

Scott works as the Director of Fitness at Pritikin Longevity Center in Aventura, Florida, a company dedicated to promoting a holistic approach to health that focuses on nutrition, exercise and mind-body health. As a Master's of Kinesiology and a Ph.D. candidate in Leadership and Education, it is clear that Scott's true passion lies in his desire to harmonize all of his strengths, talents, by inspiring others to also achieve their dreams. Scott's lifestyle and achievements distinguish him as an exceptional Floridian and one that I am honored to represent. I enjoyed watching him compete in both the shot put and discus categories in the Games, and commend him for leading by example.

These great Paralympians are some of the best athletes that our country has to offer. Their will to succeed is not limited, but rather encouraged by the adversity they have faced. These men are defined by so much more than their disabilities. They are defined by their fearlessness, by their steadfast movement forward in pursuing bigger and better, by their medals, by their families and communities, by their hearts, and by the American spirit built in each of them.

Justin, Paul, Noah, Brad, and Scott set an example for men, women, and children in every way. During the 2012 Paralympic Games, they made all Americans and our Nation proud.

IN MEMORY OF FATHER BEITING

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Monsignor Ralph Beiting, a compassionate, self-sacrificing man, who devoted his life to bettering the lives of those in eastern Kentucky. On August 9, 2012, Father Beiting joined his generous God in heaven at the age of 88 following a brief illness. His heart for the impoverished and his sincere generosity to those in need has touched the lives of others and he will be forever remembered in Appalachia and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

After World War II, Father Beiting began serving the people of eastern Kentucky with countless social service programs. Born and raised in northern Kentucky, Father Beiting first traveled to Appalachia in 1946, encountering a new kind of poverty, one not seen even during the Great Depression. His compassion and sympathy for rural families developed then as he made it his mission to help the impoverished and needy of my region. In 1950, Beiting returned to eastern Kentucky to help launch a church, and although this committed Catholic Priest was not always welcomed with open arms, Beiting continued his work of never letting the poor go untended.

In 1957, Beiting launched a fully-integrated summer camp for boys from poor families in the counties where he ministered. By 1964, his ministry had developed into the Christian Appalachian Project, CAP, an interdenominational, non-profit organization that serves Kentucky's mountain residents. Today CAP stands as the 15th largest human services charity in the nation. A warehouse and thrift store in Louisa also bears Beiting's name. The Father

Beiting Appalachian Mission Center distributes food, clothing, furniture, and provides four local thrift stores with low-cost merchandise, in keeping with Beiting's spirit of meeting physical and human needs. In fact, Beiting spent much of his time personally delivering food, clothing and household goods to help the needy in eastern Kentucky.

Father Beiting's legacy of charity, love of Kentuckians, and volunteer efforts is an inspiration all across our region. Always sharing God's love with everyone he met, Beiting served as a bright light for thousands of Appalachian families in need. On behalf of my wife Cynthia and myself, I want to extend our deepest heartfelt sympathies to his family, friends, and those he served with in Appalachia. Our region will miss this great man.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the late Father Beiting, a true man of God, who dedicated a lifetime of service to bettering the lives of those in eastern Kentucky.

HONORING THE PETALUMA NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE ALL STARS

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the Petaluma National Little League All Stars for their amazing run in the 2012 Little League World Series. I couldn't be prouder of the way they represented our community and themselves.

Even though they fell short of the national championship, they distinguished themselves as one of the nation's and the world's best youth baseball teams. More than 6,500 teams from around the globe entered the tournament, and the boys from Petaluma finished second in the United States and third in the world. They played more games than any other team in the tournament, winning five and losing two. Even in their final loss to Tennessee, they showed fierce determination and a refusal to give up, rallying for a 10-run comeback to force the game into extra innings.

Bradley Smith led the way with an astounding .636 batting average, a tournament-leading 14 hits, a record-breaking 6 doubles and 11 RBI, as well as great fielding and pitching.

Hance Smith hit .429, leading the team with 4 home runs and knocking home more runs (12) than any other player in the Little League World Series.

Daniel Marzo hit .348 with a walk-off game-winning home run in extra innings against New Jersey, on top of his outstanding pitching.

Cole Tomei batted .333 with clutch hitting and dazzling third base defense that reminded many of Brooks Robinson.

Logan Douglas, who provided great all-around leadership and top-notch relief pitching, also had a .318 batting average, and his 11 runs scored were the second-highest in the tournament.

