

Hillsborough emergency preparedness program, the Hillsborough Neighborhood Network, an outdoor movie night, adult classes at Town Hall and the first ever Hillsborough Memorial Day Parade.

Her remarkable contributions to the Town have been matched by her generous support of many important community organizations. Christine serves as president and board member of Invision/Shelter Network providing transitional housing to homeless families, veterans and single adults. She is past president and present board member of Hillbarn Theatre providing valuable cultural programming in the county.

A native of Philadelphia, Christine earned her BA in Theater from Arcadia University, and she is a graduate of the conservatory at Circle-in-the-Square School of Theatre in New York. She is an accomplished actress in amateur productions and has played memorable roles such as Adelaide in *Guys and Dolls* and *Dolly in Hello, Dolly*.

The vitality, creativity and enthusiasm that Christine has brought to the city council for eight years will certainly be missed. She has created a standard of community engagement which will be an inspiration to her successors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor one of the finest local elected officials of San Mateo County, Christine Krollik. I am honored to call her one of my best friends. She has dedicated herself to the betterment of her fellow residents and our beautiful town. At a white elephant Christmas party a year ago, Christine fought for a superman costume—a fitting symbol of a person who has committed her life to helping other survive and thrive.

BARONA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS LAND TRANSFER CLARIFICATION ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 17, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 3193, which amends the Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2004 to revise the description of the land to be held in trust for the Barona Band of Mission Indians of California. This noncontroversial bill states that the parcel of private, non-Indian land that is excluded from the revised description was not intended to be held in trust for the Band or considered to be part of its reservation.

As a member of the Native American Caucus, I have worked with my colleagues in Congress to address the needs of Native Americans. California is home to nearly one hundred federally recognized tribes. I have made it a priority of mine in Congress to safeguard the interests of our tribes.

After thousands of years of peaceful life in the region, known today as San Diego County, Native American life was abruptly changed in the late 1700s. More than 200 years of hardship for Native Americans began with the arrival of the Spanish military and the establishment of the first presidio and mission in 1769.

In 1875, the Federal Government established the Capitan Grande Reservation for the

native people living in the area at that time. About 40 years later in 1932, the city literally bought the Capitan Grande Reservation to build a reservoir and the people were removed from their land.

In 1932, without a homeland but with some Federal monies allotted from the sale, a group of the Capitan Grande tribal members purchased the Barona Ranch which today is the Barona Indian Reservation near Lakeside, about 30 miles northeast of San Diego. For many years living without electricity and other services, the tribal members tried to create a living through the ranch and farming.

Until the early 1990s, the Barona Tribe was still struggling economically in the backwoods of San Diego County. In 1994, the tribe, with the consulting guidance of Venture Catalyst, opened the Barona Casino "Big Top", and this property eventually became the world-class Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino.

The casino has become the means to a restoration of self-sufficiency, prosperity and renewed hope. Unemployment and welfare dependency have dropped from 70 percent to zero on the Barona reservation.

Mr. Speaker, the Barona Band of Mission Indians has a long and strong tradition that continues to this day. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY BROWN

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to Hood River County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jerry Brown. Chief Deputy Brown joins Sheriff Joe Wampler in retirement from the Hood River County Sheriff's Office on January 1, 2013, capping a career in law enforcement and public service going back to the 1970's. Chief Deputy Brown has dedicated his life to duty, honor, and service to the citizens and visitors of Hood River County, Oregon.

Jerry Brown has served his country and his community for decades. He is not only a long time veteran of law enforcement, but also he is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps who served our country in Vietnam. In 1978 he took the reins of "The Next Door," a non-profit organization in Hood River that provides care and support for children and families in the area. During his time with The Next Door, Jerry coordinated week-long hikes and camping trips for youth, diligently fundraised, and secured accreditation through the Youth Care Association. His efforts helped form the program into a model for other areas to follow that endures to this day.

The pull to serve and protect citizens of my home town, Hood River, Oregon, drew Jerry to his full-time career in law enforcement. He started as a patrolman with Hood River Police Department and spent 20 years working to ensuring the community's safety. During his career with Hood River Police Department, Jerry also served as a detective, sergeant, and attained the rank of lieutenant before joining the sheriff's office in 2006.

