

IN RECOGNITION OF DANIEL J. NAVARRE'S EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RESIDENTS OF WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

**HON. GARY C. PETERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2013*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, Daniel J. Navarre of West Bloomfield, Michigan, as he is honored by the West Bloomfield Optimist Club as its 2013 honoree. Each year, the West Bloomfield Optimist Club recognizes one of its members for their exceptional contributions to the community in fulfillment of the Optimist Creed.

The Optimist Creed states that one will think of only the best, work for only the best and expect only the best. Known as Dan to his friends, Daniel Navarre has made this creed a central tenet of his work, both in the West Bloomfield community and beyond. His commitment to giving the best of himself to his work is a principle that he executed every day in his twenty years of work at Wayne County Parks and Recreation.

After retiring from Wayne County as Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation in 1997, Dan brought the same level of passion and commitment to his friends and neighbors when he joined West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation in 1999. During his tenure, Dan has used his leadership position to advocate for and develop many projects that have improved the quality-of-life for Township residents. These projects include the development of Drake Sports Park, which has supported many local sports teams for youth and adults alike; and the redevelopment of Marshbank Park on Cass Lake, which has become a premier facility for the active lifestyle of Lakes Area residents. As part of his work on the Marshbank Park project, Dan was instrumental in acquiring the resources that allowed the Township to fully realize its vision of a space that could promote healthy living for local residents. These funds were also utilized by the Township to support the development of over six-and-a-half miles of multipurpose trails created from old rail lines.

In addition to his work for the people of West Bloomfield Township, Dan has been an active member of the West Bloomfield Optimist Club for many years and served as its President from 2005 to 2006. While serving as President, Dan worked with other Lakes Area residents to found the Lakes Area Optimist Club, which serves the youth and residents of several surrounding communities. Under his leadership and participation the Club has continued its robust support of local youth through its Youth Appreciation Breakfast, Essay Contest, Oratorical Contest, College Scholarship Program and many other programs it plans year-round.

Mr. Speaker, the strength and vibrancy of the communities we serve depend on the zeal and devotion of its residents to their friends, neighbors and our youth. Dan's service to the people of Southeast Michigan and his volunteer endeavors are a perfect example of this truth and it is fitting that he is being recognized by the West Bloomfield Optimist Club for his contributions that have encouraged the de-

velopment of our youth and made the West Bloomfield community a better place to live. I wish Dan and the West Bloomfield Optimists many years of future success and look forward to continuing to work together in pursuit of our common goal to build a vibrant community that fosters a successful future for our youth.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF AUGUST D. SINGLER, FORMER SHERIFF OF JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON

**HON. GREG WALDEN**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2013*

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express gratitude to August D. Singler, former Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon. Sheriff August David Singler was killed in the line of duty on April 23, 1913, the first law enforcement officer and only Sheriff in Jackson County to die in this tragic way. He lived with his family in Jacksonville, Oregon, in the "Wilson House" located directly behind the old Jackson County Courthouse/Jail when Jacksonville was the county seat. He was a very special individual who during his short tenure in law enforcement gave his life in service for the citizens of Jackson County and the State of Oregon. His place in history is recognized because of his selfless service to his community and respect for the rule of law.

August was born on May 28, 1876, in Millersburg, Indiana, and was one of 13 children of John and Susan Singler. At a later date the Singler family moved to South Bend, Indiana, where August met his future wife Rose Probst. They eventually married November 15, 1898 and made their home in South Bend, Indiana, where their first child was born. August watched the midwife during the birth of their first child and delivered the remainder of his eight children by himself. As the family and quest to support them grew, August decided to head west. As the adventurous soul that he was, he hitchhiked to Southern Oregon twice before he wired for his wife and three children who then came to Oregon by train. Shortly after arriving, August and Rose's fourth child was born.

August performed various small jobs including selling Singer sewing machines and patented medicines for the "Electric Medical Company." August was considered a "jack-of-all-trades," who would go to great lengths to feed and clothe his family. In late 1906, August purchased a small piece of land in Medford on Lozier Lane. Although he knew very little about building houses, he proceeded to erect a two story home for his family.

August was involved in many civic organizations including the Moose Lodge, Redmens, Woodsman of the World, Knights of Columbus, and a charter member of the Elks Lodge. Because of his extensive involvement he was known as a spirited man who gave much of himself and his time to the community.

In 1909 August was appointed Constable of the Medford District and served four years in this position. Upon his appointment, Singler's reputation as keeper of the peace surfaced quickly. His exploits were known from Sacramento to Portland. Singler tracked criminals

by horseback, railroad handcar, car, and buckboard—always seeming to capture the offenders. He was called a "Super Sleuth," nervy, imaginative, tough and yet a gentle soul. The citizenry jokingly called him Sherlock Holmes.

Throughout the years, people have heard about Lawmen of the West, yet none surpassed Singler in courage, innovation, and determination. Ironically most of his achievements were accomplished during his tenure as Constable of the Medford District in Jackson County. August was responsible for introducing the art of fingerprinting to Jackson County and was the first lawman to use bloodhounds in this area.

In 1912, August Singler decided to run for Sheriff of Jackson County Oregon to support the needs of his growing family. His campaign slogan read "Party I am Working For" and featured August, his wife Rose, and their eight children. An interesting sideline to the campaign came when August's friends sent a campaign card east to former President Theodore Roosevelt.

According to the Medford Mail Tribune's January 15, 1912, edition, President Roosevelt acknowledged receipt of the card with best wishes for August's success. He was successful in the primary election against a tough opponent, Mr. Emmitt Beesen, a descendent of a local pioneer family. In the general election, August defeated popular incumbent Sheriff Wilber Jones. August's term as sheriff began in January 1913. His term was relatively routine until April 22, 1913, when he was advised of the return of a 19-year-old desperado Lester Jones. His promising career as Sheriff was cut short that day as the result of the shootout with the fugitive Jones while the Sheriff was attempting to serve him with an arrest warrant.

