid-Valley Rehabilitation, which provides employment, community inclusion services, residential support, and transportation services to

adults with disabilities in order to maximize their potential.

His imprint on Yamhill County is enormous, and soon to be very visible along a several mile section of Highway 99W. Nearly three decades ago, Dave began his legendary volunteer efforts for the Newberg-Dundee Bypass, hoping to summon enough community, regional, and State resolve to construct a new highway, circumventing traffic around the historic and traffic-plagued cities of Newberg and Dundee. This effort, forged through decades of teamwork, frustration, partnership, and dogged persistence in the face of doubt, has now paid off. On August 29, 2012, Dave dug his ceremonial shovel into the ground, kicking off construction of the Newberg-Dundee Bypass.

To be sure, he had partners along the way, but it is no accident that Dave Haugeberg is affectionately known as the 'Grandfather of the Bypass.' With Phase I construction well underway, I'm hopeful he took a brief victory lap before, undoubtedly, redoubling his efforts to complete the entire corridor.

Dave Haugeberg is a remarkable citizen, the kind of person who willingly, even eagerly, gives more to his community than he anticipates receiving in return. His contributions to Yamhill County will always be remembered fondly by those he worked with—and for, including the hundreds of thousands of people who will eventually traverse the Newberg-Dundee Bypass, and the local citizens who will live in transformed communities where it is safe to work, live, and play.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Dave on this eminently deserved award, and wish him and his wife Kathy, and his children and grandchildren of whom he is so proud, continued health, happiness, and prosperity.

TRIBUTE TO NIKI DePHILLIPS

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Niki DePhillips of Kum & Go for being named a 2014 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, *Business Record*.

Since 2000, *Business Record* has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2014 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of 600 business leaders and growing.

Niki DePhillips began her career with Kum & Go 12 years ago as an administrative assistant. Today, Ms. DePhillips is the youngest female executive in the company's history and serves as the Senior Vice President of Store Development and Interim Vice President of Human Resources. Niki credits her impressive and expeditious climb to senior management at such an esteemed company to utilizing the strong work ethic instilled by her mother to pursue her inspiring passions for both real es-

tate and the people she assists every day. As a 2012 recipient of the Industry Impact Award from the Iowa Commercial Real Estate Association, Niki's influence in her company and the state of Iowa as a whole cannot be understated.

Outside of work, Niki gives back to her community in numerous ways. She volunteers on the United Way of Central Iowa Retail Committee, is a member of the Commercial Real Estate Women, helps lead the Iowa Expo Committee, and chairs *Couture for a Cause*—a benefit for Children's Cancer Connection. Niki, a graduate of Valley High School, now resides in Waukee with her husband Joe and their daughter Samantha. In all aspects of her life, Ms. DePhillips is an example of service, hard work, and Iowa values that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, it's an honor to represent leaders like Niki in the United States Congress and it is with great pride I applaud Ms. DePhillips for utilizing her talents to better both her community and our state. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Niki on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at *Business Record* for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2014 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

CONGRATULATING CHANCELLOR  
DEBRA SAUNDERS-WHITE IN  
RECOGNITION OF HER INSTALLATION  
AS THE 11TH CHANCELLOR  
OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL  
UNIVERSITY

**HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate my dear friend Dr. Debra Saunders-White on her installation as the 11th Chancellor of North Carolina Central University. Dr. Saunders-White will be formally installed as Chancellor on April 4, 2014 and will become the first female to hold that post at NCCU.

Great leaders motivate others to reach their full potential and show others through their actions that they can make a difference. Dr. Saunders-White is a great leader who will lead current and future generations of NCCU Eagles by motivating them through her leadership, her words, and her actions. Like many students at NCCU, she is a first-generation college graduate. Her mother grew up a sharecropper in North Carolina while her father was a car salesman. Dr. Saunders-White's journey to become leader of a world-class research university will show students what is possible through lifelong commitment to bettering the lives of others.

As institutions of higher learning like NCCU face pressure to do more with less, we increasingly rely on strong leaders with innovative perspectives to shape the future of education. Dr. Saunders-White brings valuable business experience, administrative knowledge from outstanding institutions like Hampden University and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and a comprehensive understanding of higher education from serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary at the U.S.