

HONORING SHAUN MARIE
LEVINE'S LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Shaun Marie Levine, Executive Director of the New York State Conservative Party.

Shaun Marie Levine was born in Massachusetts in 1947. Raised in New York, Shaun Marie would go on to graduate from the Academy of the Sacred Heart of Mary in Sag Harbor and attend the Queens Hospital Center School of Nursing with a Regents Scholarship. During the 1964 presidential election, she campaigned for the first time for Republican candidate Barry Goldwater (R-AZ).

Shaun Marie shifted her focus from national politics to local politics, centering herself in New York City. Beginning as an associate district leader, she rose in the ranks to become a member of the New York State Conservative Party's statewide committee, eventually running as a Party nominee for the New York Assembly in 1986. She earned a position working for Conservative Party Executive Director Serphin R. Maltese and followed him to the New York State Senate where she worked on policies ranging from veterans' issues, consumer protection, law enforcement, to constitutional rights.

Shaun Marie remained an active member of the Conservative Party in the decades that followed, serving on statewide campaigns before accepting the role of Executive Director in 1995, a position she held for the next twenty-eight years. A capstone of Shaun Marie's tenured career was serving as the Executive Director for her longtime mentor, New York State Conservative Party Chairman Michael Long. Shaun Marie served as Chairman Long's right hand, confidant, sounding board, advisor, and deeply respected friend. She has held integral concurrent roles with the Conservative Party since, including as the first female State Vice Chair, the Regional Vice Chair, and the Executive Vice Chair. Throughout her decades of service to New York, Shaun Marie has worked closely with nearly every national, state, county, and local elected official and candidate in the conservative movement.

Shaun Marie has dedicated her entire professional life to serving the people of New York with unwavering principles and commitment. She has made significant contributions that have positively impacted the lives of countless individuals across New York State and the nation. Shaun Marie will always remain a beacon of light and a backbone of steel in the conservative movement. During this lifetime of service, Shaun Marie proudly raised her three children as a single mother while balancing the demands of professional and political work for decades. Today, she is a proud mother, dedicated grandmother, hard-working New Yorker, and patriotic American who is deeply respected by all who know her.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, it is my honor to recognize the extraordinary lifetime achievements of my dear friend, Shaun Marie Levine.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on the Legislative Day of June 20, 2023 on H.R. 1606—the Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 272.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COLONEL
JASON A. CLARKE ON THE OCCA-
SION OF CHANGE-OF-COMMAND
AT FORT IRWIN

HON. JAY OBERNOLTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Jason Clarke, the outgoing Garrison Commander at Fort Irwin National Training Center in California's 23rd Congressional District. Colonel Clarke has served our country since he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1998. He started his military career as a platoon leader in the 95th Military Police Battalion before transitioning to Special Forces. Colonel Clarke has served in many military roles and deployed for operations in Africa, Europe, the Middle East and elsewhere.

During his tenure, Colonel Clarke successfully led Fort Irwin NTC through challenging times following the COVID-19 pandemic. Long-term solutions implemented under his command led to an improvement in quality of life for those stationed at this remote and isolated base. Under his leadership, numerous projects were completed at Fort Irwin such as: renovated community spaces, multiple new vendor services, and an energy resilience project. We are thankful for Colonel Clarke's service in California's 23rd District and across the world. I wish Colonel Clarke, his wife Dejeun, and their 4 daughters continued success as he becomes 2nd Security Force Assistance Brigade Commander at Fort Liberty.

HIGHLIGHTING TERRI STILLSON'S
COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated teacher and community member who consistently goes above and beyond what is normally expected of educators today. Terri Stillson is a reading teacher at Castaic Elementary School whose passion for education and inspiration have encouraged her to take a unique and creative approach to rewarding academic achievement. The result of these efforts is increased motivation for students and teachers alike.

