

IN RECOGNITION OF PAM
FRISELLA

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Pam Frisella, one of the finest and most selfless public servants I know. Pam is retiring today as the mayor of Foster City and has served on the city council for eight years. She was vice mayor in 2007 and mayor in 2008. For Foster City, Pam's departure is not simply a retirement. It's the equivalent of watching a ship raise its anchor. Pam has been that anchor of security throughout many exciting and challenging times in the city.

In 1998, Pam graduated from a leadership program sponsored by several Bay Area cities. The class helped her focus on how to best apply her talents and her dedication to community service. She saw that she could be highly effective by playing an active role in city government.

She joined the city council in 2006, two years before the global recession hit. Always a fiscally-prudent person, Pam worked hard with her colleagues to close the budget gap that was created by the recession. Foster City, although built relatively recently, also has a large infrastructure in constant need of maintenance, repair and replacement. This is expensive, but Pam is dedicated to maintaining the quality of life that residents expect. In part due to Pam's efforts, the city this year will likely cure its structural deficit and its infrastructure investments have been wise and timely.

The center of Foster City is in flux. Pam joined with her colleagues to identify the needs of the community and to envision mixed uses for this area. She supported an updating to the business license fee, the city's land use elements, and supported city efforts to conserve water and to improve the reliability of the city's water system.

Pam is a strong supporter of affordable housing and served on the board of the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust. Because community service is in her blood, she has volunteered for 20 years for Samaritan House which serves low income families and individuals in San Mateo County. Samaritan House named her volunteer of the year in 1995. In 1999, Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter awarded her the same honor. Pam is also giving prison ministry at San Quentin Prison. She is an ambassador for the Foster City Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Rotary Club. As you can tell from this description, Pam Frisella is a spark plug, igniting others into action and setting an exhausting pace of volunteer and civic engagement.

Pam has been a county and regional leader. Over the years she has served as Foster City's representative to the Association of Bay Area Governments, the City County Association of Governments, the Emergency Services Council, the joint powers board of the county-wide library system, and as liaison to the high school district.

Pam was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. After attending Western Michigan, she worked for General Motors and then moved to New York City for a career change. Pam moved to California in 1969 and in 1977 to Foster City, a city she came to love.

Pam and I share a painful life experience that initially connected us and cemented our friendship. We both lost a husband while pregnant. Pam's late husband was a baseball player and they moved around the country a lot. They were at spring training with the Milwaukee Brewers when he was killed in an accident on New Year's Day 1977 in Arizona. He was originally from San Mateo and Pam decided to move out here to find a home. She was 30 years old, pregnant and had a three-year-old son, Jason. Three days after she arrived in Foster City, her son Daniel was born. The community welcomed and embraced them and she found what she had hoped for—a home.

Pam coached Little League for eight years and was on the American Youth Soccer Organization Board of Directors for five years. She deserves much credit for the development and construction of Sea Cloud Park, the beautiful home of the Foster City Little League. In 2005, Pam was inducted to the Sports Wall of Fame at Sea Cloud Park. Pam was also the chair for the committee that reconstructed Serra High School's baseball field named after her late husband, Danny Frisella Memorial Field.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Pam Frisella on this day of her retirement. Her strength to overcome adversity, her generosity and her drive have benefitted every resident of Foster City. Her contributions will always be part of the fabric of her beloved home town.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained yesterday and missed rollcall Nos. 612 through 614. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall Nos. 612 and 613. I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 614.

INTRODUCING THE NATIONAL
COMMISSION ON EMPLOYMENT
AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT
OF 2013

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the National Commission on Employment and Economic Security Act of 2013.

This legislation makes necessary and vital investments in our nation's workforce and their families. It establishes a national commission to examine issues of economic and psychological insecurity within our workforce that have been caused by employment displacement. Furthermore, it will propose solutions, including recommendations for legislative and administrative action, to Congress and the President.

During the recession that began in December 2007 and in the subsequent months, more than 8.7 million jobs were lost. By October

2009, the unemployment rate had reached 10.0 percent, and roughly 15.4 million people were unemployed in our country. In Florida, the unemployment rate reached 11.4 percent in March 2010, and in some states, such as Rhode Island and South Carolina, the unemployment rate rose to just short of 12 percent, peaking at 11.9 percent in early 2010.

