

And it is his family that will be his greatest legacy. He is known as a devoted and loving husband to his widow, Helen, and his current wife, Nita. His five children, twelve grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren have each known him as a caring and dedicated family man.

It is with great pride that I get to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Schneider today.

A TRIBUTE TO WOODY SMECK, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 27, 2012*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Woody Smeck for his extraordinary service as Superintendent of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. After 21 years of service in the park, Mr. Smeck will depart from his position in order to become the Deputy Superintendent at Yosemite National Park.

The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, the nation's largest urban national park, consists of 153,750 acres of mixed public open space and private lands surrounded by a metropolitan region of more than 19 million people. Annual visitation to local, state and federal parklands within the national recreation area exceeds 33 million visitors, making it one of the most visited recreation destinations in the country. More than 70 agencies and organizations are involved in partnership efforts to preserve open space resources and provide outdoor recreation opportunities. This level of partnership has served as a national model for other parklands and attracted the attention of key government and non-profit leaders looking to replicate the success of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

As Superintendent, Mr. Smeck serves on a variety of commissions and boards in Los Angeles and Ventura counties dealing with conservation of protected areas and connecting people to nature and places of historical significance. During his tenure as Superintendent, Mr. Smeck has overseen some of the largest and most significant parkland acquisitions, the development of an interagency visitor center, and the completion of the 65-mile Backbone Trail. His steadfast leadership and advocacy has increased the visibility of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Mr. Smeck has also hosted visits from Presidents, cabinet secretaries, Members of Congress, governors, international governments, blue ribbon commissions and environmental leaders.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Woody Smeck for his extraordinary service as Superintendent of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Under his leadership, the National Park Service has helped to promote conservation, protect thousands of acres of parkland, and enhance recreational opportunities for millions of people that visit the Santa Monica Mountains and its renowned beaches.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MRS. REBA ROGERS

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 27, 2012*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Mrs. Reba Rogers who has been an Army spouse for over 26 years. She was an integral partner in her spouse's successful career which included commanding formations from the company level to Army Service Component. Throughout her spouse's service, she remained steadfastly dedicated to serving soldiers and their families in many capacities, particularly as a volunteer leading Family Readiness Groups (FRG), the Army Officer Wife's Clubs and at community thrift shops. During times of peace and conflict, she was a source of strength and inspiration to those whom she served.

Reba's caring spirit, genuine concern and constant willingness to assist soldiers and their families no matter how small or great the need, at all hours of the day and night contributed greatly to the combat readiness and mission focus of each unit she served with. Soldiers always knew the needs of their families would be met.

Reba has actively volunteered thousands of hours to the military community through her invaluable work at community gift and thrift shops. Of special note, she was the chairperson of the Redstone Arsenal thrift shop sponsored by the Redstone Arsenal's Women's Club where soldiers and their families benefit from a variety of needed items. Furthermore, she also held a special seat with Huntsville, Alabama's Crestwood Hospital helping to serve the local community as well as a key member of the Huntsville Botanical Gardens.

Over 26 years of devoted service to soldiers and families, Reba Rogers' substantial contributions greatly enhanced the preparedness and readiness of every unit she served. Reba's dedication and spirit of volunteerism are in keeping with the highest tradition of selfless service and reflect great credit upon herself, the Army Materiel Command, and the Department of the Army.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join me in honoring Mrs. Reba Rogers for her dedicated service of 26 years. She serves as an inspiration to many and a guiding light to all. Mrs. Rogers' dedication and spirit of volunteerism are in keeping with the highest tradition of selfless service and reflect great credit upon herself, the Department of the Army and the United States of America. May she know that her nation is greatly appreciative of her dedication, and wishes her the best in all her future endeavors.

HONORING ANNETTE GUMM'S SERVICE TO THE SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY

**HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 27, 2012*

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Annette Gumm, who has dedi-

cated herself to improving the welfare of the people of south Florida. It is truly an honor to represent Annette in the United States Congress, and it is a privilege to call her my friend.

Annette has a rich history of extraordinary service to our community. After moving to south Florida with her husband Emmett, she began to search for projects where she could help those in need. As a mother of three, Annette was inspired to volunteer at Plumosa Elementary School, as well as the Delray Community Hospital. But she still wanted to do more to serve her community and become civically engaged. In the spring of 1992 she was given the opportunity to join the campaign of Burt Aaronson, and soon became the commissioner's administrative assistant, a position that she held for many years.

But Annette's involvement didn't stop there—she soon became a member of the Atlantic Democratic Club, where her energetic contributions to the community did not go unnoticed. She worked her way up the ranks, becoming treasurer, and then executive vice president of the United South County Democratic Club, an organization that strives to get south Floridians more involved with local, State, and national politics. Finally in 2006, Annette became the first woman to serve as president of the organization, and helped elect many individuals who shared her desire to help the south Florida community.

As Americans, one of our greatest responsibilities is to participate in civic life. Annette has dedicated the last 25 years to that very cause, and is truly an inspiration to all those who wish to become community leaders. I applaud her efforts, and I look forward to her continued good work.

HONORING FROZEN FOOD MONTH

**HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 27, 2012*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, today I stand in acknowledgement of Frozen Food Month, and to recognize an industry's significant efforts to ensure families and schoolchildren across America have access to healthy, affordable foods.

Few other foods offer consumers the benefits and flexibility of frozen foods. Frozen fruits, vegetables and entrees help busy moms and dads easily prepare quality meals at home, allowing for more family time spent around the dinner table. In school cafeterias, lunch planners rely on frozen foods to help stretch limited budgets and serve healthy meals kids enjoy eating. And frozen fruits and vegetables, with their year-round availability and outstanding nutritional value, make it easy for everyone to eat more fruits and vegetables at home, at school and on the go.

Consumer appreciation for the value frozen foods offer has catapulted sales in this rapidly-growing industry to over \$60 billion. With nearly 700 frozen food facilities employing nearly 100,000 Americans nationwide, its economic footprint is significant. Forty of those frozen food operations are located in my home state of Washington.

In recognition of Frozen Food Month, I take this opportunity to honor one of Washington

state's very own, National Frozen Foods Corporation, headquartered in Seattle. National Frozen Foods is celebrating an impressive 100 years as a leader in the frozen food industry this year.

National's history began in 1912 when William McCaffray, Sr. began a small strawberry-freezing operation on a \$5,000 loan from a friend. Recognizing the advantages of frozen food production and building on his early success, the company began freezing vegetables in the 1930s. Today, National Frozen Foods has grown to be one of the nation's premiere

private-label frozen vegetable producers, employing some 670 workers throughout the year. Their Chehalis, Washington, facility is in the heart of the district I represent.

National's commitment to continuing improvement through innovation—not only at a company level, but as an industry leader—is clear. National Frozen Foods President and CEO Richard H. Grader is a former chairman and longtime member of the board of directors of the American Frozen Food Institute. In his current role as chairman of the Frozen Food Foundation, Mr. Grader guides the founda-

tion's efforts to better educate consumers and the general public about the considerable nutritional and food safety attributes offered by frozen foods.

The impact that National Frozen Foods Corporation has had on the industry and on the economy of Southwest Washington, Washington state, and the positive impact that the industry continues to have on this nation are immeasurable. I applaud the frozen food industry and the management and employees of National Frozen Foods Corporation for your hard work and your contribution to America.