Every Wednesday, Mrs. Stillson mounts the "Treat Trike", a decorated tricycle with Castaic

Elementary School swag and a cart filled to the brim with toys and prizes. She rides around the school's campus playing cheerful music and going classroom to classroom to reward children for their academic work. But she doesn't just reward the top of each class, she utilizes an online program that captures students' performance to recognize different types of progress and praise students of all different stripes. Mrs. Stillson also motivates teachers to do their best by using stuffed plushies to award the educator in each grade level who passed the most lessons each week, encouraging playful competition among staff.

Now more than ever, children are struggling to remain engaged in their education, as the effects of prolonged lockdowns and Zoom learning continue to be felt. It is heartening to see Mrs. Stillson lead other educators across the nation by example and offer a roadmap for how teachers can make the classroom a fun place to be while also driving students' success. All it takes is a little creativity and whimsy.

Once again, I want to recognize and thank Mrs. Stillson for all the work that she does to make Castaic Elementary School a shining example of educational excellence in our community. Her creativity and hard work are a blessing to her students, and we look forward to all she will accomplish throughout the rest of her career as a teacher.

HONORING MRS. SUSAN
SPANNAGEL

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Mr. LaMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Susan Spannagel and wish her a happy 100th birthday. Mrs. Spannagel is my Chief of Staff's Grandmother and former constituent of mine. She will celebrate her 100th birthday on June 22nd. Susan Spannagel was born June 22, 1923, in Harvey, Illinois to Annie Inglis Wilson and George Drummond Wilson.

Her parents immigrated from Glasgow to New York in 1923 and left for Harvey, Illinois after two weeks in America. Susan grew up in Harvey, Illinois and attended Whittier school until the completion of the 8th grade when they moved to Pacific Grove, California. She attended Pacific Grove High School and graduated in 1941 at the age of 18. After High School Susan then moved with her parents to South San Francisco where she lived and worked in the Post Office. During this time, a handsome sailor named "Robert (Bob) Spannagel" came into the post office to pick up the squadron mail and they became friends.

After dating for a short while, Bob and Susan married in South San Francisco on April 8, 1944. Soon after their marriage, Bob received orders and shipped out to Ford Island at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Bob worked as an "Aviation Mechanist Mate" on airplanes for the war and Susan continued to work at the post office in South San Francisco. Bob returned from the service in 1945 and the couple continued to live in South San Francisco. Bob and Susan's first child, David Wilson Spannagel, was born in July 22, 1946.

Soon after in 1950, Susan, Bob and David along with Susan's mother Annie, moved to Concord, California. Bob worked at the Pacific Gas and Electric power station in Pittsburg, California. In 1953 their 2nd child Peggy was born. During her children's school years, Susan was very active and president of the Parent Teacher Association" (PTA) for many years as well as becoming the secretary for the Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church. In 1964, the family moved the Clayton, California where Susan went to work for Contra Costa County, Farm Bureau, ultimately becoming the Contra Costa County Farm Bureau Secretary.

Bob passed away suddenly in 1976 and Susan continued to work there until her retirement from Farm Bureau in 1995 at the age of 72. Susan moved to Grass Valley, California after retirement and became active with the Elks Lodge, the Sierra Presbyterian Church and other friends, until the age of 85. At age 85, Susan moved down to Lincoln, California to Del Webb's Sun City Lincoln Hills to be closer to her son and daughter. Susan's son David, passed away in 2016 at the age of 69. Susan is doing well and is now living in Rocklin near her family. She has 4 grandsons and 9 great grandchildren. I ask my colleague to join me in honoring her and celebrating Susan Spannagel's 100th birthday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal family matter, I was unable to be in D.C. and vote on June 20, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 272, and YEA on Roll Call No. 273.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Mr. MOONEY. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 272, and YEA on Roll Call No. 273.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER KAREN FROST'S CAREER OF SERVICE

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Detective Karen Frost on the occasion of her retirement from a distinguished career with the Los Angeles Police Department. For nearly 30 years, Officer Frost served as an exemplary police officer, earning numerous accolades and distinctions while working with her colleagues to keep the citizens of Los Angeles safe.

