safe to turn to law enforcement authorities for help.

Thankfully, she was able to turn to Catholic Charities who helped her secure safe housing, assisted her in applying for an adjustment of her immigration status, and helped her secure employment at a full-time job that support her and her daughter.

These are but a few of the countless miracles of hope and healing that Catholic organizations and agencies work every day and which demonstrate, as the Talmud teaches, that "whosoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world."

Mr. Speaker, I am hopeful that Members of Congress will receive the hopeful message of the first pontiff to address a joint session of the Congress of the United States with open hearts and in a spirit of goodwill.

If we do this, I am confident we will be able to come together and find the common ground necessary to address the real problems and concerns of the American people such as fixing our broken immigration system, making college affordable, reducing the economic disparities, and reforming the criminal justice system.

In the hopeful message of Pope Francis, we are shown the way to grace.

Mr. Speaker, all Americans are honored by the visit to the United States of Pope Francis, an amazing servant of humanity and an inspiration to people the world over.

HONORING PAULA EMIGH

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Paula Emigh a retired teacher, and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Paula Emigh was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, Paula Emigh was born and raised in Solano County, graduating from Dixon High School. As a student, Paula was very involved in school activities and believes that her experiences as a student led her to consider a career in teaching. When Paula was an undergraduate at the University of California, Santa Barbara, she had an internship at a special education center in the area, where she was first exposed to teaching children with special needs. This experience convinced her that her future was in special education.

Whereas, after graduating, Paula began a substitute position in Woodland which eventually led to over 30 years as a special education teacher. She was an integral team member in the development of the BEST program at Freeman Elementary School, helping to create a positive school climate for staff, students, and families. Because of the incredible work she has done with staff on disability awareness, Paula was named Woodland Joint Unified School District's 2014 Educator of the Year.

Whereas, in all ways imaginable, Paula credits her career as being a team effort. Throughout her years teaching, Paula worked cooperatively with many paraprofessionals, parents, and families. Together they were able to prioritize and strategize plans to allow the students to grow beyond previous expectations.

Resolved, that I Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Paula Emigh.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MAYOR REID

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish a very happy 90th birthday to Pearland, Texas Mayor Tom Reid.

Mayor Reid has seen a great deal over the last 90 years—during his lifetime he's seen humans walk on the moon and the invention of the Internet. In his nearly 30 years as mayor of Pearland, Mr. Reid has seen his city boom in both population and economic strength. Mayor Reid is a dedicated mayor who has guided Pearland through some tremendous growth. Thank you to Mayor Reid for his steadfast leadership of this great city in Texas 22. We all wish him many more years of health and happiness.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, happy birthday to Mayor Tom Reid.

TRIBUTE TO PAT MCGINN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Lt. Pat McGinn of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on his recent retirement from the Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Department, where he completed 31 years of service.

Lt. McGinn has worked for the Sheriff's office since he was 24 years old, and during his tenure he has risen through the ranks within the Sheriff's department. Lt. McGinn has worked and supervised road patrol, civil and records divisions, technical accident investigations, K–9 patrol, and uniform patrol. He retired as a Deputy.

Mr. Speaker, Lt. McGinn has spent his career making a difference in his community by helping and serving others, and it is with great honor that I recognize him today. I know that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in honoring his accomplishments. I thank him for his service to Pottawattamie County and wish him and his family all the best moving forward.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. CHARLES ALLEN WATERS, JR.

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today alongside my colleagues, Representative COSTA and Representative VALADAO, to recognize the life and valued service of Dr. Charles "Charlie" Allen Waters, Jr., a distinguished military veteran and community advocate who passed away on September 3, 2015 in Fresno, California.

Dr. Waters was born on September 17, 1932 in Norfolk, Virginia. He was the son of Naval Officer Charles Allen Waters, Sr. Charlie served in the United States Marine Corps (USMC) from 1951 to 1958 and fought in the Korean War from 1951 to 1952. Charlie received many medals and awards for his honorable service in Korea, most recently the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal.

For the past few decades, Charlie made an immeasurable impact in Fresno and the greater San Joaquin Valley by serving on numerous boards, commissions, and foundations supporting veterans, and the community as a whole. The opening of the Fresno Veterans Home was due in large part to his invaluable and tireless efforts. Dr. Waters served as President of the Central California Veterans Home Support Foundation (CCVHSF), was Past Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps League Detachment 14, and Commander of American Legion Post 4, in addition to his many unofficial contributions to other local organizations.

A diligent champion of Fresno veterans, Dr. Waters once said, "I have a great affinity for anyone who would go into service and volunteer their life. So, whatever I can do for my comrades, I do." These words speak to his deep commitment to service and his inexhaustible altruism.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that we ask our colleagues in the House of Representatives to honor the life of Dr. Charlie Waters. He will always be remembered as a man of great service and dedication. It is our hope that his memory will live on through his family, the veterans groups he guided and supported and we trust that his legacy will live on for years to come.

HONORING PREET DIDBAL

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of Preet Didbal a city councilwoman for Yuba City, and one of my district's 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Second Day of September, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Preet Didbal was recognized as a 2015 Woman of the year.

Whereas, against all odds, Preet Didbal made history when she took the oath of office December 2, 2014 to become the first Sikh American women elected to the Yuba City Council. The daughter of farm laborers, Preet worked alongside her parents in the peach and prune orchards and on the graveyard shift at the local cannery during the summer months. She was the first in her family to attend and graduate college, earning her Master's degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Health Services. She is a health care services manager with the California Department of Corrections.

Whereas, Preet's focus as a councilwoman is on education, children and public safety.