

IN APPRECIATION FOR RON GOLDWYN'S SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer words of appreciation for a departing member of my staff, Ron Goldwyn. Ron will be retiring after 7 years in my Philadelphia office as Press Secretary to enjoy the Philadelphia Mummers, baseball, the Southwest and lots of quality time with his family. I have no doubt that Ron will also continue to follow the workings of this body from a more distant place. His connection to the House began long before joining my team. In fact, when his wife Carol first came to Washington to meet his family, he brought her to sit in the House gallery!

Ron came to my office as a second career following years of success as a journalist. His stellar career began as editor of the "Family News" at age 10. It then took him to Woodrow Wilson High School's Beacon, the Washington Daily News Scholastic Sports Association, Fort Dix, the Dayton Journal Herald, Philadelphia Bulletin and the Philadelphia Daily News. In my office he has served as a drafter of press releases and proclamations, a photographer around town and resident comedian.

Ron is a proud (retired) member of Local 10 of the Newspaper Guild (now part of Communications Workers of America). He is former president of the Pen and Pencil Club, the journalists' after hours club. He is a founding member of Mishkan Shalom synagogue in Roxborough, Pennsylvania where he has held several lay leadership positions. Ron still plays on the Pen and Pencil softball team and for several years was the commissioner of the Center City softball league. He is currently the President of the Blue Bell Hill Civic Association.

From the first time he saw the parade in January, 1975, Ron has adored Philadelphia's Mummers Parade, even though many of the Mummers are a notoriously prickly and feuding bunch. For a few years, he and his wife were only spectators. Then, in 1980 or so, Ron began providing the Mummers research "book" to Larry Kane who anchored the Parade broadcast. From 1984 to 1994, a motley crew of family and friends dressed up as kazoos and marched as a group in the Comic Division of the parade. Known as the King Kazoo New Year Association—Ron was "King Kazoo," of course—the group finished as high as fourth in the division several times. About 17 years ago, Ron took on a new role, becoming the color commentator for the comic division part of Parade broadcast until this year, which was his first as a "marshall" with the Pennsport String Band.

Ron's absence will be deeply felt in my office. My staff and I have come to rely on his strong writing, attention to detail, knowledge of Philadelphia history and commitment to public engagement. While we celebrate his transition into retirement, we look forward to his visits and updates from The Land of Enchantment. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Ron for his service here and wish him well in his next adventure.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT AND SERVICE OF MAYOR ADDISON LARRY HARTWIG

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated public servant from the Sixth Congressional District of Illinois, Mayor Larry Hartwig of Addison. In May, he will conclude his loyal service as Mayor after four terms.

As a resident of the Village of Addison for over 40 years, Mr. Hartwig has served as a model citizen. He first entered public office in 1987 as Village Trustee, and in 1995, he was appointed Interim Mayor of Addison where he was elected thereafter.

During his tenure as Mayor, Mr. Hartwig has been an exemplary leader and public servant. After retiring as Principal of Wood Dale Junior High School, he devoted more time to other areas of service, including the DuPage Water Commission and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. His noble leadership led him to serve as President of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference and as Chairman of the Conference's Legislative Committee.

Mayor Hartwig has represented his community well and has been a strong voice for the Village of Addison throughout his time in office. His long service to the people of Addison and to DuPage County is truly commendable. Although retiring as Mayor, Addison will continue to benefit from his involvement as a member of the community.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in congratulating Mayor Hartwig on 26 years of public service and in wishing him all the best for the days ahead.

IN HONOR OF COMMANDER KIRK H. JOHNSON

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Commander Kirk H. Johnson for his tireless advocacy efforts and leadership supporting veterans.

Kirk H. Johnson was born September 28, 1956 in Chestertown, Maryland. He enlisted in the Army in 1978 at Fort McClellan, Alabama as a Helicopter Repairman. Kirk was promoted to Sergeant in 1980 and in 1981, was appointed as Crew Chief for Army Chiefs of Staff.

Mr. Johnson was awarded the Humanitarian Service Award in 1982 for his role in a life saving rescue mission after a commercial jet crashed into the 14th Street Bridge in Washington DC and plunged into the Potomac River. In 1983, Kirk entered the Warrant Officer Program to receive further flight training and graduated as an Aero Scout Pilot in 1984. Mr. Johnson was then stationed at Ft. Ord, California and upon arriving served as a Line Pilot as well as a Survival Training Officer for the Aviator Brigade. In his time at Ft. Ord, Kirk carried out a multitude of different duties, from Pilot in Command to Income Tax Officer, be-

fore being involved in an accident that separated him from his two passions: aviating and being a soldier.