Detective Frost began her career with the Los Angeles Police Department in 1994 as a

recruit. In the police academy, she distinguished herself from her contemporaries with her professionalism and passion for public service. After graduating the academy, she began serving the San Fernando Valley and ascending the ranks of the LAPD, eventually reaching the rank of sergeant before becoming a detective. During this time, she worked everything from patrol officer to a DARE Instructor to an Academy instructor. Regardless of her position or role at any given time, Detective Frost exemplified the qualities of hard work, sense of duty, and public service.

Throughout her career, Detective Frost consistently went beyond the traditional call of duty in service of her community. One example is when she was new to the force in 1996, when she heroically rescued a woman who had attempted suicide by leaping into the Los Angeles River from a bridge. Detective Frost and her partner, at great personal risk to themselves, made their way down to the embankment of the river and jumped in to pull the woman to safety. For this action, she was awarded the LAPD Police Star, the first of many commendations and recognitions over her distinguished career.

Once again, I want to extend my sincerest congratulations and well wishes to Detective Frost on her retirement. I am sure she is looking forward to the opportunity to spend more time with her loving family after a career of protecting the people of Los Angeles. I thank Detective Frost for all of her hard work and sacrifice.

HONORING LANCE CORPORAL JOHN J. HURON

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent Lance Corporal John J. Huron of Bristol, Tennessee for his dedicated service in the United States Marine Corps.

LCPL Huron enlisted in September of 1968, and attended Advanced Infantry Training in Camp Pendleton following his graduation from Marine Boot Camp. After a brief leave, LCPL Huron then attended and graduated from Sea School in San Diego, CA, where he received training on the day-to-day operations of naval ships. After completing his sea training, LCPL Huron was assigned to the USS *Long Beach*, at that time docked in its home port of Long Beach, California. LCPL Huron's Marine shipboard duties included providing security for the ship's two missile houses and brig and acting as an orderly for the ship's Captain and Executive Officer.

In July of 1969, following his marriage that has lasted to this day, the USS *Long Beach* was deployed to Southeast Asia with its supply port at Subic Bay in the Philippines. Over the course of the next 9 months, the USS *Long Beach* and its 1,200 officers, men and Marines rotated on and off their duty station in the Gulf of Tonkin, Vietnam, contributing significantly to the air control of Southeast Asia.

After nearly a year, LCPL Huron returned to the USS *Long Beach's* home port and proceeded north to Mare Island. In August 1971, his Sea Duty came to an end and LCPL

Huron was reassigned to Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego once more, where he concluded his service escorting prisoners as a Brig Chaser. Please stand with me to celebrate and recognize LCPL Huron's distinguished and heroic military service to our great Nation.

RECOGNIZING ARITON HIGH SCHOOL AS THE 2023 2A STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Ariton High School as the 2023 Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Class 2A Baseball Series Champions. It is my honor to congratulate all the players and coaches on an outstanding season.

The Ariton High School Purple Cats won the second and final game 5-4 against Vincent High School during the state championship, bringing its first state baseball championship to the community. The Purple Cats ended their season 31-12-1.

Verse 1 Peter 4:10 says, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." Coach Bob Pickett and the men of the Ariton High School Purple Cats have embodied what it means to work heartily and confidently to achieve this goal.

In addition to this outstanding achievement, Bob Pickett was named 2A State Coach of the Year, and Caden Collier, a junior shortstop/second baseman, was named 2A State Hitter of the Year.

The Second Congressional District of Alabama is blessed to have men with their dedication and determination. I extend my congratulations to them for achieving this accomplishment.

RECOGNIZING PRIME MINISTER MODI'S TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

HON. A. DREW FERGUSON IV

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi, on his upcoming visit to Washington, D.C. The relationship between the United States and India is a strategic and global partnership that's guided by shared interests and strong political will on both sides. It is built on mutual respect for democracy, freedom, and the rule of law. This partnership is crucial for fostering peace, prosperity, and stability around the globe—especially in the Indo-Pacific region. In 2022, India celebrated 75 years of independence and marked the anniversary of the United States—India diplomatic relations.

Our partnership has made significant progress in the last few years and India continues to be a strategic trading partner of the United States. As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee which has jurisdiction over trade policy, I look forward to continuing to work on growing this important global partnership. I thank Prime Minister Modi for