

HONORING MICHELLE “MISSY”
PALMISCIANO

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Michelle “Missy” Palmisciano is Founder and President of County Harvest—a non-profit food rescue organization she began in 2009 to ensure that good food otherwise being discarded was instead saved and delivered by volunteers to area soup kitchens, food pantries and homeless shelters.

With more than 200 volunteers, and relationships with dozens of County-based agencies and food donor businesses, Missy and her award-winning organization do more than 60 food rescue runs each week and have collected over 1 million pounds of food since County Harvest began feeding thousands of men, women and children every year. County Harvest continually seeks new food donors and agencies throughout Westchester County.

Missy is also a member of the Planning Board for the Village of Pelham Manor and an Advisory Board Member for Community Service Associates in Mt. Vernon. She has served as a Board Member for the Junior League of Pelham as co-chair of Community Outreach, member of the Prospect Hill Site Based Counsel, Board Member of Huguenot Nursery School and various committee roles supporting The Picture House and the Pelham Public Library’s Novel Night.

She and her husband James have three children: daughters Jessica, and twins Allison and Sarah. She is being honored by the Pelham Civic Association for her extensive work in helping her community to be a better, and healthier, place to live. I salute her for her good works and wish her every success in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF ROBERT AND CAROLYN BLACK OF VALPARAISO, FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Robert and Carolyn Black of Valparaiso, Florida. A tireless and dedicated member of my staff who has been with me since the beginning of my time here in Congress, Bob is the epitome of an unwavering public servant, and I am grateful to have known him and his wife Carolyn for over twelve years. I am proud to honor the Blacks and congratulate them on this remarkable milestone.

Bob and Carolyn, both born into military families, have called many places home; however, it was each of their homes in Ohio in the 1960s that would prove to be particularly special to them. Their parents were both stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base outside of Springfield, OH, and as neighbors, Carolyn was literally “the girl next door.” Bob and Carolyn attended the same school, Greenon

High. Bob’s wit and intellect won over Carolyn’s heart and became a perfect match to her grace and charm. As high school sweethearts, on November 23, 1963, Bob and Carolyn were married.

The son of an Air Force Pilot, Bob followed in his father’s footsteps and was commissioned in the United States Air Force. Over the course of the last fifty years since their paths first crossed, Bob and Carolyn’s journey would include assignments throughout the U.S. and around the world. Bob was steadfast in his commitment to support the varied missions of the United States, whether it be operating C-130s or C-141s, fulfilling his test pilot obligations, or commanding troops responsible for safe passage of everything from penguins to Presidents. Carolyn, having been daughter to a pilot herself, was equally steadfast in her commitment to the mission of a military wife and mother. She focused her troops on the active exploration of what each new location had to offer, the intentional effort to forge strong relationships with one another, and the importance of an open mind. It is unquestioned that the success of their partnership is possible because of the strength and love Bob and Carolyn share.

Bob’s last assignment as the Vice Commander of the Air Force Development Test Center at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida brought them to the Gulf Coast in 1992. Bob retired from the Air Force as a Colonel in October 1994, though, with Carolyn’s continued support, he continues to contribute to the defense of our country, including his role on my staff as my Senior Military Advisor.

Bob and Carolyn have accomplished much together, but their greatest achievement is their five daughters. They are the proud parents of Christine (and Brian McCann), Shana (and Christopher Swartz), Kelly (and Shawn Swartz), Sarah Kate, and Anna Lauren, and proud grandparents to Jack, Kate, Alden, and Bridget. All five daughters have continued their parent’s commitment to family, community and compassion through their professions, such as nursing, medical research and specialty healthcare for Veterans as well as their personal endeavors such as programs for special needs children and Scouting leadership. Needless to say, Bob and Carolyn enjoy spending time with their family and the beauty of the Emerald Coast.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am humbled to recognize the dedicated service of Bob and Carolyn to the Northwest Florida community and this great Nation. My wife, Vicki, and I congratulate the Blacks, our dear friends, on their Golden Anniversary and wish them and their family all of God’s blessings. May He grant them many more years of good health and happiness.

