

Times. His deep knowledge and tireless pursuit of articles earned Mike the respect of readers, citizens, and other journalists in addition to numerous awards. Governor Jerry Brown recognized his expertise on environmental issues and appointed Mike as a spokesperson for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in May of 2012. His commitment to these issues was a benefit for all Californians.

With his outstanding public service both as a reporter and a spokesperson, the people of California will always be thankful to Mike. I myself enjoyed working with him during his years as a reporter. In his personal life, Mike was known to talk as much about his family as his work. In the words of his brother, David, "Mike loved his family very dearly."

I ask you all to join me in honoring the life and work of Mike Taucher.

RETIREMENT OF POLICE
SERGEANT JOEL R. ORR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Joel R. Orr as he retires after nearly 25 years of law enforcement service to the City of Fairfield.

Hired as a Public Safety Officer with the Fairfield Police Department on July 25, 1988, and served the community in various capacities that included Patrol, Investigations, and School Resource Officer. Sergeant Orr also took on ancillary assignments by joining the Crisis Negotiation Team and being selected for the first Street Criminal Apprehension Team (SCAT). In the course of teaching important skills such as Parent Project, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) and driver awareness, he earned the City Manager's Commendation Award for outstanding leadership in developing and implementing the City's Driver Training Program. Sergeant Orr also assisted California's Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) with their Entry-Level Patrol Officer Job Analysis Project and then completed the distinctive Robert Presly's Institute of Criminal Investigation (ICI) certification course with a specialty in homicide investigation.

On December 5, 2003, Sergeant Orr was promoted to Police Corporal and then on August 18, 2006, he was promoted to Police Sergeant where he served in Patrol, Investigations and Professional Standards, and as a Public Information Officer. In 2008 and 2010, as the Police Department experienced changes in leadership and command staff, Sergeant Orr consistently stepped in and assisted City management in filling the gaps. Over the last five years, he has assumed the Police Lieutenant's position twice and managed Patrol Operations. Sergeant Orr has a can-do attitude and he consistently provided quality service to the community.

Sergeant Orr has been a valued employee and leader and his commitment to the community was evidenced on a daily basis. He was a loyal representative of the law enforcement community and admired for his hard work, dedication, and positive work ethic.

RECOGNIZING TRANSPORTATION
SECURITY OFFICER, JACOB
NEAL, FOR SAVING A MAN'S
LIFE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize one of my constituents, Transportation Security Officer Jacob Neal, who saved a life at Chicago O'Hare International Airport with the help of two other TSA officials earlier this month.

When TSO Marvin Jackson noticed that a passenger had collapsed and lost consciousness, he quickly placed a call to his supervisor, Jacob Neal. TSO Neal, who served in the U.S. Air Force as a firefighter and medic before joining the TSA, demonstrated great leadership and poise as he took control of the situation, asking everyone to step away unless they were certified in CPR. He put on his gloves and started to give chest compressions, while also comforting the passenger's wife by letting her know that he was a former paramedic. His quick thinking, expertise, and professionalism made the difference.

"When someone is suffering like that you just feel compelled to jump in and help," said TSO Neal, a two-time O'Hare TSO of the Year honoree.

Jacob Neal along with the others who helped save a man's life that day showed extraordinary strength and exemplified what it means to go above and beyond the call of duty. It is acts like these that inspire us to be better people and better citizens. Due to the quick thinking and composure of the men and woman involved, a potentially tragic situation was avoided.

Again, I would like to thank Jacob Neal for his commendable efforts in saving a life this past month. I also want to recognize him and his TSA colleagues, and other federal employees who work hard each and every day to serve the public and keep our nation strong and secure.

RECOGNIZING MYKE REID ON THE
OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE AMERICAN POSTAL
WORKERS UNION, AFL-CIO

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and commend Myke Reid on the occasion of his retirement after a distinguished career as the Legislative and Political Director for the American Postal Workers Union, APWU. Mr. Reid dedicated his career to postal reform and played an integral role in the enactment of important legislation, including the Family & Medical Leave Act in 1993 and reform of the Hatch Act.

Myke Reid began his long and accomplished career with the United States Postal Service in 1976 as a clerk in Norfolk, VA. Mr. Reid's community involvement and enthusiasm for legislative reform won the recognition and admiration of his fellow union mem-

bers, and he quickly rose to the position of state legislative director and state president.

