

turntables were modern, but he has stayed with the times, in fact he is an early adopter and loves technology. I remember when at a visit to his studio I pulled out my Blackberry to take a photo, and he burst out laughing making fun of my "antique" phone, I promptly bought an iPhone.

The love for radio and story-telling has shaped Ronn's professional and personal life. He is married to former KGO and KCBS anchor Jan Black and they have two truly accomplished daughters, Sarah and Laura.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Ronn Owens, an icon in radio news and commentary, for his extraordinary career. He has kept me and countless public officials on our political toes and will continue to do so for a long time.

IN TRIBUTE TO DR. IRVING J. SELIKOFF, A PIONEER IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 26, 2015

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Irving J. Selikoff (1915–1992), whose ground breaking work created the field of environmental and occupational medicine. Dr. Selikoff established the first hospital division of occupational and environmental medicine in the nation at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City, developing clinical programs that have cared for thousands of workers impacted by occupational diseases. This month, Mount Sinai cut the ribbon on the Selikoff Centers for Occupational Health, named in his honor.

Revered as the father of occupational health, Dr. Selikoff's research and tireless advocacy has saved millions of lives. In 1952, working with Dr. Edward H. Robitzek, he demonstrated that isonazaid was an effective treatment for tuberculosis. He subsequently opened a clinic for lung patients in Paterson, N.J., where he saw 17 workers from an asbestos plant with similar symptoms. Within a few years, 15 were dead, 14 of them from lung cancer, asbestosis or mesothelioma. This led him to begin investigating the cause of their illnesses. His research expanded and he began studying the health of other insulation workers, often collaborating with labor unions. Despite heavy resistance from the industry, he ultimately recruited 17,800 workers for a survey that documented widespread illness among those who had worked with asbestos. Even people who had been exposed for less than a week had lung scarring 30 years later.

Dr. Selikoff's research on asbestos disease and his expert testimony shaped public policy and improved working conditions for America's working men and women. Thanks to his careful research, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration imposed safeguards for workers starting in the 1970s. His work also prompted the Environmental Protection Administration to implement regulations regarding asbestos products; however, the United States remains one of the few developed nations that do not ban asbestos.

Dr. Selikoff's tireless advocacy led to a fundamental understanding in this country that

workers have the right to safe working conditions. Over the span of his 50-year career until his death in 1992, he taught two generations of physicians, published over 380 scientific works, and publicized the health risks associated with toxins found in everyday work environments. He wrote more than 350 scientific articles and two books, edited 11 books and founded two journals. In 1982 Dr. Selikoff, Cesare Maltoni and other eminent scientists founded the Collegium Ramazzini. Comprised of 180 internationally renowned experts in occupational and environmental health, the Collegium Ramazzini helps social and political leaders understand how scientific discoveries impact public health.

Researchers at Mount Sinai and around the world continue his work and are leaders in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of workplace injuries and illnesses. After 9/11, when people who had worked at Ground Zero began to experience disproportionate levels of illness, Mount Sinai began to do research on the cause. Their work helped document the need for a program to provide care for people who had been made sick by the toxins released on 9/11. Mount Sinai was naturally selected as one of the Centers of Excellence to treat their illnesses under the direction of Dr. Philip J. Landrigan.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding the extraordinary work and legacy of Dr. Irving J. Selikoff. His focus on the health impacts of workplace conditions has benefitted millions of American workers.

HONORING DAN JENSEN

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of myself and Congressman MCCLINTOCK to acknowledge and honor Dan Jensen who announced his retirement as President of Delaware North at Yosemite. In that position, he is responsible for overseeing lodging, food service, retail, transportation and guest recreation in Yosemite National Park provided under contract to the National Park Service.

Born and raised in Visalia, a central California community, located in a rich agricultural region, Dan attended college at UC Riverside and graduated in 1971 with a Bachelors of Arts in Economics. In addition he holds an MBA from University of California, Los Angeles. Immediately after graduating, he joined the Los Angeles office of Price Waterhouse, the world's largest professional services firm, where he worked in the audit services division.

In 1993, Dan began his career in the theme park industry as the executive vice president and general manager of Universal Studios in Florida. He was instrumental in the expansion of the major resort destination which included a second theme park, three themed hotels and a nighttime entertainment complex known as City Walk. In 2001, Dan's theme park career went overseas, where he became the executive vice president and chief operating officer of the newly opened park Universal Studios in Japan. During Dan's time with Universal Studios Japan, it had the most successful first year of operations in the history of theme parks.

Participating in a cultural exchange program in Russia in 1998, gave Dan the opportunity to visit various national parks throughout Russia. The purpose was to gain valuable insight into business and social issues that would contribute to improved funding for Russia's national park system. This made him an ideal candidate for his extensive role as President of Delaware North located near one of California's most established National Parks.

Having worked for the previous concessioner from 1979 to 1992 in various financial and operational roles, Dan returned to Yosemite in 2006 as President of Delaware North at Yosemite. The global leading company's operations in Yosemite includes 1,350 hotel rooms, 21 food service operations and 16 retail locations as well as a variety of recreational activities.

Despite Dan's extensive work load, he finds the time to be an active participant in the community of Yosemite. He was on the board of trustees and the council of the Yosemite Conservancy, chairman of the Yosemite/Mariposa Tourism Bureau and a member of the University of California at Merced Board of trustees. Dan is an active supporter of NatureBridge, an educational nonprofit organization that provides outdoor environmental education in Yosemite as well as other national parks.

Dan and his wife Susan, parents of two now adult children, reside in the Yosemite Valley.

Mr. Speaker, please join Congressman MCCLINTOCK and I in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to Yosemite by the President of Delaware North, Dan Jensen. We wish him continued success in his retirement.

HONORING MS. FRANCES CHOW

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary member of the East Bay community, Ms. Frances Chow upon her retirement.

Ms. Chow was born and raised in Stockton, California. She spent countless hours of her personal time volunteering in soup kitchens and senior centers, as a summer camp counselor for physically challenged youths, and in local community organizations including the United Way.

Later, Ms. Chow went on to graduate from the University of San Diego with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration and minor in Mathematics. She is also trained and certified in Clinical Psychology, Project Management, and Bank Compliance.

Upon graduating, Ms. Chow was recruited to work with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), which is an independent federal agency created by Congress to maintain stability and confidence in the nation's financial system. During her 20-year career at the FDIC, Ms. Chow received numerous performance awards, including "Employee of the Year."

Currently, Ms. Chow is Senior Vice President and Regional Operations Manager of Gateway Bank, FSB, located in Oakland Chinatown.

Throughout the years, Ms. Chow has made innumerable contributions to the Chinatown