THOMAS O. BOORMAN

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas O. Boorman, a man who dedicated much of his life to serving others. Thomas spent four years serving on a mine sweeper in the Navy. He went on to serve for twenty-six years in the United States Air

Force, flying over five hundred missions in a B-52.

Upon his retirement from military service, Thomas felt the call to continue serving his community. He first joined the Placer County Sheriffs office and then worked as a control officer at Folsom State Prison.

Thomas Boorman was an avid sportsman and adventurer and a devoted supporter of the Second Amendment. He would speak openly about his love for his country, his community and the unique freedoms that Americans enjoy. His commitment to our freedoms was consistently illustrated by his lifetime of military and public service. Please join me in honoring Thomas Boorman, a man of lifelong service who will be sorely missed by so many.

HONORING THE GLACIER PEAK
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2013 Glacier Peak High School girls cross country team. On November 9, the Grizzlies repeated as 3A cross country state champions, and I would like to congratulate them on their impressive achievement.

The Grizzlies’ championship title is the result of the hard work and strong effort of the entire team. I would like to give special recognition to senior Megan Davis, the team’s top finisher at the state competition this year. Megan finished 12th overall with a time of 19:00.13. Beyond Davis, the team’s success came from the efforts of freshmen Heidi Smith and Natalie Church, sophomore Charlie Sevenants, juniors Katherine Dittmann and Haley Longstreth, and senior Samantha Northrop.

The Glacier Peak girls cross country team has a legacy of success. Since it was established in 2007, the team has never finished any lower than seventh at the state competition, including three state championships in the past four years.

The Grizzlies’ impressive record of success is a testament to their incredible work ethic and the impressive coaching of Dan Parker. Coach Parker has provided the Grizzlies with the encouragement and training necessary for the team to continuously perform at such a high level of competition.

Again, I congratulate the Glacier Peak Girls Cross Country Team on all of their success. Their accomplishments and awards from this season are hard-earned and well-deserved.

CAROL SALZMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Carol Salzman for her outstanding service to our community.

Carol began her career as a critical care nurse at Exemplar Lutheran Medical Center in 1978 and is now the executive director of the

ELMC Foundation. Two signature fundraising events she created and leads are the White Rose Evening and the Leaves of Hope Run/Walk, which support Lutheran's hospice and cancer programs respectively. Carol has a passion for community health improvement and serves as the executive lead for Lutheran Medical Center's wellness efforts. She believes that through partnerships with Jefferson County Public Health and other community organization, we can address important community concerns like tobacco and obesity. Carol lives the wellness message and believes in it with all of her heart.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Carol Salzman for her well deserved honor by the West Chamber serving Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

ELAINE CHAPNICK

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Elaine Chapnick arrived in Larchmont in 1968 with her husband David and their two children, Adam and Melissa. She joined the League of Women Voters and volunteered to become Executive Director of the New York Council on Children's Television, working with the networks to promote better programming with less commercialism. She also spoke with parent groups throughout the Metropolitan area on how to manage television in their children's lives.

After teaching English for a year at a special fifth grade program at the Murray Avenue School she joined Caroline Silverstone to form a video production company. Their documentary projects included taping the Arts in the Schools program which Lincoln Center had introduced in the Mamaroneck schools. She then ran an after school video club at Chatsworth School.

When her children were in school full time she worked at Newsweek Broadcasting where she developed a pilot children's public affairs program called Periscope. From there she went to the American Lung Association, initiated their anti-smoking campaign and became the Executive Director of Communications.

During this time she served on the Board of the Emelin Theater, on the Board of Larchmont Temple chairing the Adult Education Committee, the Board of LMC-TV that negotiated the original community cable agreement, the Board of Continuing Education, the School Board Selection Committee, and the Hispanic Resource Center, serving as Fund Chair and newsletter editor.

She represented the Village of Larchmont on the county's Community Development Block Grant Committee and was a member of the Board of Trustees of Barnard College where she chaired the Student Life Committee.

More recently she was a reporter covering the Larchmont Village Board meetings for the Larchmont Gazette, was a member of the Human Rights Committee which planned the last five Martin Luther King, Jr. events, serves on the Planned Parenthood Luncheon Planning Committee and is the President of the Larchmont/Mamaroneck Local Summit.

