

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN LEE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor San Mateo City Councilmember John Lee as he ends his 12 years of service to the people of San Mateo. John was first elected to the city council in 1999 and was re-elected by substantial margins in both 2003 and 2007. He is a 28-year resident of San Mateo and has been actively involved in public affairs on the San Francisco Peninsula for many decades.

John Lee served the residents of San Mateo County as a Board Member and Chair of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority. The authority makes tough choices about how to spend taxpayer money on public road and transit improvements. In his role on the authority, John voted on public improvements that speed the travel of millions of county and regional residents, annually. It takes a savvy board member to rank projects according to their merit and to resist the temptation to simply cast a vote to please a special interest. John had no trouble saying "yes" to the public's interest in all the votes that he cast.

Over several decades, John has been vigorous in community affairs as an active member of at least two Chambers of Commerce: Redwood City and San Mateo. Quite unusually for a person who also had a growing business, John Lee found time to serve as President of both Chambers of Commerce during his service on their boards. In his community service and private sector public policy positions, John worked on legislative affairs and membership development, and he could always be relied upon to work well with my office and those of any elected official.

John is a 31-year member of the San Mateo Rotary Club and has been a board member of Jobs for Youth and the American Heart Association. He has been a passionate advocate for housing the less fortunate in San Mateo County, and in his job as councilmember he has served as the city's liaison to Housing Our People Effectively (HOPE). He can be counted on to attend any groundbreaking for affordable housing, and has spoken forcefully about the need to house teachers, firefighters, clerks, and others who need affordable shelter, during his public and private sector service.

As a past board member of the San Mateo County Economic Development Association (SAMCEDA), John helped this public policy group nurture San Mateo County's entrepreneurial culture. He also was a cofounder of Telogy, a high technology company. Telogy eventually employed 450 persons with John serving as Senior Vice President of Operations prior to his retirement.

There are many characteristics of John Lee that mark him as a man of quite greatness, but I must close my remarks by noting John's devotion to this Nation through his 22 years in the United States Marine Corps. John served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. He rarely raises his distinguished service to this Nation, but you can learn all that you need to learn about his devotion to America by watching him while he says the pledge of allegiance and listens to the Star Spangled Banner. A handful of people feel these moments so

deeply that their eyes tear up. John is one of these amazing few.

With honor, in dignity, and at many times with valor, John Lee has served his fellow citizens over decades that spanned two centuries. Like other Americans who are local heroes, John Lee will be remembered as a strong, articulate man who exemplifies this Nation's quiet courage and great resourcefulness in the face of all challenges. I salute him upon his latest retirement, this time from the City Council of the City of San Mateo, California.

Mr. Speaker, let us always remember John Lee. America has been built by him, and by other men and women like him, who preserve this nation's liberty through their daily examples of duty to God, country and community. We are all greatly blessed by the contributions of retiring city councilmember John Lee, an American in heart and soul.

**HONORING NEIGHBORHOOD BOYS
AND GIRLS CLUB OF CHICAGO**
HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club of Chicago, a local organization that promotes leadership and scholarship for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 18.

In the autumn of 1931, Robert Buehler and Richard Valentin had their very first event, a football game involving local children that ended in a 13-13 tie. While watching the game, the spirit and teamwork of the participants showed the two founders that this organization could be a positive force for change. Since then, the club has been a staple of the Homer Park neighborhood. It currently serves over 1200 children each year, building character, cultivating leadership and encouraging teamwork.

The NBGC mainly achieves these goals through sports, academics and art. Within the floor hockey, basketball, baseball, volleyball and other sports programs, every child plays in every game, enjoying a positive and encouraging atmosphere and learning to provide the same for their teammates.

Additionally, the NBGC has fostered an extensive volunteer and parent network. The coaches, teachers and mentors provide the club with the engine to power the vehicle of growth and learning that children in the area have enjoyed for generations. They have led by example that it truly takes a village to raise a child.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club for 80 years of nurturing strong values in Chicago's youth, as well as developing a strong community throughout the area. I wish them even greater success in the years to come.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3630,
MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND
JOB CREATION ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 17, 2012

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of a provision in H.R. 3630 that will help ensure a competitive, creative, and consumer-friendly wireless marketplace. As more and more Americans use mobile devices to surf the web and communicate with others, it is imperative that they have a choice of providers that have sufficient spectrum to meet these growing demands. Because H.R. 3630 gives the FCC authority to hold voluntary incentive auctions of broadcast spectrum, it is important to ensure that there is no question about the Commission's authority to adopt and enforce rules of general applicability concerning spectrum aggregation that promote competition. Fortunately, the H.R. 3630 conferees included a provision that specifically confirms that authority. As an exception to a provision in the bill that prohibits the FCC from preventing persons from participating in auctions, this savings clause gives the FCC the flexibility to adopt spectrum rules in the manner that most effectively promotes competition—in connection with a particular auction or otherwise. I commend the conferees for including this provision.

**HONORING RICHARD LUKE
LANNING**
HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Richard Luke Lanning. Richard is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Richard has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Richard has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Richard has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Richard Luke Lanning for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**IN RECOGNITION OF SISTER
WILLIAM EILEEN DUNN**
HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Sister William Eileen Dunn, a dear friend who

is leaving Seton Medical Center after 30 years of compassionate care and service. Her dedication to the Daly City community and to the health and betterment of the sick and less fortunate has been deeply inspirational. It is impossible to not feel blessed by her presence and her healing touch.