Catchers Austin Paretto and James O'Hanlon provided perfect handling of the pitching staff throughout the tournament, with

James contributing timely hits and Austin adding 8 runs scored in only 8 at-bats.

Dylan Moore, Blake Buhner and Kempton Brandis all contributed clutch performances, including Kempton's two home runs against Tennessee; Blake's big hit to spark a rally against New Jersey; and Dylan's overall solid work in the field, on the mound and at bat.

Porter Slate scored 8 runs out of the leadoff slot while playing stellar defense at second base.

Quinton Gago's home run against the Southwest would still be going if it hadn't hit the side of a hill. And his dominant pitching performance against Texas gave the team a huge lift.

Andrew White provided outstanding relief pitching, not just in the Little League World Series (where he earned the team's only save), but throughout District 35 and regional play.

Not enough can be said about the coaching staff, led by manager Eric Smith. He, pitching coach Trevor Tomei and assistant coach Mike Slate built a cohesive group that gasped and applied the fundamentals of the game. Their commitment to the team and the families was nothing short of remarkable. They didn't just teach the boys on-the-field skills; they instilled in them poise, determination and drive.

The Petaluma National Little League All Stars are talented ballplayers, but they also succeeded because of grit, hustle and desire. Most importantly, at every step along the way, they revealed themselves to be poised young men of strong character. They demonstrated sportsmanship in victory and in defeat. They were models of teamwork and discipline, qualities that will serve them well throughout their lives.

And they were backed up by a tight-knit community that couldn't have been more enthusiastic and supportive. There were generous fundraising efforts to allow family members to travel to Williamsport to see the games in person. There was hardly a movie theater, restaurant or bar in town that wasn't showing the games. Their effort was inspiring. It filled us with pride. What fun it was to see them have so much fun.

The Petaluma National Little League All Stars exemplify what is best about youth sports. They have been true to the mission and values of Little League Baseball. Their performance on and off the field is a testament to their coaches, their parents and their teachers. These boys are unquestionably champions. They are America's future, giving us great confidence for our country. Today we honor and salute the Petaluma National Little League All-Stars.

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for women and families affected by ovarian cancer. In 2012, it is estimated that approximately 22,280 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and 15,500 will die of the disease. In my state, Arizona,

an estimated 11,090 women will die from ovarian cancer this year. Too many American women—sisters, daughters, nieces, wives, friends, neighbors, and coworkers—are losing their lives to this disease.

Because ovarian cancer screening or early detection test do not currently exist, organizations stress that “until there’s a test, awareness is best.” I commend the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance for its steadfast commitment to make women aware of the risk factors, signs, and symptoms of ovarian cancer and for its advocacy on behalf of women and families touched by this devastating disease. I also would like to commend the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance’s Partner Member groups in Arizona.

Experts recommend that women see a gynecologist if they experience any of the often subtle symptoms of ovarian cancer daily for more than a few weeks. Four major symptoms of ovarian cancer include bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, and frequent or urgent need to urinate. I ask all of my colleagues to become familiar with these symptoms and to share the information with their friends, family, staff, and constituents.

Ovarian cancer is the ninth most common cancer among women and the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths, making it the deadliest of gynecologic cancers. If ovarian cancer is treated before it has spread outside the ovary, the five-year survival rate is 93 percent. Currently, only 15 percent of ovarian cancers are found at such an early stage and overall the relative five-year survival rate is 46 percent. I urge my colleagues to help make women aware of the potential warning signs to prevent future deaths. Experts acknowledge that symptoms can be vague and may be associated with other medical conditions, however, as the saying goes, it is better to be safe than sorry.

September is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month—an important time during which ovarian cancer organizations, advocates, and others will be helping to raise awareness about the disease and its symptoms. Teal is the official color for ovarian cancer, like pink is for breast cancer. My staff and I will be wearing teal or teal ribbons to indicate our support of the ovarian cancer community and their efforts, including increasing awareness of the symptoms, boosting federal funding for ovarian cancer awareness, and expanding federal research to improve treatments and support the development of a desperately needed screening or early detection test.

I urge my colleagues and their staffs to join me in recognizing September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and to join with us in wearing teal throughout September to increase public knowledge about this deadly disease.

HONORING CITY COUNCILMAN
GREG NORDBAK

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Greg

Nordbak and his 18 years of public service to the people of Whittier, California. Greg and his wife Donna have called Whittier home since 1980, and they have been fixtures in Whittier civic life ever since.

