

member of the U.S. Navy, Captain Flannery most recently served as the Director of the Navy's U.S. House of Representatives Liaison Office. In this capacity, he oversaw and led countless congressional and staff delegations to naval installations throughout the United States and the world. These trips helped members and their staffs achieve a greater understanding of the issues facing our Navy and its sailors from all over the world.

CAPT Flannery's distinguished career began at the United States Naval Academy where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science. He would later go on to earn his "wings of gold" and qualify as a Naval Aviator in 1990. CAPT Flannery accumulated 2,770 flight hours in the SH-3H, SH-60F, HH-60H, MH-60S, and the MH-53E. He commanded the 2515th Naval Air Ambulance Detachment, Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron FIFTEEN, Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron FIFTEEN, and Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Atlantic.

On shore duty, CAPT Flannery completed high-profile jobs within the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff's office, Flag Aide to the Director of Air Warfare, and as a community detailee at the Navy's Personnel Command.

CAPT Flannery's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (with individual action), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards including one Combat Distinguishing Device), Army Commendation Medal and other personal, campaign, and service ribbons.

As CAPT Flannery embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, the outstanding contributions he has made to the United States Navy. I would like to send him my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE
DAMON J. KEITH FOR HIS PIONEERING LEGAL CAREER

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Damon J. Keith for his outstanding legal career. For the past fifty years, Judge Keith has served the United States with distinction as a member of the federal judiciary.

Judge Keith began his career on the bench in 1967, when he was nominated by President Lyndon Johnson to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. During his time with the Eastern District, Judge Keith distinguished himself as an ardent defender of the Constitution, prohibiting President Nixon's warrantless wiretapping initiatives and eventually being named Chief Judge of the District Court. As a result of his distinguished service with the Court, President Carter nominated Judge Keith to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in 1977, where he has served since his confirmation. Throughout his career, Judge Keith's decisions have played a critical role in shaping the legal landscape. He helped end the Bush

administration's practice of conducting post-9/11 deportation hearings in secret and create a more just and equal society by helping to desegregate public schools and combat systemic racism. He has also inspired a new generation of legal scholars who share his commitment to justice and the principles of the Constitution.

Judge Keith has received widespread acclaim for his service in the federal judiciary and his civil rights record. In 1997, he was the recipient of the Edward J. Devitt Distinguished Service to Justice Award, the highest honor available to the federal judiciary. He has also received the Spingarn Medal from the NAACP for outstanding achievement, as well as over 40 honorary degrees from institutes of higher education. Judge Keith was known for his commitment to equality for all during his time in public service, and his decisions continue to play a major role in shaping the nation's legal discourse. His work has impacted countless lives, and I wish him well as he retires after an extraordinary and impactful career.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Judge Damon J. Keith for his groundbreaking legal career. He has provided exceptional service to our country throughout his career as a federal judge.

TRIBUTE TO ZANE HEHNKE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Zane Hehnke of Winterset, Iowa, for receiving the 2017 National Federation of Independent Business Young Entrepreneur Award.

Zane is the founder and owner of Inspired Finds, an interior design company that focuses on designing and creating accents using vintage and antique items. He understands the important role that small businesses and entrepreneurs like him play in the United States economy. The innovation and determination Zane has displayed is a true testament to his entrepreneurial spirit.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders like Zane in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize him today for receiving this esteemed designation. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on receiving this award, and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING MR. DOUGLAS
HARBOUR

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Douglas Harbour for his service in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and for his work to create the Tri-State 9/11 Tribute Foundation. This organization was established to instill in our nation's youth a sense of national pride by honoring those who have

dedicated their lives to protecting all Americans. I believe that our nation's men and women in uniform are America's greatest assets. They have made incredible sacrifices for our country and deserve our utmost support and aid for their service.