Luckily, we are on the road to recovery, and 7.5 million jobs have been created during 42 straight months of private-sector job growth across the country. Unemployment rates have fallen in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Our economy is recovering, but the need for this vital research is no less critical. This is highlighted by current projections from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), which estimate that the unemployment rate will not fall below 6 percent until the end of 2016, and will remain above 5 percent through 2023.

Mr. Speaker, when Americans lose their jobs and their incomes shrink, too often, they face the loss of their family's health insurance and, subsequent to the loss of income, and even their housing. According to an American Psychological Association (APA) report from February 2013, money (69 percent), work (65 percent), and the economy (61 percent) remain the most frequently cited sources of stress for Americans.

The mental health of the American worker is integral as we continue down the road of economic recovery. Congress must face this problem head on and help those facing long-term unemployment, loss of health insurance, home foreclosure, increased levels of stress, and increased risk of mental illness.

I believe that we have a responsibility to provide the greatest possible assistance to our nation's workforce, whose commitment to economic participation has been a defining feature of the cultural fabric of our country. This Commission will be instrumental in ensuring that we get our nation fully back on track, and I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 612, I was unable to be present for the vote on H.R. 3547. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent during the week of November 18, 2013. If I were present, I would have voted on the following.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013

Rollcall No. 588: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended H.R. 2061, "yea."

Rollcall No. 589: On the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 272, "yea."

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013

Rollcall No. 590: On ordering the Previous Question and providing for consideration of H.R. 1965 and H.R. 2728, "nay."

Rollcall No. 591: On agreeing to the resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 1965 and H.R. 2728, "no."

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013

Rollcall No. 592: On ordering the Previous Question and Providing for consideration of H.R. 1900, "nay."

Rollcall No. 593: On agreeing to the resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 1900, "no."

Rollcall No. 594: On agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 1965 offered by SHEILA JACKSON LEE of Texas, "aye."

Rollcall No. 595: On agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 1965 offered by ALAN LOWENTHAL of California, "aye."

Rollcall No. 596: On agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 1965 offered by SHEILA JACKSON LEE of Texas, "aye."

Rollcall No. 597: On agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 1965 offered by JARED POLIS of Colorado, "aye."

Rollcall No. 598: On agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 1965 offered by PETER DEFAZIO of Oregon, "aye."

Rollcall No. 599: On Motion to recommit with instructions on H.R. 1965, "aye."

Rollcall No. 600: On passage of H.R. 1965, "no."

Rollcall No. 601: On agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 2728 offered by RUSH HOLT of New Jersey, "aye."

Rollcall No. 602: On agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 2728 offered by PETER DEFAZIO of Oregon, "aye."

Rollcall No. 603: On Motion to recommit with instructions on H.R. 2728, "aye."

Rollcall No. 604: On passage of H.R. 2728, "no."

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013

Rollcall No. 605: On agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 1900 offered by PAUL TONKO of New York, "aye."

Rollcall No. 606: On agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 1900 offered by KATHY CASTOR of Florida, "aye."

Rollcall No. 607: On agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 1900 offered by JACKIE SPEIER of California, "aye."

Rollcall No. 608: On agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 1900 offered by SHEILA JACKSON LEE of Texas, "aye."

Rollcall No. 609: On agreeing to the amendment on H.R. 1900 offered by JOHN DINGELL of Michigan, "aye."

Rollcall No. 610: On Motion to recommit with instructions on H.R. 1900, "yea."

Rollcall No. 611: On passage of H.R. 1900, "no."

IN RECOGNITION OF CATHY
BAYLOCK

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Cathy Baylock who has served on the Burlingame City Council for twelve years with distinction, two of them as mayor. Cathy's love for the city and her commitment to make and

keep it beautiful have made her an outstanding public servant and a beloved colleague to many.

We can thank Cathy for one of the most beautiful and recognizable buildings in town, the Burlingame Avenue Caltrain station. If it hadn't been for her in-depth research, perseverance and good judgment, our train station might not be the jewel it is.