Since beginning the first of his five terms on the Whittier City Council in 1994, Greg has worked tirelessly to ensure Whittier remains safe for its residents and economically vibrant for its business community. Under his tenure, Whittier has seen the creation of various city resources such as the Whittier Greenway Trail acquisition and development, the construction of the Parnell Park Community and Senior Center, a new Whittier Police Headquarters Building, Pio Pico State Historic Park Renovation, the Uptown Whittier Specific Plan, the Whittier Boulevard Specific Plan, and release of Fred C. Nelles property for development.

Over the years, Greg’s civic involvement has grown exponentially to include proudly serving as Chairman of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA), as past president of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, as a former Board Member of the Whittier Rio Hondo AIDS Project (WRHAP), as well as volunteering with the Boys and Girls Club of Whittier, the Skills Foundation, and the Rio Hondo Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Over the past decade, Greg has always worked to ensure that Whittier operates on firm financial footing and never outside its fiscal means. While the broader economy has impacted many cities throughout Southern California, Whittier has managed to maintain funding for all city services and capital improvement projects. Greg Nordbak is a big reason why Whittier can continue to deliver for its residents.

From one public servant to another, I praise Greg Nordbak and commend him on his many years of outstanding public service and dedication to the City of Whittier and the community. Whittier would not be the community it is today without him.

A TRIBUTE TO NEIL ARMSTRONG,
A TRUE AMERICAN HERO

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an American hero, Neil Alden Armstrong whose recent passing has impacted not only family members and those who were close to him, but also a nation that will forever salute his unforgettable step onto the surface of our moon.

Born August 5, 1930; Armstrong lifted off the runway for the first time at the age of two on a Ford Trimotor nicknamed “The Tin Goose.” As a young man, he found a passion in flying planes, becoming flight certified early in life at the age of fifteen. It is no surprise that he studied aerospace engineering at Purdue University as a member of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps under the Hollo-way Plan.

After completing two years of college, Armstrong was ordered to enroll in flight training in Pensacola, Florida on the path to becoming an active duty Naval Aviator. Armstrong’s resolute character and bravery reached a new

pedestal after he was shot down in combat during the Korean War. He returned to Purdue University, graduated in 1955, and took an assignment to continue his Navy service at Edward’s Air Force Base, where he subsequently earned a masters degree in aeronautics. Soon after, he flew as a civilian pilot for NASA’s parent agency, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), in Cleveland, Ohio.

As a test pilot, Armstrong was exposed to innovative military aircraft, playing a central role in helping to refine and improve aeronautic technologies. Armstrong’s ascension as a strong leader was inevitable as respect for his reliable character and yet humble personality was recognized within the ranks of the military and space elite.

In 1958, after a successful tenure piloting aircraft as both a civilian and military airman, Armstrong was recruited into the Air Force’s “Man in Space Soonest,” division. He piloted some of the earliest aircraft to be engineered to breach the Earth’s atmosphere and outpace the speed of sound surpassing 4,000 miles per hour. This was a very exciting era in space innovation, which remains close to our hearts in Florida’s Space Coast, where many residents, including myself, were fortunate enough to be employed by NASA’s Apollo program in the late 1960’s.

Over the course of Armstrong’s career as an astronaut he logged thousands of hours in preparation for space travel. Relentless in the pursuit to harvest knowledge, he became a college professor after his retirement from NASA. Armstrong’s commitment to his work and his unwavering receptiveness of challenge after challenge set a precedent, hand in hand, complimenting the world-shadowing message of the American space revolution. He was not simply a man with a technical ability to fly, rather a renaissance example of humble character and passionate conviction for the advancement of humankind.

Those of us who were alive on July 20, 1969, will never forget what we felt as an American space pioneer, Neil Armstrong, stepped from the lunar module and was the first human to place foot on the moon. “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind” are a constant reminder of human achievement and American ingenuity and they serve as a constant reminder to that the seemingly impossible can be achieved.

An American icon has passed after eighty-two fulfilling years. Neil Armstrong’s chronicled achievements will be forever observed in history and he will never be forgotten as the father of lunar exploration. He was a wonderful human being, a true gentleman, honest, sincere, and seemingly unaffected by his many accomplishments and notoriety. He will continue to serve as a role model and an inspiration for generations to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA’S BE-
LOVED DR. WILLIAM “BILL”
MALOY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of