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Kevin hails from a long line of ranchers, and his family has been in the business for almost 150 years—running cattle since 1867. A graduate of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, with a degree in agriculture management, he served in the City of Paso Robles Police Department for several years and later as a San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's deputy. Upon returning to help run his family's Bear Valley Ranch, today he operates the ranch with his wife, June, and their three children, Kayleen, Kody, and Kara, ensuring another generation of Kester leadership in California agriculture.

As President of CCA, Kevin was one of the unique individuals who was able to advocate for issues critical to the ranching and cattle industry, fighting to maintain and promote, as well as educate, policymakers both in Washington and Sacramento on the importance of ranching heritage and how California cattlemen and cattlemen are proud stewards of the environment. Understanding the link between rangeland conservation, environmental management, and running cattle, he was successful in working with both sides of the aisle on a variety of issues, be it on taxes, trade or regulatory issues important to ranchers.

During his tenure as CCA President, Kevin was also able to better coordinate with and involve all the local and county cattle associations in California to more effectively promote issues of importance to them. Prior to being elected CCA President, he served as the CCA Wildlife Management Committee Chairman and is a past president of the San Luis Obispo County Cattlemen's Association. Kevin is also a past chairman of the California Mid-State Fair Heritage Foundation Board of Directors and the California Mid-State Fair Agriculture Committee, as well as a member of the Shandon Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees.

I always enjoy meeting with Kevin and getting his counsel, whether it be on important policies facing ranchers or for advice on the best cut of steak for dinner. When we meet in San Luis Obispo, he's usually right off Bear Valley in his ranching uniform. When in Washington, he may put on a coat and tie, but true to his ranching heritage, I can always spot him amongst all the dark suits in the hallways of the Capitol in his cowboy hat, cowboy boots and belt buckle.

Kevin's dedication to ranching and our community continue to be exemplified through his commitment to service, and while he may be leaving CCA's top post, I look forward to working with him on issues of importance to agriculture in our community, California, and across the country.

HONORING JACK MCCARTHY

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor several of the volunteers who have served in my district office over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide excellent constituent services and

these volunteers have assisted my staff in providing the exceptional assistance so many have come to expect in our district. I take great pride in the work that each one has done on my behalf and on behalf of everyone in the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina.

These volunteers have always treated our constituents with the utmost respect and made sure their needs were met in a timely fashion. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

Jack McCarthy played a valuable role as a volunteer from the very beginning of my time in Congress. I could always count on Jack to make sure visitors to our District office felt genuinely respected and listened to. Jack's calming voice and demeanor provided confidence to the countless constituents who called in need of critical assistance. Jack's friendship and support over these past six years have been invaluable, and I will take with me his many wise and uplifting affirmations.

Jack should be proud of the service he has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with Jack and as I retire from office I wish him the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of his efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Jack McCarthy for his hard work on behalf of all of Western North Carolina and to wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL CLARENCE E. "BUD" ANDERSON (USAF, RET.)

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, we are met here today on several items of important business.

First, we are here to dedicate Col. Bud Anderson Way as a permanent and daily reminder to all of us how honored our community is to be the home of Bud Anderson.

But more importantly, we name this street after Bud Anderson as a lesson to succeeding generations in matters of courage and sacrifice and duty and patriotism, in the hope and expectation that these generations will find inspiration and instruction in Col. Anderson's life story.

He grew up in the little California town of Newcastle, in the 1920's and 30's—an age and a place where uniquely American values of individual responsibility, self-reliance, love of liberty, sense of duty, and love of country were very real, very strong, and inculcated into the very souls of America's greatest generation.

When our nation, and all that it stood for, came under attack by foreign tyrants, that Greatest Generation knew instantly what was at stake and could see clearly what had to be done.

President Roosevelt sounded the clarion call with these words: "No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people, in their righteous might, will win through to absolute victory."

The whole might and fury of the nation was committed to the cause, and from little towns like Newcastle, courageous young men like Bud Anderson stepped forward—indeed, rushed forward—to defend not only our country, but what Lincoln had called the last best hope of mankind.

Today, it is hard to imagine a time when an attack on our country was met with the complete and total resolve of the entire nation—where every citizen set aside their daily lives and indeed devoted themselves to, "absolute victory." Because people like Bud Anderson did just that, 3½ years later, the enemies of our nation had been utterly vanquished.

Bud Anderson shot down more than 16 German fighters in 116 combat missions. But what he really did was far more important. At great personal risk, he saved countless American bomber crews, making it possible to deliver justice to what Churchill called the "foulest and most soul-destroying tyranny in the history of the human race," and ultimately to fulfill the Liberty Bell's proud mandate from Leviticus: "to proclaim liberty throughout all the land and unto all the inhabitants thereof."

That's why we're really here. Not just to honor Bud Anderson. Lincoln was right that there's no way that we can add or detract from the honor that his deeds already earned him.

We're really here because we want to know that in this nation there once existed an American spirit that compelled us to recognize moral imperatives, to destroy absolute evil with absolute victory, and to celebrate American exceptionalism without reservation or hesitation.

We have in Bud Anderson a great example of these virtues, a great reminder that they are real, and a great teacher from whom we can recover these virtues in a world that is once again piled high with difficulties at home and abroad.

That's why we're naming this road in his honor—because we are desperately searching for the qualities that defined his deeds and his times and we have found in him a guide back to America's greatness.

