

HONORING THE LODI ELECTRIC UTILITY FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Lodi Electric Utility.

On July 1, 1910, Lodi Electric Utility began providing power to the residents of Lodi, California. Over the last century, their operations have expanded over thirty-fold. The department now provides power to 68,000 residents located in a fourteen square-mile area, an area which I am proud to represent.

What began in 1893 as the Bay City Gas, Water and Electric Works has become Lodi Electric Utility and has flourished under the auspices of the Lodi City Council to become one of the City's most significant departments and a member of the Northern California Power Agency. Lodi Electric Utility has grown over the last century and is a valued local service, with over 200 miles of distribution lines, 28,500 electric meters, and four electrical substations to serve the energy needs of the community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lodi Electric Utility for providing service to the Lodi community for the last 100 years.

RECOGNIZING IOWA CENTRAL FUEL LABORATORY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Iowa Central Fuel Laboratory for being designated the first BQ-9000 testing laboratory for biodiesel fuel in the nation.

The goals of BQ-9000 include promoting commercial success and public acceptance of biodiesel and to help ensure that biodiesel fuel is produced to and maintained at the industry standard level. BQ-9000 also helps companies improve their fuel testing and helps reduce any chance of producing inadequate fuel.

I commend the Iowa Central Fuel Laboratory for achieving this honor. The work Iowa Central Fuel Laboratory does ensuring adequate, industry standard fuel is distributed is invaluable to the people of Iowa and to this nation. I am proud to have the Iowa Central Fuel Laboratory located within my district and wish them well as they continue their work.

SALUTING STANLEY GOLD

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to salute Mr. Stanley Gold for his outstanding achievements within the United States Postal Service. Mr. Gold is currently a member of Miami Branch 146 and has served

within the American Legion for decades. He is the highest Department of Florida legislative officer. Mr. Gold has also served in multiple legislative functions within the postal community.

In August 1966, as a member of the United Federation of Postal Clerks, Mr. Gold took the stand in front of the Civil Service and Post Office Committee. He laid out his support for H.R. 11434, which would provide for the immediate release of postal workers without loss of pay or leave should the Weather Bureau declare a hurricane warning. In addition, the bill required the Weather Bureau to provide appropriate notice when such a warning was lifted.

Alongside Pat Nilan, the then federation's national legislative director, Mr. Gold outlined how this legislation would protect not only postal workers in hurricane-ravaged Florida, but workers all across the nation. "We have to eliminate any kind of confusion within the postal work force," said Mr. Gold. "We must cut down on the unfair practices by some of our postmasters who do not take conditions in mind when leaving with the work force." Although the "Hurricane Bill" did not pass in the Senate, Mr. Gold continued to work continuously for the next 36 years to insure that there was some kind of movement with this critical issue. The victory Mr. Gold and others had long sought came in the form of a report inserted into the FY-02 postal appropriations bill. The report required the Postal Service to not have its carriers out in any kind of extreme weather. In addition, the workers would still be paid as normal, even though they would not necessarily be out on their routes. On January 2, 2002 President George W. Bush signed the bill into law. Mr. Gold's nearly 40 years of commitment and perseverance paid off in the long run.

Mr. Stanley Gold is an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and appreciation. It is with deep respect and admiration that I commend Mr. Gold for his many years of service with the United States Postal Service and the American Legion.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL MATTHEW SCHWIND

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, today I recognize and pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Schwind, United States Army, on the occasion of his transfer to the 101st Airborne Division, Air Assault, at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. I, and many other members of this chamber, have had the pleasure of working with him over the past three years that he has served as a part of the U.S. Army Office of Legislative Affairs and as a Liaison Officer in the Army Liaison Office in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Lieutenant Colonel Schwind enlisted in the United States Army in 1989, attended Basic Training, Advanced Individual Training, and served three years as an Aero-Scout Observer with the 101st Airborne Division, AASLT. In that time, he deployed with his unit to Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1991. After redeploying in 1991, he attended Officer

Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia and was commissioned a Field Artillery Lieutenant on January 30, 1992.

The next day he married the former Darlene Hendrix of Columbia, Tennessee. They have been married over 18 years and have a daughter, Jennifer, and son, Dylan.

