

to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support innovation.

I am pleased to congratulate these scientists on their valuable work to our society.

TRIBUTE TO ALEX C. McDONALD

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, San Diego and the state of California recently and suddenly lost a legal giant. I lost a friend and a neighbor.

Alex C. McDonald loved the law. While his initial area of expertise was in real estate law, his legal knowledge of multiple fields was expansive.

In a public service record that stretched more than two decades, Alex served on the state's 4th District Court of Appeals.

His mark on the law and how it impacted the people of California are indelible.

Alex played key roles in rulings that would affect public safety, civil liberties and voting rights.

But to those who were fortunate enough to know Alex his wry sense of humor would be among their strongest memories.

My husband, Steve, and I had a front row seat to his challenging and caring nature, as our families were friends and neighbors for over 40 years.

For many people service on the court would have been enough, but Alex's impact on his community went beyond the bench.

Through his role as President of the downtown San Diego Lion's Club, Alex was instrumental in creating Lions Community Manor. The Manor is a lifeline that provides housing for seniors, low-income families, and those living with disabilities. His legacy will continue to help those in need.

He will be missed greatly in the community, but the greatest loss will be felt in the lives of his extraordinary and close knit family where his greatest pride and passion was focused.

His wife, Judy, his four daughters—Katy, Annie, Margie, and Elizabeth—his sons-in-law, and his seven grandchildren are mourning the loss of a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

I'm sure I speak for the people of San Diego and California as we thank Alex for his years of service and extend our deepest condolences to his family.

IN HONOR OF DYLAN KURTZ'S
CHARITY WORK

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Dylan Kurtz, of Great Falls, Virginia, for his tireless efforts to help those in need throughout Virginia's 10th Congressional District. Serving others is a core value of American culture; and Dylan has taken this to heart.

At the young age of 12 years old, Dylan has devoted much of his life to serving charitable

causes throughout his community. Last year, Dylan focused his efforts on hunger related charities. He volunteered at food pantries, packed lunches for children who did not have food on weekends, and helped StopHungerNow! with their efforts to end world hunger. This year, Dylan decided to combine his love for charitable work and animals by helping paws4people by organizing fundraisers and events to promote this organization.

Paws4people was founded in 1999 with the purpose of using dogs to help improve the lives of both children with disabilities and veterans suffering from Chronic Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. The organization has 500 trained dogs which have made more than 1 million therapeutic contacts. Dylan's work is helping make this possible.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join in recognizing Dylan Kurtz of Great Falls, Virginia, for his unrelenting dedication to helping out those in his community. He serves as a shining example of what it means to be an American and I am proud to have him as a constituent. I commend him for his outstanding effort, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING DR. ANDY KHAWAJA

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize Dr. Andy Khawaja, a dynamic and accomplished entrepreneur and a dedicated community philanthropist. A natural born entrepreneur, Dr. Khawaja's vision, philosophy, and inherent ability to innovate and lead are remarkable. Dr. Khawaja's philosophy is "Do what you love and do it well. Don't quit and you'll have the keys to success."

In early adulthood, Dr. Khawaja achieved initial success in the high-end fashion industry as a Vice President and Buyer for the company 'Bernini.' In just nine years, Dr. Khawaja grew 'Bernini' from a million dollar business to a 100 million dollar business and expanded from two stores to more than sixty stores.

In 2005, Dr. Khawaja founded Allied Wallet, a venture that connects global buyers and sellers. For more than a decade, Dr. Khawaja's bold and proactive leadership has catapulted Allied Wallet to the forefront of innovation and advancement in the payment industry and into a multi-billion dollar company. With rapid growth every year, Allied Wallet is repeatedly recognized as one of the "Fastest Growing Private Companies."

Andy's fluency in five languages—English, French, Spanish, German, and Arabic—enables him to deliver payment tools internationally to diverse cultures and countries.

Over the last 10 years, Dr. Khawaja drove the expansion of Allied Wallet from its headquarters in Los Angeles to Germany, India, Macau, Hong Kong, and London. Allied Wallet now supports 164 currencies worldwide and serves over 125 million customers in 190 countries.

Dr. Khawaja has been awarded with the US American Genius Award, CEO of the Year 2015 Award, Gamechanger of the Year

Award, and UK Entrepreneurship of the Year 2015. Dr. Khawaja's achievements have been recognized by dozens of major publications such as Forbes, Time Magazine, Bloomberg, Fortune, The Guardian, LA Business Journal, and Wired Magazine.

His business ventures have earned major awards including Top 100 Fast Growing Companies, Global Payment Processing Solution of the Year, Best Workplaces for Millennials, United States Excellence Award, 500 Fastest Growing Companies 2012/2015, Guiding Hand—International Award 2014, and #1 Online Payment Solutions Provider 2013.

However, Dr. Khawaja's achievements aren't limited to only business. Through his generous philanthropy to the Brent Shapiro Foundation for Drug and Alcohol Awareness, Dr. Khawaja has demonstrated a tireless commitment to keeping Los Angeles youth safe and educated about the risks of drug and alcohol abuse.

Recently, the Lebanese American University has honored Andy with a doctorate degree in Humanitarian Studies for his meaningful philanthropy worldwide. Dr. Khawaja keeps leading Allied Wallet towards persistent growth and success while simultaneously juggling multiple demanding projects, including directing and executive producing a reality television series, "Model Turned Superstar."

I commend Dr. Khawaja for his impressive achievements and consistent commitment to making Southern California a better place for all.

TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2016

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, Monday, October 10 is Taiwan's National Day—also known as Double Ten Day. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my early best wishes to the people of Taiwan.

The United States and Taiwan enjoy a long-standing friendship based on shared values. I visited Taiwan earlier this year to witness the democratic process and the peaceful transfer of power. I applaud Taiwan's embrace of individual political freedom.

Taiwan is also a strong economic partner. In 2015, Taiwan became the United States' 9th largest trading partner, and is my home state of Arkansas' 6th largest export market in Asia. Our economic ties help us to foster our relationship with Taiwan, and ensure an atmosphere of cooperation.

Additionally, the 39th Triennial Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) will take place in Montreal, Canada, beginning on September 27, 2016. Three years ago, the U.S. Congress passed a bill, later signed into law, supporting Taiwan's inclusion in the ICAO as an observer state. Taiwan was first invited to the assembly in 2013, and I am happy to see that Taiwan will be invited again this year. The Taipei Flight Information Region (FIR), administered by Taiwan, provided over 1.53 million instances of air traffic control services. FIR also handled 58 million incoming and outgoing passengers in 2015, serving as an indispensable part of the global air transport network.