Sister William Eileen was born in San Francisco as one of two twin sisters to the late William and Eileen Dunn. She attended St. John's Ursuline grade and high school and then earned her R.N. diploma from Mary's Help School of Nursing in San Francisco. The school was sponsored and operated by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. She then entered the Daughters of Charity religious community and earned her BSN from Marillace College in St. Louis, Missouri.

Her assignments from the Daughters of Charity took Sister Eileen across the country. In 1964, she started out as a staff nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Alton, Illinois and continued on to Hotel Dieu Hospital in El Paso, Texas as the supervisor of OB/GYN and emergency services. In 1968 she came back to California and worked as supervisor of emergency services at Mary's Help Hospital—today's Seton Medical Center—in Daly City. In 1978 she transferred to O'Connor Hospital in Campbell as patient advocate, then as administrative coordinator of the chemical abuse unit, emergency and outpatient/OR services, and subsequently as director of the pastoral care department.

In 1984, Sister William Eileen moved south to Los Angeles and became the patient advocate at St. Vincent's Medical Center. Three years later she returned to the Bay Area as the administrator of Laboure Residence in Los Altos Hills and in 1992, she became chair of the board of directors at O'Connor Hospital. Simultaneously, she managed the St. Vincent de Paul free dining room in Oakland from 1992–2002.

In 2002, Sister William Eileen returned to Seton Medical Center and the following year started serving as Vice-President of Mission Integration, a position she held until today. She will now move on to Villa Sienna in Mountain View and serve as the mission leader at this Daughters of Charity assisted living facility.

This year she celebrates 50 years as a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. Last year she was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Daly City/Colma Chamber of Commerce. In 2008, she received the Daly City Mayor's Citizen of the Year Award.

It may come as a surprise that Sister William Eileen—or Sister Miscellaneous as she calls herself—is an avid sports fan. She barely misses a game on TV. Every year she kicks off the annual Seton golf tournament and is known to have promised divine intervention—for a certain fee.

About four years ago, Sister William Eileen and Kathy King, executive director of Seton, got wind that Jerry Rice would be playing a golf tournament at the Ritz Carlton in Half Moon Bay. They may have had some heavenly help and found out exactly when Jerry Rice was playing. Both of them literally ran up a hill, chasing him and asking to have their picture taken with him. It's a true story! Sister has the photo to prove it.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to rise with me to honor the selfless service of Sister William

Eileen Dunn, a guardian angel for every person she befriends, and wish her the best for her new assignment at Villa Sienna.

HONORING JEANNE MILSTEIN ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM STATE SERVICE

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep thanks and appreciation that I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, Jeanne Milstein, as she steps down after serving nearly twelve years as Connecticut's Child Advocate where she oversaw the protection and care of Connecticut's most vulnerable and youngest citizens.

First appointed Child Advocate by former Governor John G. Rowland and, while the Office of the Child Advocate is an independent agency, has been reappointed and served in three different administrations. Guided by the simple adage, "if you are not outraged, you are not paying attention," Jeanne has been an outstanding advocate and has become one of Connecticut's foremost authorities on issues impacting children.

Jeanne has dedicated her entire professional career to advocating for our young people—giving a voice to those who all too often cannot be heard. In fact, in 2009, she served as the representative from the United States at the 2008 Summit of Ombudsmen for Children from G–8 countries. Prior to her service as Child Advocate, Jeanne was Director of Government Relations for the Connecticut Department of Children and Families and Legislative Director for the Connecticut Commission on Children. Earlier in her career, she was responsible for child care in the Connecticut Department of Human Resources and previously served as Executive Director of the Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut and Legislative Director of the Permanent Commission of the Status of Women.

With her extraordinary passion and commitment, Jeanne has not only identified the failures of state agencies and public policies to care for our children, but has authored numerous reports on how to make them work for those they are supposed to protect. During her tenure, she oversaw the investigation and resolution of thousands of complaints, concerns, or reports by citizens about the welfare of children in the community and in state or private institutions. She has also spoken frequently on many of the most difficult issues facing today's children ranging from conditions at the state's juvenile corrections and residential facilities to the quality of child protection and the delivery of children's mental health services as well as services to children with special health care needs or disabilities. Jeanne has been a champion in every sense and we have been fortunate to benefit from her outstanding service.

On a more personal note, I am glad to have this opportunity to extend my thanks and appreciation to Jeanne for her many years of friendship and support. I have often sought her expertise and her door has always been open.

Jeanne was the third person to serve as Child Advocate in Connecticut but it can be

said that she has helped shape the position into the dynamic, respected office that it has become. She leaves a lasting legacy that will continue to influence public policy for years to come. I am proud to join all of those gathered today to thank Jeanne Milstein for her outstanding service to our state and especially our children. I have no doubt that though she is closing this chapter, she will find new opportunities to continue her good work.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 73, I was delayed and unable to vote. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

HONORING RYAN THOMAS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan Thomas. Ryan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ryan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ryan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ryan Thomas for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN RECOGNITION OF BRAD LEWIS

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Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend San Carlos City Council Member Brad Lewis who is leaving the council after filling the remaining time in the term of the late and much-beloved Mayor Omar Ahmad. Councilman Lewis is an idealist, an artist and a pragmatist all rolled into one.

Mr. Lewis is an idealistic community leader. For example, he served for five years on the Parks and Recreation Commission wrestling with exploding participation in youth sports activities. The city has little ability to find new fields or play space, but Mr. Lewis worked diplomatically with residents to ensure that children had a chance to participate in sports despite the constraints.

In part due to his skills as a Commissioner, he was elected to serve four years on the San