Through the years, LTC Schwind's assignments have taken him to Kentucky, Oklahoma, Hawaii, Virginia, Texas, Kansas, New York, and Washington, DC.

Lieutenant Colonel Schwind's deployments include Operation Desert Shield/Storm; Restore Hope, Haiti, IFOR, Bosnia; and Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.

Matt is a graduate of the Aero-Scout Observer Course, the Air Assault School, the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Combined Logistics Captain's Career Course, Combined Arms and Staff Services School, and the Command and General Staff College. He has a Masters Degree in Logistics Management from the Florida Institute of Technology.

During his assignment to the Army House Liaison Office, Lieutenant Colonel Schwind developed outstanding rapport with senior Members of Congress and their staffs—both personal and committee. He was often a by-name request from committee chairmen to plan, coordinate, and escort their fact-finding and oversight delegations. He served as the Army representative on 20 congressional and staff delegations to locations within the continental United States, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other overseas locations.

Lieutenant Colonel Schwind leaves OCLL for Fort Campbell, Kentucky, this July. He will work on the staff of the 101st Sustainment Brigade, and then take command of the 426th Brigade Support Battalion in the summer of 2011.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues please join me in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Schwind in serving the United States Army and the Nation.

HONORING FRANK KAPPELER

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Representative MIKE THOMPSON, to honor and pay tribute to Frank Kappeler, one of eight surviving members of "Doolittle's Raiders" who passed away Wednesday, June 23, 2010 in Santa Rosa, California at the age of 96.

Lieutenant Colonel Kappeler was one of 79 U.S. Army Corps aviators who volunteered to fly the daring bombing mission over Japan for months after the surprise attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor.

Sixteen B-25 bombers and the men aboard launched from an aircraft carrier in the Pacific on April 18, 1942 and headed for Japan, knowing that they did not have enough fuel to return and even if they could get back, the large bombers were not able to land on the American carriers.

Lt. Col. Kappeler was the navigator on the No. 11 plane and was forced to bail out over China when the plane's engines stopped at 11,000 feet. Chinese partisans helped Lt. Col.

Kappeler and his crew mates escape capture by Japanese forces.

He eventually escaped from China and spent the rest of WWII in the European theater, where he flew 53 combat missions.

He retired from the Air Force in 1966 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

The Doolittle Raid was a significant episode in the war in the Pacific because it demonstrated to both the American and Japanese people that Japan was not invincible and that American forces could and would strike the Japanese homeland.

All of the planes participating in the raid were lost and 11 crewmen were killed or captured.

Lt. Col Kappeler is survived by his wife of 53 years, Betty Kappeler, his daughter, Francia Kappeler, and three grandchildren, all of Santa Rosa, California.

Madam Speaker, Lt. Col. Frank Kappeler is a true American hero who served his country with great distinction. It is therefore appropriate that we honor him today and send our condolences to his family.

IN HONOR OF FALLEN COAST
GUARD CREWMEMBERS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2010

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I rise today to express my condolences to the families and loved ones of the three Coast Guard crew members who died on July 7 after their helicopter crashed off the Pacific Northwest coast. Lt. Sean D. Krueger, Petty Officers Adam C. Hoke, and Brett M. Banks fully embraced the Coast Guard's mission as America's maritime guardian and they served our nation with high honor and distinction.

These three men were deeply respected by their colleagues and were the recipients of numerous Coast Guard awards and commendations. Their deaths serve as a reminder of the many risks that confront the men and women of the Coast Guard each day and why we owe them our sincere gratitude for their bravery, service, and sacrifice.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families of these heroic men as well as Lt. Lance D. Leone, the sole survivor of the crash.

During this difficult time, it is my hope that the families will find some comfort in knowing that their loved ones served their country with distinction and that they will be remembered in the hearts of the American people.

RECOGNIZING FAIRFAX COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS' NUTRITION
PROGRAM

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Fairfax County Public Schools on its nutrition program, which recently was named best in the country by the School Nutrition Association.

FCPS's Food and Nutrition Services Department is the largest child nutrition program in Virginia, serving approximately 140,000 customers each day at 238 schools and centers, 8 day cares and private schools, 15 senior citizen programs, 18 Meals-on-Wheels sites, 133 School-Age Child Care (SACC) programs, and 52 Family and Early Childhood Education Programs (Head Start).

