

After joining the Border Patrol's horse patrol, Agent Ivie was assigned a new mustang that had been captured in the wild, according to his brother Joel. The horse's ears were rounded because the tips had frozen off in the cold, so he named it Mouse. Nick loved horses and had a special relationship with Mouse, the horse who rode riderless in Ivie's 5-mile funeral procession ahead of dozens of agents on horseback.

Agent Ivie was an outstanding agent and, according to his family, a compassionate man. He once carried a pregnant woman with bare, badly-blistered feet for a mile and a half after she and her group of illegal border crossers became lost in the desert. He took his obligations to his family, friends and to his church, very seriously. He is remembered for his selflessness and his absolute commitment to family, country and faith. He also distinguished himself as a dedicated and accomplished agent who loved his job, his coworkers and his service to his fellow man.

We honor the tremendous personal sacrifice of Agent Ivie's family. He leaves behind his wife, Christy Lyn and two daughters, 3-year-old Raigan and 22-month-old Presley. Those around him knew he had a deep love for his wife and called his daughters his pride and joy. We also recognize his mother, Cheryl, father, Doug, four siblings: Chris, Andrea, Rick and Joel, and his stepmother Donetta. Agent Ivie was the youngest of his five siblings.

The United States of America is a beacon for freedom and liberty around the world because of the honorable and dedicated service of agents like Nicholas Ivie and his brother, Joel. The Ivie family has endured a terrible tragedy and made an extraordinary sacrifice on behalf of all Americans and we are forever thankful.

Today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me as we honor the life and legacy of Border Patrol Agent Nicholas J. Ivie, as well as each man and woman in our Border Patrol, and all of those in harm's way supporting their efforts, who toil daily to secure our borders and maintain our safety. I also ask that we recognize the sacrifice and burdens these families endure in support of this great country. We owe them all our eternal gratitude.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL  
GARB

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2012*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Michael Garb for his 20 years of service as the CEO and board member of StarVista, an outstanding non-profit organization in San Mateo County that transforms the lives of children, youths, adults and families. Michael embraces StarVista's philosophy that building strong and healthy communities begins with helping each individual to develop his or her own path to personal growth. The organization serves over 34,000 residents of San Mateo County every year, providing counseling, prevention, early intervention and education resources.

Michael was named Chief Executive Officer of StarVista in May 2008. He served on the board of directors for two decades, long before Youth and Family Assistance and Family and Community Enrichment Services merged in 2003 to become StarVista—a process he oversaw. The merger revitalized the organization, broadened its services, increased awareness of its programs, strengthened its branding, and increased both collaboration with other agencies and revenue. In short, more people now benefit from better services.

Under Michael's leadership the Bridge to Success Initiative was launched to expand programs for early childhood, family and youth. StarVista and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation brought together 20 partners, including school districts, preschools, non-profits, agencies, and the San Mateo County Office of Education, to help children in eight school districts.

The Youth Development Initiative, launched in 2011, has attracted diverse groups of youth and adults who learn to make their voices heard and become strong and contributing members of the community.

Jewish Family and Children's Services incorporated their Early Childhood Mental Health Programs into StarVista's array of services in 2012 to improve childcare and healthy childhood development.

StarVista's Women's Enrichment Center program was the first outside program to be selected to work with the County AOD and Mental Health departments to implement electronic medical records software that will eventually be used throughout the county.

Michael was born in Newark, New Jersey. He earned his BA in accounting from Bloomfield College.

He was on the school board of the Belmont-Redwood Shores School for eight years, two of them as president, on the 2-1-1 Steering Committee, the Community Health Reform Advocacy Committee, the Peninsula Partnership Leadership Council, and the Belle Haven Community School Executive Team.

In his well deserved retirement, Michael is looking forward to spending more time with wife of 44 years, Judy, their daughter Mindy Shelton and son Dave Garb and their four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Michael Garb who has turned StarVista into a smooth-running and highly respected agency that touches young and old lives every day.

San Mateo County is a better place for all of us because of Michael's vision, work and commitment to our community.

IN HONOR OF THE 80TH BIRTHDAY  
OF MARY ANNA MEYER

**HON. AARON SCHOCK**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2012*

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Mary Anna Meyer, of Peoria, Illinois on her 80th birthday, which she celebrated on October 4, 2012. Throughout her life, Mary Anna has exemplified the Amer-

ican values of civic duty, service above self, and love of family, which includes her 7 children, 30 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Mary Anna has been an outstanding Peoria citizen for the past 40 years, deeply involved in civic, church, and social causes far too numerous to list. She has been a leader in the Republican Party, serving as a delegate in the 1980 National Convention, as a precinct committee person for over two decades, and as a member of the Peoria County Republican Women. Because of her years of experience and valued insights, she has served as a mentor and guide to many in political office, promoting legislation to build strong families and protect the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Her service has crossed party and political lines, reaching the impoverished in Peoria by volunteering with the Missionaries of Charity and Sacred Heart Church programs. On a broader level, she has served many roles for the Catholic Diocese of Peoria—as a member and officer of the Respect Life Board and Council of Catholic Women, as a Director of Religious Education for over 30 years, and as a leader in the Catholic Women's Apostolate.

But her impact cannot be measured merely in terms of public leadership positions. Mary Anna has served as a role model and mentor to countless area citizens, working tirelessly to provide help for unwed mothers, counsel for troubled marriages, advice to confused youth, and recommendations to the Peoria City Council on many social issues. She takes Pride in Peoria to heart, and in turn, Peoria has much to be proud of in celebrating the achievements of her generous and selfless life. It is my honor to recognize her today, and to thank her for her decades of service to Central Illinois.

IN HONOR OF GENE DOVIDIO

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2012*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Gene Dovidio, a U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II and last Bucks County survivor of the attacks on Pearl Harbor. Mr. Dovidio passed away at the age of 87 on September 22, 2012.

He represented the best of Bucks County. A family man, he was the widower of Shirley Thompson Dovidio, father of Sandy Norris, David, Philip, Steven and the late Gerald and Sharon. He was the brother of Margaret De Luca, grandfather of seven, great-grandfather of nine; and also survived by many nieces and nephews. Mr. Dovidio was an Eagle Scout and served honorably as a Boy Scout leader in the community for many years.

Mr. Speaker, with the passing of Gene Dovidio, we mourn not just the man, who served his country honorably, but we also mourn the passing of an era. His death reminds of those who have served and those who continue to serve their country in the armed forces and we honor their sacrifices.