Kirk has been the Commander of the Department of California American Veterans since 2012 (DAV). He represents 101,133 members and 68 chapters throughout the state of California. This service organization provides free support to Veterans, their spouses, family members, and orphans. Services provided include filing claims to provide medical, educational, and compensation benefits to our wounded warriors.

Kirk coordinates volunteer hours and transportation activities as a representative for the Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (VAVS) DAV at Palo Alto Veterans Hospital and the Monterey VA clinic since 2006. In 2012, the volunteer programs logged over 700,000 hours of coordinated volunteer services and thousands of travel miles from this transportation network. Mr. Johnson further supports VAVs by serving as Executive Committee President since 2010.

Prior to assuming his current Commander role, Kirk was the Senior Vice Commander for Department of California DAV from 2011 to 2012 and Junior Vice Commander from 2010 to 2012. Kirk also acts as an Advisor to the Veterans Club at Monterey Peninsula Community College, which gives younger veterans an opportunity to help themselves and their community. Previously, Kirk served as the Club's President from 2009–2011.

Kirk's advocacy further includes his membership in the Veterans Focus Council from Palo Alto Health Care System and as the Judge Advocate and member of the Executive Committee from DAV Chapter 85, Seaside, California where he held previous positions. Kirk was the chaplain for DAV Chapter 85 from 2004 through 2007.

Mr. Speaker, I once again want to thank Mr. Johnson for his continual dedication to helping our veterans and for his service to our country.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the City of Tualatin, Oregon, on the occasion of its centennial anniversary.

This remarkable city, located just south of the State's largest metropolitan area, serves as a gateway to the fertile farmland of the Willamette Valley, which was formed by a series of cataclysmic floods some 12,000–17,000 years ago.

The Tualatin River Basin has provided sanctuary and sustenance for a litany of ancestral occupants. This wide range of early and distinguished inhabitants included the Atfalati Tribe and the historic Tualatin Mastodon, which was unearthed in 1962 after 13,000 years and subsequently displayed at the Tualatin Public Library for public edification.

In 1850 the U.S. Congress passed the Donation Land Claim Act, which granted title to American settlers committed to productive cultivation of the land. Shortly after, from 1850–1853, 30 families took up permanent residence in the area. Initially known as

Galbreath, then Bridgeport, the settlement was named Tualatin in 1887 and subsequently incorporated, by a vote of the townspeople, on August 18, 1913.

In the one hundred years since, Tualatin, Oregon has demonstrated a balanced approach to development—combining economic vitality and safe and beautiful neighborhoods with environmental stewardship to ensure a preeminent quality of life. Over 300 acres of award-winning parks and natural spaces delight residents and offer an abundance of recreational opportunities for hikers, bikers, and outdoor enthusiasts. The community is very proud to have recently celebrated 25 years as a designated Tree City USA.

The City of Tualatin harbors a first-rate educational system, visionary leadership, and public administrators of the highest caliber. An engaged and informed citizenry—critical to the success of every governmental body—actively participates in governance, supports a thriving business community, and sustains a range of cultural and artistic activities.

Mr. Speaker, one hundred years have passed since the incorporation of Tualatin, Oregon. It is a deep honor to represent this exceptional city in the U.S. Congress. I offer my sincerest congratulations during this centennial celebration and look forward to many more years of growth and prosperity.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER BEJADO ON RECEIVING THE 2013 U.S. SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mr. Christopher Bejado on being awarded the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Person of the Year Award for Guam. Mr. Bejado is the president and director of hospitality of Marianas Slingstone, Inc. dba Proa.

PROA is true to the philosophy of "garden to table," meaning PROA hires its employees from Guam and sources its ingredients from local farmers. The restaurant remains committed to the Hafa Adai spirit and to being locally sustainable.

Chris was pursuing a master's degree in education from the University of Guam when he and his childhood friend, Geoffrey D. Perez, opened PROA Restaurant in Tumon. In 2007, the restaurant opened a complementary business, Sweet Relief Pastry Shop, featuring unique local flavors in delectable sweets. PROA opened a second location in November 2012, in the heart of Hagatna, to cater to the island's southern patrons.

