

Linda Grandquist has never forgotten the inspiration and influence derived from her grandmother's place as a female doctor. It was this that led Ms. Grandquist and a friend to start a business in the 1960s that was essentially a temp service for female medical assistants or dental assistants—a rare venture. In the late 1970s, she embarked upon a real estate career and had a sales volume exceeding a million dollars her first year, cementing her as one of the few women in the “million dollar club.” Additionally, Ms. Grandquist recently has joined the Prairie Meadows board of directors, where she serves on the legacy grant committee and reads each of the some 500-plus grant applications the organization receives. She also serves on the board at UnityPoint Health, volunteers with the Animal Rescue League of Iowa, and serves on the Blank Park Zoo board. She prefers to do it all without seeking the spotlight.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Linda Grandquist in the United States Congress, and I am pleased to recognize her for working to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating her on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2013 Women of Influence class continued success.

CONGRATULATING SHERIFF KEVIN FRYE FOR BEING ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

HON. MARK MEADOWS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sheriff Kevin Frye on being elected president of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association.

His new role as president follows years of service to the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, as Sheriff Frye has served as both the second vice president and first vice president for this esteemed body.

Sheriff Frye is an outstanding leader, father, and public servant. He has dedicated himself to serving the people of Avery County, and now he will serve our great state of North Carolina with distinction.

The North Carolina Sheriffs' Association is the statewide organization of our state's 100 sheriffs. Through this association, the sheriffs work to strengthen the professional law enforcement services their offices provide to the people of North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire 11th District of North Carolina, I congratulate Sheriff Frye on his new position as president of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association and thank him for his years of service to the people of Avery County.

RECOGNIZING AUGUST 7TH AS NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize August 7th as National Lighthouse Day, and to stress the important role of lighthouses in our Nation's history and the values that they represent.

On August 7th, 1789, Congress passed an Act regarding the establishment and support of lighthouses, beacons, buoys, and public piers. This early acknowledgement of their significance demonstrates the central part lighthouses play in America's growth and development, from its inception to the present.

Throughout our Nation's history, lighthouses have provided guidance for ships carrying economic goods and hopeful travelers into and out of the country, and protected our largest entry point, our coasts, from danger. Their shining lights embrace newcomers as they arrive on shore, and wish those departing farewell.

In my hometown of Buffalo, we are fortunate to have lighthouses that remain standing today. “Chinaman's Lighthouse” is Buffalo's oldest building still standing on its original foundation. Lit in 1833, our Buffalo Light is one of the oldest on the Great Lakes and is a landmark along Buffalo's Outer Harbor Waterfront.

Buffalo's lighthouses are key cultural components of our efforts to revitalize our region's waterfront as a destination for western New Yorkers and tourists alike. The light that once welcomed immigrants as they landed on the shores of Lake Erie now serves to encourage people to enjoy the new recreational opportunities on the waterfront.

The Buffalo Light like many others had fallen into disrepair for years. To save this important structure, the Buffalo Lighthouse Association was established in 1985 dedicated to restoring and promoting this vital link to our history, heritage, and future.

Due to post-9/11 security requirements the Buffalo Lighthouse, which sits on land adjacent to the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Buffalo station, was not accessible to the public for over a decade. Working in conjunction with then-Senator Hillary Clinton, we secured \$6.1 million to upgrade and consolidate Coast Guard facilities while opening up access to the historic lighthouse once again.

Restoration, including masonry repair and stonework, was completed in 2011 on the Lighthouse with funding I was pleased to play a part in securing through the New York Power Authority relicensing agreement funds awarded by the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation.

The dedicated volunteers at the Buffalo Lighthouse Association are now focusing their attention on its recently acquired Buffalo South Entrance Light Station, more commonly known as the South Buffalo Lighthouse. This station dates back to 1903 and while its condition is deteriorating, the Buffalo Lighthouse Association is bringing its expertise and commitment to pursuing the resources necessary to restore and repurpose the station for public tours with historic interpretation, educational opportunities for our youth, and a facility for shoreline and bird habitat studies.