I congratulate Elaine Chapnick on receiving this year's Sunny Award, created in honor of former LMC-TV President Sunny Yeddis Goldberg, and given to individuals for their dedication and their outstanding contribution to our community.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK FLORES

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Frank Flores, known lovingly by his friends and family as "Apo," "Cabeza," or "Tagasi," who dedicated his life to his country and his family. Mr. Flores was born on October 25, 1950, in Guam. He graduated in 1968 from George Washington High School and enlisted in the United States Air Force and retired in October 1990 at Los Angeles Air Force Base (Space and Missile System Contracting Division) as a Master Sergeant. After his retirement from the Air Force, Mr. Flores continued his service to our country by joining the Veterans Administration, where he performed a number of duties to assist his fellow veterans. During his time at the VA, he rose from a GS 7 Trainee Veterans Benefits Counselor and retired as a GS 13 after just nine years. Mr. Flores served in a number of capacities, including as a Congressional Liaison Officer and as a Decision Review Officer. Following his retirement from the VA, Mr. Flores founded the Project Guiding Light Veterans Volunteer Advocacy Group, an organization focused on helping veterans navigate the benefits process at the VA. The group works closely with veterans and other Veterans Service Organizations to help veterans receive all of the benefits they have earned.

Mr. Flores worked extensively with the National Association of Chamorro Veterans in America (NOCVA), an organization seeking to unite and organize Chamorro veterans across the United States to advocate on behalf of the Chamorro people. The organization, which was founded in 2011, has focused its efforts on honoring Chamorro veterans, and serving as their voice in Washington. The Chamorro ancestry traces back to Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Mr. Flores spent his entire life serving others, and helped thousands of veterans through his tireless advocacy and dedication. His legacy will endure and serve as an example to us all.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
MAXIMILIAN BANDY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Maximilian Bandy of East Moline, Illinois who passed away on December 5th at the age of 87.

Max Bandy was born on February 1, 1926 in Centerville, Iowa, one of 11 children. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, Max worked at Case IH for over 40

years. He stayed active in his community as a union steward and later ran for Alderman of the 6th Ward. He was first elected in 1993 and remained on the City Council until 1999. Additionally, Max served on the board of the Florence Aldridge Child Development Center in East Moline.

Max loved being involved in his community, singing in his church choir and cheering on his Iowa Hawkeyes. He had a large family and was a very proud father, stepfather, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to give my sincere condolences to Max Bandy's family and friends and honor his years of dedicated service to the people of East Moline.

HONORING JERRY FRIEDMAN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Jerry Friedman is a wonderful example of someone who has continually given back to his community over the course of his 85 years.

Jerry was born in Brooklyn on December 9, 1928. He entered the service in 1948, and served in the Army Medical Corps before being discharged as a First Sergeant in 1953. In 1955 he married Lillian and they had two children, Lynn and Stuart, and are grandparents to Sophie and Benjamin.

The family moved to Co-op City and lived there for the next 42 years. There Jerry served on the Board of Directors for six years and was with the Boy Scouts for 20 years, becoming a Scout Master.

He has been a member of the Knights of Pythias for 25 years serving as Chancellor.

Jerry has a long work history with the Gateway Counseling Center where he worked with consumer of mental health services. He was appointed to the Board of Visitors of the Bronx Psychiatric Center, a 360-bed facility accredited by the Joint Commission on Healthcare Organizations and affiliated with the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Bronx Psychiatric Center has three inpatient services and a comprehensive outpatient program.

Jerry's photography hobby led to his pictures being shown at a variety of venues, including synagogues and senior citizen centers.

I wish Jerry the happiest of birthdays and thank him for his many years of service and his many contributions to the community.

DEAR JON

HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Albert Caswell, who has written a poem in honor of Staff Sergeant Jonathan Dozier of the United States Army. Staff Sergeant Dozier was killed in Sinsil, Iraq on January 9, 2008, while serving his country. He was a highly decorated soldier, earning the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his heroic sacrifice and for his commitment to his fellow Americans. He is survived by his wife Amy, their