

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.