In 1984, Mr. Reid arrived in Washington, DC, and joined the fight to preserve Social Security. For nine years, Mr. Reid served as the Special Assistant to the President of the APWU.

After the retirement of Roy Braunstein in 2004, Mr. Reid was appointed to serve as the Legislative and Political Director of the APWU. His service, his expertise on postal issues, and his accomplishments have earned the respect of many within the APWU and across the postal community and Capitol Hill. Commenting on Mr. Reid's retirement, APWU President Cliff Guffey spoke for many when he said, "He has made great contributions to our struggle and will be missed."

In addition to his service to the nation's postal workers and his important contributions in the halls of Congress, Mr. Reid still found the time to serve his community. He served on many community-based organizations, including the Virginia Employment Commission Advisory Board, the Virginia Community College Board, the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board, and the Alexandria Democratic Committee. Mr. Reid is a native Virginian, born in Portsmouth. He received a B.A. from Norfolk State University and currently resides in Alexandria.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Myke Reid on this occasion and in commanding him for his service and his work to represent the interests of America's Postal Workers and working families.

HONORING THE VOLUNTEERS OF
HONOR FLIGHT SOUTH ALABAMA

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize the driving force behind Honor Flight South Alabama, the organization which sent more than 950 World War II veterans from Southwest Alabama to the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC from 2009 to 2013.

I was honored to have met all nine flights of courageous veterans as they arrived at their Memorial. The monumental effort required to complete these flights came to fruition due to the hard work of the seven key players, each donating their tremendous talents to ensure this noble effort to thank our veterans was a success. Today, I pay tribute to those who made this remarkable program possible: Margaret Coley, Col. Pat Downing, Col. John New, Cdr. Pete Riehm, Anne Eubanks, Tina McGrath, and Dr. Barry L. Booth.

Over the last four years, Honor Flight South Alabama provided the veterans of Southwest Alabama an opportunity to visit the memorials on the National Mall as well as Arlington National Cemetery and to receive our Nation's sincerest gratitude for their selfless sacrifice and service. Honor Flight South Alabama chartered their final plane to Washington on May 8, 2013, and returned home to a grand welcome by family, friends and the community at large.

While the Honor Flight South Alabama program gleamed in a well-deserved spotlight, the

efforts behind it went somewhat unnoticed. Each beautifully orchestrated event required careful attention to detail and collaboration. The organizing team of Honor Flight South Alabama worked together to create a powerful legacy of volunteerism. Therefore, it is my honor to recognize the people integral to the success of the program.

Margaret Coley, the Director of Volunteer Activities and School Support System, took on the responsibility of the mail call from South Alabama students and the magnificent ticker tape parade at the Mobile Airport. Col. John New, the Security Liaison, coordinated the security arrangements between Mobile and Washington DC through the airports and U.S. Park Service. Cdr. Pete Riehm, Director of Operations, ensured a smooth Honor Flight orientation and flight day. Anne Eubanks, Director of Medical Support, ensured the veterans' medical care needs were met. Tina McGrath, Director of Administration, worked tirelessly to maintain and coordinate documentation and all administrative duties. Col. Pat Downing, Director of Guardian Training, was truly in the crosshairs of responsibility with the Guardian Training Program. And, of course, Dr. Barry L. Booth, Director of the Veteran Guardian Program, coordinated the assignments of all 957 veterans with their Guardians in each of the nine Honor Flights.

Mr. Speaker, I am particularly grateful for the contributions of these men and women, and I rise to pay tribute to all those who have worked tirelessly to serve our area's veterans. May we never forget the valiant deeds and tremendous sacrifices of America's military heroes who have secured our Nation's freedom.

RECOGNIZING ROSE MARY SARGENT

HON. JOHN F. TIERNEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. TIERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Rose Mary Sargent for her 16 years working in my district office and serving the people of the Sixth District of Massachusetts.

Rose Mary came to work in my District Office soon after I was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1997. Born in Costa Rica, Rose Mary grew up and attended public schools in San Jose, California. Having received her undergraduate degree at College Luis Dobles Segreda, she completed her secondary education at North Shore Community College in my district.

Rose Mary's intricate knowledge of the immigration system, her Spanish-speaking abilities, and her enthusiasm to assist others made her a perfect candidate for managing immigration and refugee casework. Throughout her tenure with my office, Rose Mary has assisted thousands of people and has not only guided constituents through the complex immigration system, but she has also contributed to public education regarding the benefits of immigration to our communities.