Every person who travels this road, and who reflects on the story of Bud Anderson and his times, who learns that story and learns it well, will know that it is a road that can take us to better and brighter days ahead.

HONORING MIKE LUKSO

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the members of my Congressional Staff who have served with me over the past six years while I have been in office. A Member of Congress' most important responsibility is to provide exceptional constituent services and my team is second to none in providing the best assistance to all in our District. My Washington, D.C. office is also tasked with researching, processing, analyzing, and making recommendations on an infinite number of reports, policies, and legislation. I could not ask for a more talented or dedicated team, and I take great pride in the work that each staff member has done not only on my behalf, but

also on behalf of the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina and the United States.

My team has shown a strong sense of dedication to meeting the needs of our constituency. I owe a debt of gratitude to each one of them for the support and friendship which they have shown me while I have served in Congress.

Mike Lukso has served as a member of my Washington, D.C. staff since April of this year. In his first role, Mike coordinated and managed our constituent mail system in addition to handling a full portfolio of legislative issues. To perform these two jobs simultaneously is no small task, but Mike succeeded handily at both. Mike was quickly promoted to Legislative Assistant where he continued to prove his strengths, including the ability to rapidly research and synthesize broad sources of information while at the same time successfully repackaging complicated information into more understandable parts, the latter a critical skill to effectively communicate policy to our various constituent groups. Further marking Mike as a staff member valued by all is his sharp sense of humor and dedication to teamwork.

Mike should be proud of the service he has provided to our District and county. It has been an honor to serve with him and as I retire from office I wish him the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of his efforts and I will cherish the memories of serving with Mike and the team by my side.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Mike Lukso for his hard work on behalf of all of Western North Carolina and to wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

SUPPORT FOR SUSAN RICE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to declare that I stand with Susan Rice.

Just as I stood in line, and my constituents stood in line, for hours on Election Day to vote, I stand here today.

But only stronger.

Just as we stood for and with President Obama on November 6th, we stand with him today as he stands up for Susan Rice our young, gifted Ambassador.

We must continue to stand for what is right in this nation Mr. Speaker, and that is what I have come here to do.

Susan Rice deserves respect, not the questioning of her integrity.

I applaud President Obama for standing for what is right and what is just.

I applaud President Obama for standing in support of Ambassador Rice.

We all need to continue to stand for truth. We need to stand for transparency.

We do not need to impugn our officials over rumors, dangerous hearsay, or conspiracy theories.

We must not allow the post of Ms. Rice to be politicized as it has been, Mr. Speaker.

We must not allow Susan Rice to be a fall guy for the failed election bid of Mitt Romney and his Republican cronies.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, I regretfully missed recorded votes earlier this week. If I had been here, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 604; "yea" on rollcall No. 605; "yea" on rollcall No. 606; and "yea" on rollcall No. 607.

HONORING THE SANDERSON LODGE #22 FOR ITS DEDICATION TO SERVICING THE COMMUNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Sanderson Masonic Lodge #22, which has been a staple of the Copiah County community for over 30 years.

Built in 1979 in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, the lodge has maintained a rich history of strong leadership and commitment to extending a helping hand to all those who need assistance in the community. Sanderson Lodge has been recognized as one of the best in the State of Mississippi. For years, this lodge has steadily recruited some of the best and brightest members of the community. They have worked effortlessly to ensure that the lives of the residents would get better.

The Sanderson Masonic Lodge #22 continues to convey a message of hard work and service, always extending a helping hand to those in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Sanderson Lodge #22 for its dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

HONORING DIANA MCCARTHY

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Diana McCarthy played a valuable role as a volunteer when I first took office. Diana pro-

vided valuable assistance to individuals who were struggling with cases before the Internal Revenue Service. Diana's ability to look at complex circumstances and provide wisdom and knowledge enabled constituents to feel confident that their voices were being heard and issues were being resolved.

Diana should be proud of the service she has provided to our District and country. It has been an honor to serve with Diana and as I retire from office I wish her the very best in the future. Western North Carolina is a better place because of her efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Diana McCarthy for her hard work on behalf of all of western North Carolina and to wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 65 million Americans who spend on average 20 hours per week selflessly caring for family members or friends who, through age, disability, or illness, have lost the ability to care for themselves.

For most of us, the act of caring for those in need is a basic aspect of what it means to be human. Compassion, either through charitable giving or community service, is inseparable from American ideals of human rights for every member of our society. Whenever we treat those around us as we want to be treated, we contribute to a culture of responsibility and respect for life that leads us to do great things in the name of humanity.

Two weeks ago, President Barack Obama proclaimed November 2012 as National Family Caregivers Month. Anyone who spends time caring for a loved one in need is considered a family caregiver. Let us use this occasion to honor these everyday heroes and raise awareness of the profound contributions they make to society.

Family caregivers save taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars each year through their efforts.

According to studies compiled by the National Family Caregivers Association, the value of the unpaid services provided each year is estimated to be \$375 billion, which is almost twice as much as the \$158 billion spent in 2009 on homecare and nursing home services combined.

In my home state of California alone there were 3,419,481 family caregivers in 2004 providing over \$36 billion worth of care. Though they are mostly untrained, family caregivers now provide about 80% of all long-term care in the United States.

Imagine if taxpayers had to foot the full bill. Now, more than ever, family caregivers are essential to providing the best services and deserve the support of government and the medical community.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Census projects a massive growth in the number of Americans 65 and older as the baby-boomer generation ages. Populations in this age bracket will double in 23 states by 2030.