

Libya. After being promoted to Colonel in 1996, he was assigned to the National Security Agency as Deputy Chief of the Office of Global Response.

After 30 years of active service, Col. Reaney retired in February 2000. Just a few months later, in April, he was appointed Executive Director of Feeding the Gulf Coast. Formerly known as the Bay Area Food Bank, Feeding the Gulf Coast is responsible for serving a 24-county area including south Alabama, south Mississippi, and the Florida panhandle. The organization operates multiple nutrition programs and distributed over 20 million pounds of food in 2015.

Under his leadership, Feeding the Gulf Coast reached new heights and achieved major milestones. The organization moved into a new facility, increased distribution from 4 to over 21 million pounds of food annually, acquired nine refrigerated delivery vehicles, developed afterschool snack and summer lunch programs for children at over 215 locations, and constructed a new branch warehouse in Milton, Florida. Col. Reaney also oversaw the organization's disaster response to Hurricane Ivan, Hurricane Katrina, and the Gulf Coast oil spill.

Col. Reaney has a long list of personal achievements throughout his years of military and humanitarian service. He is a 1999 inductee into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Georgia and a 2001 inductee into the University of South Alabama ROTC Department Hall of Fame. His fifteen military service awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He has also served on the board of the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, as well as past president of both the Alabama Food Bank Association and the Florida Association of Food Banks. Additionally, he played a critical part in the establishment of Alabama Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey's "End Child Hunger" task force.

So on behalf of Alabama's First Congressional District, I wish Colonel Dave Reaney and his wife, Monika, all the best upon his retirement. And, on behalf of a grateful nation, I share our appreciation and gratitude for his years of service and sacrifice.

THE PASSING OF LUKE TATSU
JOHNSON

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, the unique middle name Tatsu proved to be a fitting moniker for Luke Tatsu Johnson. The tatsu, or dragon, is a centuries old mythical creature of great wonder, bravery, and strength. Throughout his extraordinary life, Luke consistently demonstrated his own special type of courage, power, and excellence. As a loving son and older brother, loyal friend, accomplished student and athlete, all-around young man of solid character, and ultimately, brave cancer patient, Luke filled his life with meaning and grace.

Luke was always an active kid—he loved being outdoors doing just about anything with family and friends. Over time, the video game

consoles gathered dust while Luke played organized baseball, flag football, soccer, and golf, participated in Junior Lifeguards and the Stud Ironman, engaged in backyard competitions with his brother Spencer, went skiing, boogie boarding, and bike riding, and enjoyed the big, small town atmosphere of Alamitos Heights and Long Beach. Some of Luke's passions occasionally kept him indoors—mom's cooking, sushi, and sports TV, especially if his beloved Angels or Chargers were playing.

Luke held himself to high standards and achieved success in his many endeavors. He was a straight A student since grade school, including his freshman and sophomore years in high school studies—which he completed while enduring often difficult chemotherapy regimens. During his two periods of remission, Luke worked tirelessly on his golf game. He enjoyed long hours at the driving range and on the course alongside his father and brother. In April of 2015, while still regaining strength after his initial treatment, Luke made a hole-in-one on a family outing in Northern California. In the greenside photo commemorating that moment, Luke stands ball in hand, bathed in sunlight, shining his familiar winning smile.

Luke faced his illness with the same determination and strength of character with which he pursued all of his challenges. Through months of hospital stays, difficult treatments, and intermittent setbacks, Luke continued to push ahead and never lost touch with his true nature and he remained the great kid—full of good cheer, quick to smile, concerned about others, close to his parents and Spencer—that he had always been.

Luke's story inspired a broad array of supporters—Team Luke—which included friends, teammates, and relatives as well as celebrities and PGA stars. It is in and through this team that loved him that Luke's unique spirit will continue to soar, like a tatsu, as a source of courage and grace.

TRIBUTE TO ALPHA DELTA KAPPA
INTERNATIONAL HONORARY OR-
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HON. MO BROOKS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators on sixty-nine years of dedicated service, and proclaim October 2016 as Alpha Delta Kappa Month. Established in 1947, Alpha Delta Kappa's goals are to institute high standards of education, recognize outstanding educators, build a fraternal fellowship among educators and promote educational and charitable projects, enriching the lives of individuals everywhere.

With a membership of more than 33,000 educators representing all fifty U.S. states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, and Australia, Alpha Delta Kappa is committed to educational excellence, personal and professional growth, and collectively channeling their energies toward the good of their schools, communities, the teaching profession, and the world.

Women in education constitute a great portion of America's workforce and are constantly striving to serve their communities and America in educational, cultural, and charitable programs leading to harmony, happiness, and peace among all people.

Over the last two years alone, members of Alpha Delta Kappa have altruistically given to the communities they serve by raising nearly \$12 million and volunteering more than two million service hours. Alpha Delta Kappa members biennially award more than a quarter million dollars through eleven scholarship programs and have contributed more than \$1 million to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

I congratulate Alpha Delta Kappa International Honorary Organization for Women Educators on their many years of unparalleled success and wish them well as they continue to educate our children.

RECOGNIZING KNOEBELS AMUSE-
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HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Knoebels Amusement Resort in Elysburg upon the occasion of their 90th anniversary. Since 1926, this multigenerational, family-owned and operated business has been America's largest free-admission park, and continues today as a world-renowned attraction that has stayed true to its family-focused roots for nearly a century.

Originally known as "Peggy's Farm," the land that is now Knoebels was passed down from owner to owner until 1828 when Reverend Henry Hartman Knoebel purchased the property for \$931. Reverend Knoebel's grandson, Henry, who was commonly known as "Ole Hen," began selling soft drinks and ice cream to the families that would come for picnics on the property. In 1926, Ole Hen added a restaurant, carousel, games, and a pool to officially mark the beginning of Knoebels Amusement Park. Various rides and amusements were added to the park throughout the years to bring the current total to 63, including six roller coasters, two water rides, two miniature railways, a golf course, and several restaurants.

I've enjoyed family outings to the park, just like thousands of my constituents and visitors from around the world, and can attest firsthand to the welcoming atmosphere and family-friendly style that has made Knoebels one of America's best amusement parks. With a commitment to the family's overall vision, it is no wonder that Amusement Today and organizations such as American Coaster Enthusiasts and the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions have recognized the park with various awards throughout the years. In 2014, the Travel Channel named Knoebels as one of their Top 10 Family Friendly Amusement Parks in the United States.

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