Cathy was first elected to the city council in 2001. She was mayor in 2006 and 2010. During her tenure, she was always committed to protecting Burlingame's historic landmarks, magnificent trees, architectural heritage, unique neighborhoods and the integrity of the parks. She oversaw the Park and Recreation budget, was a member of the Economic Development Committee, a liaison to the Burlingame Elementary Schools Committee and the Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for C/CAG. She also served as a city delegate to the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Peninsula Cities Consortium on High Speed Rail and the San Mateo County Rail Corridor Partnership. Additionally, Cathy was a member of the Central County Fire Joint Powers Authority for six years, two of them as the chair.

While fulfilling her many duties on the council, Cathy still found the time and energy to give back to the community and volunteer for the Teen Facilities Committee, the Washington School Site Council, the St. Paul's Nursery School, and the Burlingame Historical Society. She became treasurer of the historical society in 2000 and oversaw the publishing of Burlingame Centennial 1908–2008, a book that sold over 1800 copies and helped fund the opening of the Burlingame History Museum and the Train Depot.

Before Cathy joined the city council, she was the manager and assistant vice president of Bay View Bank in Burlingame. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut.

A lifetime resident of the San Francisco Peninsula, Cathy and her family have lived in Burlingame for over 20 years. In her retirement, she looks forward to spending more time with her husband Joe and their two boys, AJ and Nick. She will continue her involvement with the historical society.

The Burlingame City Council is losing a member who will be missed for her can-do attitude, warm demeanor and dependability. However, I have no doubt that Cathy will find ways to apply her talents and continue to share them with the residents of Burlingame.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Cathy Baylock for her outstanding public service. She leaves big shoes to fill and her mark on Burlingame that will last for years to come.

HONORING ARIS MELISSARATOS

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Aris Melissaratos, a visionary businessman, champion of the State of Maryland and dear friend, on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

The son of Romanian immigrants, Mr. Melissaratos arrived in the United States at age 13, speaking virtually no English. He earned his degree in electrical engineering from Johns Hopkins University in 1966 and began a 40-year business career, mostly at Westinghouse Electronics Corporation. There, he held numerous positions, retiring as Chief Technology Officer and Vice President for Science and Technology. Before that, he was Chief Operations Officer for the company's Defense Electronics Group, responsible for \$3.2 billion dollars in sales. He also founded Armel Scientifics, LLC, which invested in more than 30 startup companies in advanced technology.

His professional experience proved invaluable as Secretary of Business and Economic Development for the State of Maryland, a position he held from 2003 until 2007. As Secretary, Mr. Melissaratos worked tirelessly to strengthen our state economy and promote Maryland as a prime location for tourism, film production and advancement of the arts.

Mr. Melissaratos has since come full circle, returning to Johns Hopkins as a senior advisor to its president. There, he works to build the university's relationship with area businesses. Under his leadership, the university has helped launch 51 new companies in four years.

While too numerous to list in their entirety, Mr. Melissaratos is the recipient of countless accolades. In 2009, he was named the William Donald Schaefer Industrialist of the Year and was Corridor Inc.'s Person of the Year in 2012. A longtime member of the Whiting School of Engineering's National Advisory Council, Mr. Melissaratos is a founding co-chair of the Greater Baltimore Technology Council and former Vice President of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce. He somehow found time to also co-author a book that chronicles the history of innovation.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Aris Melissaratos for many years. I admire him for his fearless entrepreneurship, generosity, work ethic and community spirit. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Aris Melissaratos. The citizens of Maryland have been lucky to have him as a relentless advocate all these years. It is with great pride that I wish him the happiest of birthdays and many more years of success.

A TRIBUTE TO DAVID LEE
SIMEL, MD

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a truly outstanding doctor, a loving father, and an exceptional North Carolinian, Dr. David Lee Simel, of Durham, North Carolina. Dr. Simel was raised in Greensboro, North Carolina, before attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After graduation, he completed medical school and an internal medicine residency at Duke University, and he has been an avid Blue Devils fan ever since. Dr. Simel is now a Professor of Medicine and also Vice-Chair for Veteran's Affairs at the prestigious Duke University School of Medicine. Dr. Simel has dedicated himself