wife of thirty-five years, Linda Mendoza; brother, Jim Mendoza; daughter, Jolynn McClelland; son, Jarrod Mendoza; grandchildren, Collin and Luke McClelland and Layla Mendoza; in addition to his numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and close friends.

CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELASTEC/AMERICAN MARINE

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Elastec/American Marine.

Elastec/American Marine is a company that manufactures pollution recovery systems, focusing in international oil spill recovery. The company has over 100 employees, and its headquarters are located in Carmi, Illinois, with another location in Fairfield, Illinois, that opened in 2012. The company has received numerous awards for not only its products, but its employees and operations as well.

Twenty-five years ago, CEO Donnie Wilson and VP Jeff Cantrell combined their skills to create a drum oil skimmer and established Elastec. Over the years, with investors, Director Bill Harmon, the continuing development of systems and products, among other contributors, Elastec/American Marine has become a leader in manufacturing systems of pollution recovery. These systems and products reach over 145 countries.

I am honored to have a company that is recognized for such work within my district, and I look forward to hearing about its continued success.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICERS MICHAEL SMITH, CHRISTOPHER ROMANO, AND WILLIAM FOSTER

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officers Michael Smith, Christopher Romano, and William Foster of the Syracuse New York Police Department. On July 1, 2015, Officers Smith and Romano responded to the scene of a dispute call when they observed smoke coming from the second floor windows of a neighboring building. After immediately notifying the 911 dispatch center, along with Officer Foster's arrival, the three officers sprung to action and entered the burning building in search of potential residents. Due to these officer's heroic actions, three occupants, including a pregnant mother and her child were saved, unscathed from the home.

Officer Smith was appointed to the Syracuse Police Department on September 5, 1997 and has since been assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Romano was appointed on July 25, 2005 and was also assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Foster was appointed to the Syracuse Police Department in 1986 and has since been assigned to the K9 unit.

Officers Smith, Romano and Foster have each bravely served the Syracuse New York Police Department for over ten years. I am proud to share in the recognition of Officers Smith, Romano, and Foster as first-rate officers, performing tremendous service to the people of Syracuse, New York.

IN RECOGNITION OF PRATT & WHITNEY ON THE OCCASION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR INCORPORATION

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the great aerospace manufacturer Pratt & Whitney on the 90th anniversary of their incorporation. Beginning with the first 24 men and two women who reported to work in 1925, and continuing through today, Pratt & Whitney's main purpose has been to build ever newer and better aircraft engines.

Today, that small company has grown to employ more than 31,000 people, including many in my district, in well-paying jobs in careers they can be proud of. Pratt & Whitney employs 103 people in Middletown, Pennsylvania, and I'm proud to say that they are looking to expand to over 200. This is cutting edge technology that, in turn, is putting food on the table for folks back home.

In the last ninety years, there have been few innovations that have affected our daily lives as much as the jet engine. And Pratt & Whitney has been there every step of the way for every improvement and breakthrough in technology.

Mr. Speaker, Pratt & Whitney has defined aviation, and built dependable engines for nine decades. And I wish them all of the best for their next 90 years.

IN HONOR OF TOM GREER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and career of Tom Greer, an outstanding public servant on the occasion of his retirement as general manager of the Monterey Regional Airport. His exceptional career has spanned nearly five decades and included both military and civil service.

After graduating from Auburn University in Alabama in 1965 with a degree in aviation management, Tom joined the Marines and was sent to Officers Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia. Upon receipt of his wings as a Naval Flight Officer in March 1967, he was assigned to various Fighter/Attack squadrons flying F–4B Phantom in over 320 combat missions in Vietnam.

Following his release from active duty in March 1970, Tom was selected as Airport Director for Golden Triangle Regional Airport near Columbus, Missouri. Under his exceptional leadership, this new airport was constructed from the ground up, opening successfully in the fall of 1972. Tom then took his aviation management skills to Salt Lake City, where he served as Director of Operations for the Salt Lake City Airport Authority. His guidance allowed the airport to remain operational while undergoing major expansion programs to accommodate a new hub for Western Airlines, now Delta. He then served in various capacities for Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport authority from 1984 until 1999. During his tenure, passenger traffic increased from two million to over five million, and a new terminal building was constructed for the 70 year old facility.

We have been blessed to have Tom serving as General Manager for the Monterey Peninsula Airport District since December of 2003. Some of his numerous accomplishments include the Terminal re-model, the TSA screening moved to a central location, a contract for Fire Services with the City of Monterey, and, currently, the Runway Safety Area Project and Airport Master Plan Project.

Throughout his extraordinary career, Tom has received numerous awards for his contributions to the profession. He was the recipient of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) Leadership Award in 2000, served as AAAE chairman in 2003, received the Distinguished Service Award in 2005, and the Chair's Award for 2008. He was named Airport Manager of the Year in 1988 and received the Chapter's Award of Distinction in 2003.

Mr. Speaker, the Central Coast is exceptionally grateful to Tom for his service to the community, the aviation industry, and the country. I wish nothing but the best for Tom in his retirement, and I know he looks forward to spending more time with his wonderful family, including his five children and thirteen grandchildren.

ROBERT FISHER

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and to recognize Robert Fisher upon his recent election to the Board of Directors at the National Association of Federal Credit Unions.

Mr. Fisher has served as the President and CEO of Grow Financial Federal Credit Union for 23 years and his dedication to the community has been an outstanding asset to the Tampa Bay area. It is a testament to his leadership that Grow Financial is ranked as one of the best places to work in the Tampa Bay Times' employee survey of Top Workplaces.

Mr. Fisher has previously served on the Board of Directors of the Tampa Bay Partnership Regional Economic Development Group, the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Jacksonville Branch, and he has chaired the Finance committee of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Mr. Fisher's knowledge and experience with serving his community and the financial services sector will undoubtedly benefit National Association of Federal Credit Unions as he has a deep understanding of the challenges and issues that lie ahead with credit unions at both the state and federal level and I look forward to working with him in his new capacity.