We owe a sincere debt of gratitude to the Buffalo Lighthouse Association for its stewardship and vision because when the South Buffalo Lighthouse project is completed it will be paired with the restoration of the 1833 Buffalo Lighthouse at the northern end of the harbor, providing local, national, and international visitors the unique chance to tour cultural and historic bookends along Western New York's Outer Harbor.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to appreciate the function and beauty of the lighthouse and the good works of those dedicated to these structures. These structures and their legacy deserve to be honored for their historical and symbolic significance in our national narrative. I recognize August 7th as National Lighthouse Day, and commend the efforts of the Buffalo Lighthouse Association and all those who strive to preserve, restore, and educate the public about these magnificent structures.

HONORING THE CAREER OF JOHN PILIOS

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend, John Pilios, who will be retiring as news director at KGET Channel 17 in Bakersfield, California after dedicating 35 years of his life to the California broadcast industry.

Joining the world of radio broadcasting in 1977 as a Disc Jockey with KSEE Radio in Santa Maria, John has done it all. From Program Director with KLOM Radio in Lompoc to News Anchor with KSMA Radio, John eventually went on to serve as a reporter with KCOY and, in 1990, became its News Director. In 1999, he joined the KGET family and in 2001 became the News Director.

As one of the longest serving news directors in California, John is well known for his impeccable character and carries a reputation for high standards—standards that have helped make KGET the most watched station in the region. Yet, beyond these accomplishments is a truly admirable quality: his passion and commitment to community service.

It is clear to me and thousands of Kern County residents that John's love for the Bakersfield community is genuine. Under his leadership at KGET, the station's viewers have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars that went to those most in need. From assisting our veterans and the elderly, to finding lost animals and helping the homeless, to his support for the annual Red Cross Real Heroes event, John's efforts have made our community healthier and stronger.

I firmly believe that John's commitment to the highest standards of journalism has not only enriched our community, but carries on the American ideal that an informed public is the most important element of a free society.

Though John's tenure at KGET is coming to an end, his ideas, values, and standards can be found in the work of reporters and journalists across the country who credit their success to him. And, as he enters this new chapter in his life, I know he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Cindy,

daughter Dawn, and grandchildren, Landen and Paige. I know I join thousands of others in thanking John for his contribution to our community and wish him well in retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, July 31, 2013, I cast a “no” vote on the Motion to Concur in the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1911—Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act of 2013 (roll call vote 426). While I was pleased that there was a bipartisan effort to maintain low interest rates on subsidized student loans, unfortunately this compromise will ultimately increase interest rates on all Federal Direct Loans, including subsidized loans. As a proud original co-sponsor of H.R. 1911, the Bank on Students Loan Fairness Act, I believe students should be allowed to borrow funds at the same low rate that banks borrow from the Federal Reserve. It’s essential that our students come out of college with not only good skills, but without the burden of manageable debt so that they can get good jobs and truly thrive. I look forward to working to make college more affordable and financial aid more accessible for students.

HONORING DR. JULIET V. GARCIA

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Juliet V. Garcia who is being honored with the 9th annual Award of Distinction from the Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas. This award recognizes her service and commitment to making the local community a better place, most notably as an advocate for increased access to higher education.

Dr. Garcia became the first Mexican-American woman in the nation to serve as the president of a college or university when she was named president of Texas Southmost College in 1986. She is now president of the University of Texas at Brownsville where she continues to exemplify an extraordinary commitment to both the university and the community.

A tireless advocate, Dr. Garcia’s public service includes chairing the Advisory Committee to Congress on Student Financial Assistance as well as serving on the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. She is currently a member of the boards of the Ford Foundation, the Public Welfare Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Humanities Texas, and Raise Your Hand Texas.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate having this opportunity to honor Dr. Juliet V. Garcia, one of the remarkable people I have the privilege of representing.

IN RECOGNITION OF DENSO INTERNATIONAL AMERICA FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF OPERATION IN MICHIGAN

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Denso International America as it celebrates twenty-five years of operation. Two and a half decades ago, Denso opened the doors of its North American Headquarters and Technical Center in the heart of Southfield, Michigan, and became part of the business community in the Greater Detroit region.