For the past six years, Jerry has served as Sheriff Wampler's chief deputy, lending his knowledge and experience to the position. The

positive impact Chief Deputy Brown has made on the sheriff's office, and his community, will continue to inspire others to serve their nation, state, and community long into the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in recognizing Jerry Brown. He has earned the thanks of a grateful nation for his service and the thanks of our community for his unwavering commitment. Please join me in wishing Chief Deputy Sheriff Jerry Brown a very long and happy retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF GINNY SILVA JAQUITH

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Ginny Silva Jaquith, a close friend, former colleague and remarkable public servant who is retiring today from serving an interim term on the Pacifica City Council. When the city needed her, Ginny stepped up to the plate and brought her professionalism and experience to the council. In the 30 plus years I have known Ginny, she has always risen to the occasion.

Ginny is no stranger to the Pacifica City Council. She served on it from 1980–1992, including three terms as mayor. The highlights from her tenure were the creation of the city's best known event, the Pacifica Fog Fest, and the Community Center, both of which greatly enhanced the wonderful sense of community in Pacifica. Ginny served on the Pacifica Coast Fog Fest founding board from 1985 to 1992 and after she left the council, she was on the Fog Fest Organizing Group from 2000–2010.

She worked closely with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to acquire Sweeney Ridge, a spectacular hiking area of ridges and ravines between Pacifica and San Bruno that slope down to the San Francisco Bay on one side and the Pacific Ocean on the other. She helped turn the Sanchez Art Center into reality. The city worked closely with local artists and residents to purchase an abandoned elementary school and transform it into the invaluable art and educational center it is now.

Ginny was also instrumental in the establishment of the Redevelopment Agency in Rockaway Beach and a Commercial Development Task Force and Plan. She served on the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury and on the Pacifica Task Force for Sharp Park Golf Course.

Today she continues to give her time and energy to the Board of Directors of Pacificans Care, the Rotary Club of Pacifica, the Presidio Golf Club and the City of Pacifica Beautification Task Force.

Ginny was born in Gustine, California and grew up in the Sunnyvale, Cupertino area. She earned her BS in Recreation from San Jose State University, her MS in Recreation Administration from San Francisco State University, and her EdD in Education from the University of San Francisco.

She taught in SFSU's Recreation and Leisure Department for 27 years, was the department chair for three years and is a Professor Emerita.

She and her husband Robin of 38 years live on Pedro Point. In her spare time she enjoys the arts, playing golf, cooking and traveling.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Dr. Ginny Jaquith for her past and continuing service to the residents of Pacifica. Her tireless commitment and dedication have made this beloved coastal town a better and more beautiful place for everyone.

TRIBUTE TO CHANCELLOR
TIMOTHY P. WHITE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to southern California and higher education are exceptional. The University of California has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Chancellor Timothy P. White is one of these individuals. After four years of service to the University of California, Riverside (UCR), he will be leaving the University of California to take a new post as Chancellor of the California State University system.

Chancellor White was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He later immigrated to northern California, and is a first-generation college student who has matriculated within every college system in California. After beginning at Diablo Valley Community College, he earned a Bachelor's Degree from Fresno State University, a Master's from Cal State Hayward (East Bay), and a Ph.D. in Exercise Physiology at the University of California, Berkeley. He previously held positions as Professor and Chair of the Department of Human Biodynamics at UC Berkeley, and as Professor and Chair of the Department of Movement Science and research scientist in the Institute of Gerontology at the University of Michigan. White had previously served as Dean, Provost, and Executive Vice President at Oregon State University, and came to UCR from the University of Idaho, where he had been President since August 2004. There he established a strategic direction to further the university's role as the state's land-grant and flagship research university. He is internationally recognized for his work in muscle plasticity, injury, and aging.

One of the many accomplishments during Chancellor White's tenure at UCR was the University's successful receipt of "preliminary accreditation" from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the national accrediting body for educational programs leading to the M.D. degree in U.S. and Canadian medical schools. This was UCR's second attempt to gain accreditation for an independent, four-year medical school. This momentous achievement was made possible due to the tremendous efforts of Chancellor White and the future Dean of the Medical School, Dr. G. Richard Olds, in partnership with local, state and federal officials, as well as community and business leaders. UCR will be able to recruit students for the charter class of 50 medical students, enrolling in August 2013.

