

HONORING THE RE-LAUNCH OF
THE CHARLES W. MORGAN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the re-launching of the *Charles W. Morgan* this weekend at the Mystic Seaport: The Museum of America and the Sea.

The *Morgan*, a 172-year-old whaling vessel, was built and launched from New Bedford, Massachusetts, in 1841. For more than 200 years, vessels like her were the economic backbone of New England. Since its retirement from the whaling industry in 1921, the *Morgan* has served as a living artifact and a testament to the ingenuity, risk, and entrepreneurship of the United States. Today, the *Morgan* is a National Historic Landmark vessel, the only remaining wooden whaleship in the world, and the oldest commercial vessel in the United States.

The *Morgan* has completed a 5-year, multi-million dollar restoration at the Preservation Shipyard of Mystic Seaport and the Sea and will be relaunched this weekend. Individuals and organizations from 22 States have contributed materials and expertise to make this launch possible. From educational curriculum to whaleboats, research to anchors, the contributions to the restoration of the *Morgan* represent a truly national effort and will help make the *Morgan's* mission that much more meaningful. The reach of these efforts touch literally every region and corner of our nation, with contributions from the following states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

Next summer, the *Morgan* will embark on a ceremonial 38th voyage, embarking on a new mission devoted to history, education, science, and ocean awareness. Most notably, the *Morgan* will sail with the wood from trees blown down from recent hurricanes in her frame and decks—giving new life to these trees as the *Morgan* embarks on her own new life. For instance, live Oak wood from trees in Texas damaged in Hurricane Ike is used in the ship's frame, live oak trees from Florida blown down in Hurricane Ivan, White Oak and White Pine wood blown down by Hurricane Sandy in New York, and live Oak wood from trees in Mississippi damaged during Hurricane Katrina. That we can turn the devastation of these storms in to a positive outcome that will have lasting impact is a unique and special part of this weekend's ceremony.

Mr. Speaker, there is an understandably high level of excitement for this weekend's festivities and the *Morgan's* upcoming mission of education, exploration and discovery next summer. I ask all my colleagues to join me in offering our congratulations to the Mystic Seaport and all those who made the restoration of the *Morgan* possible.

IN RECOGNITION OF RON COOPER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Ron Cooper as he retires from Access Sacramento. As his family, friends and colleagues all gather to celebrate his outstanding career, I ask my colleagues to join me in tribute to Mr. Cooper's decades of service.

Mr. Cooper selflessly served the Sacramento media, television and radio community for 26 years at the non-profit organization, Access Sacramento. For more than 22 of those years, he was its executive director. Under his leadership, Access Sacramento became nationally recognized as a pioneer in media technology and advocate for voicing unheard, marginalized voices and opinions.

Access Sacramento has succeeded in providing important and timely ideas, thoughts, sights, and sounds, especially for minority programs that commercial and public television and radio did not find economically viable. Mr. Cooper founded and cultivated the annual "A Place Called Sacramento" film festival, which supports local filmmaking and offers training, coaching and production assistance to community filmmakers.

Mr. Cooper also gave a voice to the youth of Sacramento by creating Neighborhood News Bureaus, which initiated ingenious methods of newsgathering and collaborations with neighborhood community centers through the implementation of current media technology and training. He also worked with college students from Cosumnes River College, high school students, seniors, and individuals with disabilities, creating and fostering cooperative training arrangements to provide practical media production experience and opportunities in media careers. Mr. Cooper's tireless service enriched our democratic values by offering voter education programming during election cycles.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Ron Cooper, who has served the Sacramento community and its people for more than two decades. His service has greatly contributed to the community and ensured the exercise of free speech. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing this man whose leadership has strengthened and broadened Sacramento's very best attributes.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVEN A. HORSFORD

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, on consideration of H.R. 5, I am not recorded because I was absent due to medically mandated recovery. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on final passage of the bill.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH M. POTENZA
ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the distinguished tenure of Mr. Joseph M. Potenza of the District of Columbia, on the occasion of his retirement as Chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Intellectual Property Law. At the helm of this esteemed organization, Mr. Potenza has brought a wealth of knowledge, experience and leadership—leaving a profound impression on our country's intellectual property laws.

Mr. Potenza, partner with the firm of Banner & Witcoff, LLP, will end his one-year term as Chair of the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law in early August. With thirty-eight years' of experience as an intellectual property law practitioner, Mr. Potenza's current practice focuses on litigation, counseling on patent and copyright matters, and preparation and prosecution of patent and copyright applications.

Mr. Potenza graduated with honors from the Rochester Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree followed by a Juris Doctorate degree from Georgetown University's law school in 1975. Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Potenza has served as a member of the ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary, the ABA Standing Committee on Publication Oversight, the ABA House of Delegates, and as Chair of the ABA Section of Science & Technology Law, and the ABA Young Lawyers Division. He was also a past President of the Patent Lawyers Club of Washington, and Master of the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court.

Additionally, Mr. Potenza's remarkable achievements have led to his being listed in Euromoney's recent "Guide to the World's Leading Patent Law Practitioners." He is also listed in The Best Lawyers in America for his work in intellectual property law, as well as recent editions of The International Who's Who of Patent Lawyers and Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business. In 2009, Mr. Potenza was selected by Washingtonian Magazine as a "Top Lawyer," a designation that represents the top one percent of attorneys in the Washington D.C. area.