In what spare time she has, Rose Mary volunteers as an active member of the community of Lynn. She founded several organizations and currently serves as an Executive Board member for at least three others.

Among the organizations she helped found are VOCES—Guardians Against AIDS, the Lynn Hispanic Festival, and Lynn's Cultural Diversity Task Force.

And she has done all of this while balancing her responsibilities as a mother of two adult daughters and a grandmother to five.

Rose Mary's dedication to the people of the City of Lynn and the entire Sixth District of Massachusetts is well-known. She has dedicated her career to improving her community and building "ladders of opportunity" for all.

I congratulate Rose Mary on her remarkable career and wish her all the best in her retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 30, 2013, I missed seven roll-call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Nos. 419 and 420, and voted "no" on Nos. 421, 422, 423, 424, and 425.

HONORING GEORGE WASHINGTON JULIAN

HON. LUKE MESSE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. MESSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize George Washington Julian, honored as the newest addition to the roster of the Indiana Historical Bureau's state historical marker series.

George Washington Julian of Centerville, Indiana was a United States Representative during the Civil War. His legacy lives on through his moral convictions as he advocated for abolition, equal rights, and land reform during an era of discrimination. He demanded rights and freedom for slaves as an attorney in several historic fugitive slave cases and also supported freedom and equal access to public lands for immigrants and women. Julian was an extraordinary Congressman who helped shape our country into what it is today.

I want to thank the Indiana Historical Bureau for its continued leadership in recognizing and commemorating significant individuals, organizations, places, and events in Indiana history. These roadside markers are familiar to all Hoosiers and visitors who pass through the State. With over 500 state historical markers in place, the Indiana Historical Bureau impresses on Hoosiers across the State the importance of our history and the promise of our future.

I ask the 6th Congressional District to join me in thanking the Indiana Historical Bureau for recognizing and publicly marking our shared history and the legacy of George Washington Julian in Centerville, Indiana.

HONORING COLONEL WILLIAM W. MOORE

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HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Colonel William W. Moore's posthumous awarding of the Prisoner of War Medal. He was held captive by Chinese forces for 33 months during the Korean War.

Col. Moore began his military career by joining the Army Air Corps in 1942 and graduated flight school in 1944. He was assigned to Wheeler Field in Oahu, Hawaii for deployment, but World War II ended before he got to fly any missions. His next assignment was at Eglin Air Force Base near Ft. Walton, Florida where he served as a test pilot. While stationed there he was able to fly up to five fighters in one day.

He was then assigned to 7th Fighter Squadron in the 49th Fighter Group in South Korea. While on temporary duty as a Forward Air Controller, he was taken captive when his vehicle was ambushed by Chinese forces. Col. Moore liked to make clear that he was "captured out of his element" on the ground rather than being shot out of the sky.

While in captivity, he was determined to stay alive and return home to his wife and sons; remaining active and trying to eat everything he could, helped to save his life. The prisoners were marched at night when it was -40° in the snow up North, and they secretly stole as much wood and coal as they could find to keep themselves warm when they rested during the day. When they arrived at the camp, Col. Moore was elected by the other prisoners to be the cook, a position he held the entire time of his captivity.

While in the camp the Chinese tried to re-educate the captured Americans, holding classes to teach them the "truth" about America. The Americans resisted everything they could through subtle tactics such as retelling the landing of Pilgrims and other stories of history with humor and distorting facts to maintain a healthy morale for the prisoners. They also tried to attend all of the church services so as to annoy their communist captors.

When the Armistice was signed in 1953, Col. Moore was finally released from captivity and reunited with his family. After the war he was assigned to the 94th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, where he flew the F-86D and F-102. In 1958, he was promoted to the rank of Major and assigned to the Air Defense Tactical Evaluation Team at Air Defense Command Headquarters in Colorado Springs, CO. While with the ADC he wrote the training and flying manual for the F-106. His next assignment took the new Lt. Col. to Australia to join the RAAF Operational Command as the Chief of Fighter Operations.

In 1964, the Air Force sent him to the Pentagon where he was the F-5 plans officer in the Military Assistance Program where he was promoted to full Colonel. He selflessly volunteered to go to Vietnam, but only if he could fly; instead he was given command of the 27th Fighter Interceptor Squadron in Loring, Maine. As commander of a fighter squadron, with over 400 men and 18 aircraft, Col. Moore flourished. His last assignment took him to Murphy Dome, Alaska where he was the base commander for a radar unit.