Mr. Harbour created The Tri-State 9/11 Tribute Foundation in 2012 to honor our nation's First Responders and Military personnel both living and deceased. Since its founding, a memorial project has been initiated and the annual Tri-State 9/11 Tribute event is held each fall to recognize exemplary public servants. Mr. Harbour is the organization's sitting President and donates his time to ensure these men and women receive the utmost admiration and gratitude for their service. It is the heroic bravery and incredible sacrifices made by America's First Responders and men and women in uniform that have helped secure the freedoms we as Americans hold dear.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than the one we owe our First Responders and military men and women. They and their families should be commended. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes and gratitude to Mr. Harbour for his creation of the Tri-State 9/11 Tribute Foundation to honor America's great service men and women.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Harbour for his accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN
CLEMENT BUDD

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a former aviator, war hero, and Huey helicopter pilot in Vietnam, John Clement Budd. He was my Uncle Jack. I remember his stories of the war—they were captivating. Growing up, I remember me and my brother putting on his old helmet and pretending we were flying. Later we didn't have to pretend. My oldest brother and I became civilian pilots, and my middle brother flew for the Army and the Air Force. The Budd family are fliers, Mr. Speaker, and my uncle was part of starting that proud tradition.

In 1965, he flew over the infamous Ia Drang Valley in Vietnam, known as the "Valley of Death," where he medevaced soldiers wounded by enemy fire. He pulled an A-6 Avenger pilot out of the line of fire at Ia Drang, after three other helicopters had been shot down in the attempt. He used to say that it was the only time he had ever been kissed by a colonel.

Jack was also an exceptional mind and tactician—the tactical doctrine he and his fellows developed in the skies over Vietnam was used in the Armed Forces until the 2003 invasion of Iraq. So Jack also left a lasting imprint on the way we fight wars.

Mr. Speaker, many Americans were not even born when the Berlin Wall came down, and Eastern Europe was freed from the cold grip of international Communism. Even more were not alive to witness the crucible that Vietnam was for our country. I am unbelievably proud that my uncle was there, on the front lines of that struggle.

His courage there is among the millions of stories of service and sacrifice in the tapestry

of our victory over an evil ideology. His sacrifice, and his legacy to our country will not be forgotten. I know his five children and nineteen grandchildren are as proud of him as I am.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER STAN RISEN

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Executive Officer Stan Risen, who just announced his retirement from Stanislaus County.

Stan has been instrumental in leading Stanislaus County towards greater public accountability, re-engaging an organization-wide focus on the County's vision and core values. Stanislaus County develops public programs that improve the lives of its residents through coordinated prevention efforts, which function across multiple sectors. These programs, however, would not have been made possible without Stan's unwavering commitment to the community.

Stan Risen started his career as a youth pastor before entering governmental service. He began his career in Stanislaus County in 1987 when he became an appraiser in the Assessor's Office. In 1999, he joined the Chief Executive Office as a project manager for the development of an Information Technology Strategic Plan. In 2005, Stan became an Assistant Executive Officer, and a few years later, was appointed to Chief Executive Officer.

Outside of the office, Stan enjoys many activities that include riding dirt bikes, performing home construction projects, and playing the guitar. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Bob Jones University and was formerly a Planning Commissioner and City Councilman for the City of Ceres. He lives a faith-based lifestyle as an active member of Crosspoint Community Church in Modesto. Furthermore, Stan and his wife, Cheryl, are celebrating 38 years of marriage. Together, they have four children and four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to Stanislaus County by Chief Executive Officer Stan Risen as we wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

HONORING MR. JAMES KENYON ON
HIS SELECTION TO THE NAFCU
BOARD

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate James (Jim) Kenyon on his recent selection to the Board of Directors at the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions, NAFCU.

Mr. Kenyon has been President and CEO of Whitefish Credit Union in Montana since 2009 and has over 25 years of credit union experience. Whitefish Credit Union is the largest credit union in Montana. Chartered in 1934, it

has over \$1.4 billion in assets and 58,000 members. It is also a state-chartered credit union, which is significant, because Mr. Kenyon becomes the first state-chartered credit union executive to serve on the NAFCU Board, as the association just opened full membership to state-chartered credit unions last year.