Born and raised on Guam in the village of Tamuning, Chris is the son of Catalino Marilag Bejado, a Filipino migrant from the province of Bicol in the Philippines, and Maria Martinez Flores, a Chamorro islander. He is the youngest of six siblings.

Chris is a 1988 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School and earned a bachelor's degree in travel industry management from Hawaii Pacific University. He is married to Cora Yanger Bejado and has three daughters: Natalie, Camille, and Kathleen.

At age 23, after graduating from college Chris returned home to Guam and opened his first restaurant called De Niro's Pasta Kitchen in the village of Dededo which remained open for just 2 years. Chris has also held positions with the Hyatt Regency Guam as Assistant Manager for the Al Dente Restaurant, as well as Stewarding Manager. He also held the position of Concessions Manager for LSG Lufthansa Sky Chefs, opening 12 food and beverage outlets in the New Guam International Airport in 1995.

Chris had a passion for sharing his work experience with Guam's young students, this led him to accept a position at the University of Guam (UOG) as Outreach Coordinator for the International Tourism and Hospitality Industry. He later worked as Marketing Specialist for the Office of University and Community Engagement, spending nearly ten years at UOG.

Chris is also an active member in our island community. Chris has always believed that giving back to the community is his civic duty. He has years of experience and commitment to community organizations, serving as Chairman for the Hagatna Foundation, Chairman and Board Member for the Guam Humanities Council, and the Guam Educational Radio Foundation, KPRG 89.3. He has also contributed much time and resources to the American Cancer Society.

I congratulate Christopher Bejado on receiving the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Person of the Year Award for Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending him for his award and thanking him for his contributions to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF EQUAL PAY DAY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Equal Pay Day. Equal Pay Day brings awareness to the issue of disparate pay for women and families, and promotes the fair principles of equal pay for equal work.

As a Member of Congress, I am proud to say that I am an original cosponsor of the Paycheck Fairness Act, an important piece of legislation that hopes to limit sex discrimination in the payment of wages. Nationally, women earn roughly 77 cents for every dollar earned by their male counterparts. This wage gap varies widely throughout various states across the country. For single parents and other heads of households, wage inequality can have lasting ramifications on quality of life and economic prosperity. Earning less money for the same time investment is not only unfair, it undermines a robust labor force and eats away at the foundation of a strong and prosperous economy. It is an issue that afflicts every community across our Nation.

In the Dallas Metroplex, women are paid 85 cents for every dollar paid to men, or \$7,163 less per year for a typical full-time job. According to the National Partnership for Women and Families, women in the Dallas area lose more than \$7 billion each year due to these blatant disparities in pay.

Mr. Speaker, we owe it to the American people to ensure that all workers are being

paid fair and equitable wages for their labor. The Equal Pay and Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Acts were steps taken in the right direction. Now, we must pass the Paycheck Fairness Act to continue our assault on pay inequality, and ensure that women across the country have access to fair wages.

THE PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, today is Equal Pay Day—the day that symbolizes when, more than three months into the year, the average woman's yearly income finally catches up to what a man was paid in a previous year. Getting paid fairly for the work you do is tough for almost everyone, but, for women, it's particularly difficult.

Women earn an average of 77 cents for every dollar earned by men, costing women and their families up to \$2 million over a woman's working lifetime. With a record number of women in the workforce, wage discrimination is hurting the majority of American families, both in terms of their economic security today and their retirement security tomorrow. Families have fewer resources to pay the mortgage, send kids to college, or have a decent retirement.

If the United States had an adopted policy of equal pay, it would put \$200 billion more into the economy every year. This comes out to about \$137 for every white woman per pay check, and approximately \$300 for every woman of color, who are doubly discriminated against.

Today, there are an unprecedented number of women who are the breadwinners of their families. This makes pay equity even more critical, not simply to family economic security, but also to our nation's economy.

As we look for ways to create more jobs and grow the economy, it's astounding to me that Congress has not yet passed legislation ensuring equal pay for equal work. It's a powerful policy which would produce enormously positive economic outcomes.

The Paycheck Fairness Act ensures that employers who try to justify paying a man more than a woman for the same job must demonstrate that the disparity is not sex-based, but job-related and necessary. It prohibits employers from retaliating against employees who discuss or disclose their own salary information with their co-workers, and it strengthens the remedies available to wronged employees.

Pay inequity due to gender discrimination is real, it should not be tolerated, and we need to take action against it.

NATIONAL SPRING CLEANING WEEK, MARCH 18-24, 2013

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize the Association of Residential Cleaning