Founded internationally in 1949, the heart of Denso’s business strategy is its work force, which it describes as a core element of its global organization. In its primary function, Denso believes that its first business is the development of people and from the development of people it achieves its goal of making products which improve the world. As a firm that is heavily invested in its work force, Denso seeks to ensure that it achieves excellence by encouraging its employees to harness their creative power and work cooperatively to achieve personal growth.

With a commitment to its employees’ development serving as the foundation of its organization, Denso is committed to creating high quality products for use in automobiles. The extent of Denso products to the automotive industry include radiators, driving control systems, fuel pumps, electronic fuel injection systems, and wiper systems, all manufactured with the principle of smaller, lighter and more efficient design. As its business has grown, Denso has dramatically increased its footprint in North America, bringing high skilled jobs to communities in Michigan, where it currently operates five major facilities, and across the United States, with twenty-five facilities in total.

Denso’s commitment to excellence for employees is one that it also extends into its own activities in the communities where it operates. On numerous occasions Denso has been cited as a model for implementing environmentally conscious policies, while creating manufacturing techniques that increase productivity. In 1993, Denso was recognized for its work by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a corporate leader in protecting the ozone layer with the Stratospheric Ozone Protection Award. Just five years later, Denso voluntarily moved to ISO 14001 certification for its manufacturing in Michigan, choosing to adhere to a high standard of excellence to decrease its environmental impact. As further recognition of its efforts to be a good corporate partner and custodian to the communities it employs, Denso was awarded the EPA’s Climate Protection Award in 2002.

Denso’s leadership has not only been recognized by the government, but also by many of its business partners. In 2012, it was recognized by Caterpillar as a Platinum Supplier and by John Deere with its Achieving Excellence Award. Over the last few years Denso has been recognized by each of the Big 3: Ford, General Motors and Chrysler for its outstanding work as a supplier to each of them. In addition to its recognition from its corporate

partners, Denso has been recognized by communities that have benefited from the work of its foundation, which supports disaster relief and science education programs.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Denso International America for twenty-five years of excellence in manufacturing, in leadership on being a corporate steward of the environment and on the tremendous impact it has made in each of the communities its facilities call home. I am honored to have such an outstanding company headquartered in my district, and I look forward to continuing my work with Denso to support advanced manufacturing techniques that will revitalize the economy of Michigan.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF THE QUINAUT INDIAN NATION IN HOSTING THE “PADDLE TO QUINAUT” 2013 CANOE JOURNEY

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Quinault Indian Nation and the Quinault Canoe Society in their efforts to host the 2013 Canoe Journey. This annual event revitalizes the cultural practice of canoeing for Indian Nations and communities throughout the Salish Sea Region. Our region is a stronger region because of its diversity and its rich history. It is important to come together to celebrate not only what we do but who we are and where we’ve been.

In 1989, Emmit Oliver, a Quinault Tribal elder, organized the “Paddle to Seattle” as a part of the Washington State Centennial Ceremony. This event celebrated Tribal canoe cultures that once traveled and hunted using dugout canoes. The success of the event inspired the annual Canoe Journey, which officially began in 1995. Since then, Tribal leaders and community members have traveled from along the West Coast each year to continue this celebration of past traditions. Today, I am honored to help Quinault Indian Nation President Fawn Sharp in welcoming the 2013 fleet of canoes into Point Grenville.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to support the effort to revitalize and maintain the cultural practices of Indian Nations. This year, Tribal delegations hailing from the Western United States, Canada, Hawaii, and New Zealand will take part in this historic journey. Upwards of 10,000 people are estimated to await the incoming paddlers and partake in the subsequent ceremonies. The festivities will serve to teach younger generations the skill of canoeing, to strengthen and instill pride, and reinforce cultural knowledge. I applaud all the efforts of members of the Quinault Indian Nation, neighboring Tribes, and the greater Grays Harbor Community who have made this year’s Canoe Journey possible.

As I close, I can say with certainty that the “Paddle to Quinault” has greatly benefited our community and I am pleased to recognize the efforts of all involved during this weeklong celebration, today, in the United States Congress.