Mr. Kenyon has lived in Montana most of his life and is a graduate of the University of Montana with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. Being a Montanan, he is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys fishing, hiking and mountain biking.

Mr. Kenyon is also a strong advocate for community service, having served on the board of the Whitefish Community Foundation and as Co-Chairman for the North Valley Food Bank Fundraising Committee.

I wish Mr. Kenyon the best of luck in his new role on the NAFCU Board and look forward to working with him in this capacity. I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating Jim Kenyon on this achievement.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALL-
EN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER SER-
GEANT FIRST CLASS (SFC) JOHN-
NY ROOSEVELT POLK

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Army Sergeant First Class (SFC) Johnny Roosevelt Polk who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our great nation on July 25, 2009, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. SFC Polk died from wounds he sustained when his vehicle was struck by an anti-tank grenade on July 23 in Kirkuk, Iraq.

SFC Polk was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. This was the third deployment of his 17-years spent in service.

According to the Associated Press, SFC Polk, a Gulfport native, was described as a fine leader who knew how to bring out the best in others.

SFC Polk attended Harrison Central High School where he was a member of the football team. He joined the U.S. Army in 1992.

"He was keen as well as humble," said Sergeant (SGT) Thomas Lathrop, who served with SFC Polk. "He had a swagger about him that separated him from the rest and an insurmountable vivacity that could never be ignored."

First Lieutenant (1LT) Jaciel Guerrero, who also served with SFC Polk, admired his leadership abilities. "Whenever anyone needed guidance, he was there," said 1LT Guerrero.

SFC Polk's son, Xavier Jones, said his dad was a loving father, a volunteer firefighter, and one who would find time for fishing. "He disappeared for days at a time and go fishing," Xavier said. "He would come home with fish and put them in a tank, a regular fish tank."

SFC Polk was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star medals.

According to the Memorial Network Partner Provider, a memorial service was held on August 15, 2009, at the Little Rock Missionary Baptist Church. SFC Polk was laid to rest at the Biloxi National Cemetery.

SFC Polk is survived by his wife, Wanonia Janise; five children, Antoine Azeheart, Mary Gardner, De'Andra Jones, Zavier Jones, Alvin Jones; and siblings, Walter Polk, Artha Polk, and Mary Polk.

SFC Polk paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we all enjoy. His devotion to our nation will not be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on July 25, 2017 I missed a series of Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on No. 410, 411, 412, and 413.

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE JFK MEDICAL
CENTER

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to extend heartfelt congratulations to the JFK Medical Center in Edison, New Jersey, as it celebrates 50 years of industry-leading innovation, research and high-quality patient care.

In 1961, Edison Mayor Anthony Yelencsics launched an effort to establish a hospital that would provide residents of Edison, Metuchen, and Woodbridge with high quality, accessible care—as well as good, local jobs.

A year later, more than 200 women joined together to form the JFK Auxiliary, which was charged with aiding fundraising for the project through activities like luncheons, fashion shows, and card parties. Within six years, the \$5.6 million needed for the project was raised through large gifts from local businesses, civic and social organizations, and tireless efforts by the JFK Auxiliary and other township residents soliciting donations door-to-door. Notably, Edison Township ensured the project's success by pledging \$100,000 and donating the 37-acre property where the hospital resides today.

JFK Medical Center opened its doors to the community on August 7, 1967 with 206 beds and 450 dedicated employees, including compassionate nurses, technicians, and administrators. From the beginning, JFK established itself as an industry innovation leader, using new computerization for patient records, private and semi-private rooms, a meditation room, and visitor rooms on every floor.

Over the next 50 years, JFK Medical Center evolved into one of Central New Jersey's most trusted hospitals, receiving nationwide recognition for its innovation, world-renowned research, and industry-leading quality of care.

JFK's emergency department, the largest in the state, has been awarded the Outstanding Private EMS Agency Award by the New Jersey Department of Health. The JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute has been named a "Top Hospital" by U.S. News & World Report—an award bestowed upon only 148 hospitals out of nearly 4,800 across the country.