The School Nutrition Association recognized FCPS's ability to handle this demanding task, noting its commitment to excellence in creating nutritious and appealing meals, implementing innovative nutrition education initiatives, developing a strong professional development program, and exercising superior financial management.

Under Fairfax's nutrition program, students participate in surveys to assist in the planning of meals and attend various tasting parties to help establish customer preferences. The popular "Give Me 5! Colors That Jive" program introduces students to new and unfamiliar fruits and vegetables each month, such as jicama, butternut squash and sweet potato wedges. The district also provides easily accessible nutrition statistics with every prepared meal.

Partnering with teachers, the Food and Nutrition Services staff hosts hundreds of nutrition education sessions each year in our local schools. They also reach into the community, hosting monthly nutrition classes for parents and seniors. Further, the district offers cooking classes for students and their families to emphasize the point that healthy eating starts at home.

In addition to the award, the School Nutrition Association presented FCPS with \$25,000 to expand its innovative nutrition programs.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Fairfax County Public Schools on this tremendous honor. As my colleagues know, providing our young people with nutritious meals and educating them about healthy eating habits provides them with the proper fuel for academic and lifelong success.

REMARKS ON THE ONE-YEAR AN-
NIVERSARY OF THE PASSING OF
MS. EVELYN COKE, A CHAMPION
FOR FAIR LABOR STANDARDS

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, "I worked for 20 years taking care of people—making sure they had a warm bath or a hot meal—so they could have a decent life at home. Isn't that work important? By the wages, you wouldn't think we do an important job, but home care workers help people stay at home, close to their families. In some cases, we are their family."

So said Evelyn Coke, an American heroine who passed away one year ago, on July 9, 2009.

The fact that she died a champion for humanity is not surprising; those who knew Ms. Coke witnessed her strength and compassion for the men and women she cared for. As a home care worker, Ms. Coke struggled for more than 20 years to make ends meet, often working 70 hours a week for a mere seven

dollars an hour. Despite her dedication, she was denied full compensation, including time-and-a-half for overtime.

Ms. Coke was among the more than two million workers, including many new Americans like her, who assist elders and people living with disabilities with activities of daily living such as getting in and out of bed, dressing and undressing, cooking and eating, toileting and bathing. Without people like Ms. Coke, many of our family members and friends would be unable to enjoy the autonomy and quality of life that we all hold dear.

Sadly, this essential workforce is excluded from the basic protections of the Fair Labor Standards Act. These poor working conditions hinder recruitment and retention which, in turn, negatively affect the quality of care that millions of Americans receive. Ms. Coke saw that in order to protect her family and the people she cared for, she had to stand up for change.

Driven by her belief that home care workers deserve the basic labor protections enjoyed by most American workers, Ms. Coke sued her employer for back wages. Unfortunately, in 2007, the Supreme Court denied her any compensation when it overturned the lower court's ruling. The Supreme Court held the Department of Labor's interpretation of "companionship" was reasonable and affirmed the exclusion of home care workers from minimum wage and overtime protections.

The Supreme Court also ruled that the Secretary of Labor had broad policy-making authority over the scope of "companionship" and could change its interpretation at any time. Given the anniversary that recently passed, I want to take this opportunity to stand up for workers and say: It is long past time to make that change.

There are several reasons why we must extend wage and overtime protections to home care workers: to help rebuild our vanishing middle class; to protect home care workers from exploitation; and, most importantly, to ensure that elders and individuals living with disabilities receive the highest quality of care.

Home care is one of the fastest growing workforces in our country, and we cannot afford to ignore the injustice facing these workers any longer. Last year, I led an effort, together with thirty-six of my congressional colleagues, to send a letter to U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis, urging her to make this issue a top priority for the Department.

In honor of the anniversary of Ms. Coke's passing, I make that request again.

Though Ms. Coke is no longer with us, we can still make things right for the millions of other workers like her. Please join me in this effort to make fair labor standards a reality for all Americans, including home care workers. It's the only way that we truly honor the legacy of Evelyn Coke.

CONGRATULATING AND HONORING
COACH TIM CAHILL FOR BEING
NAMED NATIONAL COACH OF
THE YEAR

HON. BEN CHANDLER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CHANDLER. Madam Speaker, I stand before you today to honor the contributions of