During his year as Chair of the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law, Mr. Potenza guided the Section's work on complex IP policy issues to be considered for adoption by the ABA House of Delegates as ABA policy and subsequently presented in the form of amicus briefs to both the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Mr. Potenza has led efforts within the ABA to develop IP policy submissions to several international government agencies in Europe and China. He has also championed the Section's participation on international delegations, global roundtables, and national and regional liaison efforts all aimed at fostering these relationships and expanding the Section's global reach. At the same time, he spearheaded efforts to provide commentary on IP policy on numerous occasions to U.S. government agencies, including the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Copyright Office, the U.S. International Trade Commission, U.S.

Customs and Border Protection and the Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator. Mr. Potenza's tenure as Section Chair comes to an end in early August, and I wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues please join me in recognizing the successful tenure of Mr. Joseph M. Potenza as Chair of the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law and applaud his determined efforts to improve the legal process and promote intellectual property law across the nation and around the world.

LANCASTER HEROES

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, today, I come to the floor to recognize two young heroes from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Last week, a young five-year-old girl was abducted from her front yard by a stranger, an older man who turned out to be a previously convicted sex offender.

The police and folks across the neighborhood quickly organized a search.

Temar Boggs and Chris Garcia set out on their bikes with other friends.

When the boys spotted a suspicious car wandering through their development, they checked it out and saw the young girl inside.

They relentlessly chased the driver on their bikes for 15 furious minutes.

Recognizing that the boys wouldn't give up, the man let her out of the car and drove away.

She immediately ran to the boys asking for her mother.

They safely brought her back home, and while they might not think of themselves as heroes, they certainly are.

Thanks to Temar and Chris, the girl is home and the suspect is now in custody.

and women of Carl Junction High School for winning the Destination Imagination Global Finals.

The Destination Imagination Challenge is a global competition where students from all over the world imagine, create, and develop solutions to world problems in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, fine arts, and service learning. The problem solving competition is held over a four day period at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville where 1,200 local, state, and regional winners from 45 states and 13 countries gather to compete in the global competition.

The Carl Junction team put their device against 66 other teams competing in the area of wind energy and bested them all, including teams from Mexico, Singapore, China, Turkey, and South Korea.

These outstanding world champion students include seniors JW Keckley, Parker Fitzgerald, Carter Richardson, Nate Demery, Morgan Ross, Julie Jones, and junior Abigail Danley. Through the team's hard work, dedication, and guidance from their gifted education teacher, Lori Good, the team was able to extensively research wind energy and incorporate the research into a technical device and presentation. Team member Parker Fitzgerald stated, "The technical device was essentially a reduced-friction neodymium-magnet motor powered by compressed air. The device utilized the properties of magnets to precipitate motion without any physical contact between gears."

In addition to the global championship, the team also placed first in Destination Imagination's Instant Challenge. In this challenge, teams apply their quick-thinking problem solving skills to create solutions to challenges they have never seen before in as little as five minutes.

I am proud of the job these brilliant young men and women performed. This is the first time a Missouri team at the elementary, middle level, or high school level has placed first at Destination Imagination Global Finals.

firefighters from California's 36th Congressional District, William Warneke and Chris MacKenzie, who lost their lives tragically in the line of duty.

William "Billy" Warneke grew up in Hemet, California, where he attended Hemet High School. As a student, he enrolled in the Junior Air Force ROTC, and served four years in the United States Marine Corps, including a tour in Iraq. When Billy returned from serving his country, he went to school in Tucson, Arizona, utilizing his hard earned veteran education benefits. While at school, he attended fire training and became a firefighter with the Prescott Fire Department. As a firefighter in Prescott, Arizona, Billy was a member of the highly trained, elite Granite Mountain Hotshots, who placed their lives on the line every day. On Sunday, June 30, 2013, Billy Warneke was fighting the 13-square-mile Yarnell Hill Fire when was overrun and perished with 18 other members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots. Billy was only 25 years old, leaving behind his wife Roxanne and their baby due to be born in December. Billy's death cut short a brave and selfless life of service, but he died just as he lived—serving with honor and protecting the lives of others.

Chris MacKenzie grew up in the San Jacinto Valley in Riverside County, California, and graduated from Hemet High School in 2001. Chris loved snowboarding and dreamed of becoming a firefighter like his father, and worked hard to achieve that dream. Chris joined the United States Forest Service in 2004, and in 2011 transferred to the Prescott Fire Department. As a firefighter there, he served in the elite Granite Mountain Hotshots, who placed their lives on the line every day. On Sunday, June 30, 2013, Chris MacKenzie was fighting the 13-square-mile Yarnell Hill Fire when he was overrun and perished with 18 other members of the Granite Hotshots. He was 30 years old, leaving behind his mother, Lauri Goralski, and his father, Michael MacKenzie, as well as family members and friends. Chris died just as he lived—protecting the public from a dangerous fire.

These two brave young men died before their time. They were heroic public servants and upstanding members of the communities they gave their lives to serve. They were honorable, passionate men who devoted themselves to their country, their duty, and their family. Their service and lives are to be commended. Their memories will live on in the people whose lives they inspired and their final act of sacrifice.

CONGRATULATING CARL JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate seven young men

IN MEMORY OF TWO FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to make a statement in memory of two brave