UCR has also gained national and international recognition for excellence in research, teaching and service under Chancellor White's

tenure. UCR is ranked among the top 200 campuses around the globe in both the Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities and the Times Higher Education rankings, and was recognized for its exceptional commitment to public service by Washington Monthly. Other accomplishments include the creation of a strategic plan to guide the institution, the announcement of the new School of Public Policy, growth of campus enrollment to almost 21,000 students, and new levels of achievement and accomplishment by faculty and students alike. In addition, under Chancellor White's guidance, Riverside was selected to host the new UCPath project, which will consolidate basic human resources operations across the entire UC system as a permanent cost-saving measure.

I have come to know Chancellor White well through many years working together on a variety of educational issues in Riverside. I can personally attest to the Chancellor's incredible work-ethic, professionalism, and positive attitude. He is married to Dr. Karen N. White, who is an Associate of the Chancellor and an assistant clinical Professor for the UCR Biomedical Sciences Program. She has been a great advocate on behalf of our veterans through the Operation Education Scholarship Program, which she founded and established on the UCR campus in 2010. They have four sons.

In light of all Chancellor White has done for the University of California and the Inland Empire, it is only fitting that he be honored as he continues his service to higher education. Chancellor White's tireless passion for public service and higher education has contributed immensely to the betterment of our region and the state and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he moves onto the next phase of his life.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT M. LIGHTFOOT, JR. ON HIS APPOINTMENT
TO THE ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR OF NASA

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Robert M. Lightfoot, Jr., on the occasion of his appointment as the Associate Administrator for NASA, the agency's highest-ranking civil servant position. As he is the first native Alabamian to hold this position, I am pleased to stand before this body of Congress to recognize his contributions to NASA and our country.

He previously was director of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. Named to the position in August 2009, he headed one of NASA's largest field installations, which plays a critical role in NASA's space operations, exploration and science missions. Mr. Lightfoot managed a broad range of propulsion, scientific and space transportation activities contributing to the nation's space program.

From 2007 to 2009, Mr. Lightfoot was Deputy Director of the Marshall Space Flight Center. Lightfoot served as manager of the Space

Shuttle Propulsion Office at Marshall from 2005 to 2007, where he was responsible for overseeing the manufacture, assembly and operation of the primary shuttle propulsion elements: the main engines, external tank, solid rocket boosters and reusable solid rocket motors.

Mr. Lightfoot received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1986 from the University of Alabama. In October 2007, he was named Distinguished Departmental Fellow for the University of Alabama, Department of Mechanical Engineering. He was selected as a University of Alabama College of Engineering fellow in 2009. Lightfoot serves on the University of Alabama Mechanical Engineering Advisory Board. In 2010, he was inducted into the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame.

Mr. Lightfoot has received numerous awards during his NASA career, including a NASA Outstanding Leadership medal in 2007 for exemplary leadership of the Shuttle Propulsion Office, assuring safety for the return to flight of the space shuttle. In 2006, he was awarded the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executives, and in 2010 he received the Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Executives—the highest honors attainable for federal government work. In 2000, Mr. Lightfoot received a Spaceflight Leadership Recognition Award, which recognizes leaders who exemplify characteristics necessary for success. In 1999, NASA's astronaut corps presented him with a Silver Snoopy Award, which honors individuals who have made key contributions to the success of human spaceflight missions. He also received the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal in 1996 for significant contributions to NASA's mission.

We are thankful for the years of dedication and hard work by Robert Lightfoot. We wish him and his family the best in this new role of service to our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF THOMAS
KASTEN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Thomas Kasten who has served on the Hillsborough City Council for twelve years, including two terms as mayor. The residents of our town are very fortunate to have benefitted from the expertise and leadership of such an outstanding businessman and manager.

Tom, first elected to the city council in 2000, is currently the mayor and police commissioner. He balanced the budget both years and left the town in good financial condition. With his leadership skills he was able to calm a heated controversy about increased garbage and water rates that brought out large and vocal groups of residents. He also oversaw the approval of the largest capital expenditure plan in the town's history to replace a substantial portion of the 100-year old sewer system.

During his first term as mayor from 2004–2006, Tom had to deal with the town's fight over MacMansions replacing smaller ranch homes. He established the Zoning Study Committee and included leaders from both sides of the controversy to develop adjustments to the building code.