In a classic scene out of the old West, August walked slowly toward the two room cabin in the hills southeast of Jacksonville. The young desperado suddenly opened fire. One bullet ploughed through both of the Sheriffs lungs and another through his right hand. As August fell to the ground he opened fired, emptying his weapon. Each of the six bullets hit the fugitive, and he died instantly. Sheriff August Singler passed the next morning April 23, 1913, leaving behind his beloved wife Rose and their 8 children all under the age of 13 years old. He was the first law enforcement officer to die in the line of duty in Jackson County and the only elected Sheriff.

On April 25, 1913, with businesses in the City of Medford closed and flags lowered to half-mast, the last tribute was paid to Sheriff August Singler. The funeral procession was 12 blocks long and so great were the crowds at the church that only half could be seated with hundreds standing along the funeral procession route. It was said to be the largest outpouring of public grief in Jackson County history.

It should be recognized that Sheriff Singler deserves a place in history. His pride for his community, concern for his neighbors, and leadership are still reflected in those who understand what it takes to preserve the peace. He was said to be a gentleman in every way, and carried himself in a way that demanded respect. May his name not be forgotten, but let him be placed among other recognized lawmen of the past. April 23, 2013, represents 100 years since his tragic and untimely death.

# HONORING THE NUTLEY VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY AND RESCUE SQUAD

## HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2013*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad, located in the Township of Nutley, Essex County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary.

The Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad has served the Township of Nutley since 1953, providing a high quality of emergency medical and rescue services. Before its inception, emergency care in Nutley was only available through the Police Department. It was in 1953 that Jess Booth, Wally Eckhardt, and Dave Marshall, all members of the Police Reserves, set out to form a First Aid Squad. After attending District meetings of the New Jersey State First Aid Council, plans for the potential Nutley squad were formulated and presented to Mayor Harry W. Chenoweth. The Mayor then took the idea before the Town Commission, where it won approval. On March 3, 1953, the Nutley First Aid and Rescue Squad was officially created to provide Nutley with immediate care by well-trained women and men in any emergency.

The Squad began with a 1947 Buick ambulance, which they refurbished and equipped for use. At its conception, the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad only had eleven members, providing service from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., and were supplemented by the Nutley Police Department. The courtroom above the Chestnut Street Fire House served as a meeting area for business and training, while the ambulance was parked at the Warren Street entrance of the Fire House. Duty crews stood by in the Police Headquarters, and the records were housed at the homes of the first officers.

Within the following two years, the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad was permitted to utilize the Red Cross building for meetings and conducted their first fund drive with the help of the Ladies Auxiliary. The proceeds enabled the replacement of the old Buick with a new 1955 Meads-Miller Cadillac ambulance. The success of the drive prompted the formation of an Ambulance Association, and the fundraiser became an annual event. By 1958, the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad had outgrown the spaces allotted to them, and refurbished the old town garage under Police Headquarters to suit their needs. This provided a bay for two rigs, meeting rooms, and an area for the crew to stand by. The following year, the Police ambulance was replaced with a new Eurika Cadillac ambulance. The ever-increasing amount of calls for aid led to the beginning of 24-hour coverage for the Township of Nutley in 1961.

Since 1973, the Squad has been a live-in Squad, with members required to remain at headquarters for the entire length of their shifts. That same year, bunkrooms were constructed to accommodate the late-night crews between calls. The dedicated members, having all qualified as New Jersey State Emergency Medical Technicians, changed the name from Nutley First Aid and Rescue Squad to the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad, Inc. in 1976 to reflect their train-

ing, and the advanced care they provide. The equipment and volunteer members are kept current. The member training includes Standard and Advanced First Aid Courses, ambulance procedures, rig driving lessons, emergency childbirth, and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation training. More recently, the Squad also has a Scuba Team, Water Recovery and Rescue, and a Bike Team. A shortage in volunteers led to the hiring of two paid EMTs in 1988, and again in 1999. The Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad maintains these employees solely through fundraising and donations.

Though 60 years have passed, the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad has maintained the two original goals: dedication of members to service to the Township of Nutley with the highest quality of care, and services rendered free of charge to those in need.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Nutley Volunteer Emergency and Rescue Squad as they celebrate their 60th anniversary.

## HONORING DREW LINN

## HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2013*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor Mr. Drew Linn, President and owner of the Birmingham, Alabama, based Southland International Trucks for his selection as 2013 Truck Dealer of the Year. Mr. Linn was nominated by his peers and selected from a field of nominees by an independent panel of judges from Indiana University's Kelly School of Business. The national award, which is co-sponsored by the American Truck Dealers and Heavy Duty Trucking Magazine, focuses on excellence in dealership performance, as well as industry and community leadership.

Mr. Linn began his career with International Harvester, now known as Navistar, in 1965. Throughout his extensive career, he cites his success as due to his focus on providing excellent service to his customers. His dedication is evident from his successful business, Southland International Trucks, that operates six locations throughout Alabama.

Mr. Linn has had a distinguished career and has been recognized with more than a dozen corporate and industry awards, including the International Circle of Excellence, International Dealer of the Year (2008) and H. Chester Webb Distinguished Service Award (2009) from the Alabama Trucking Association.

I am thankful for Mr. Drew Linn and Americans like him that work to provide great products and service to consumers and support our nation's workforce with good, dependable jobs.

## A TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY SHERIFF ERIC LARSON

## HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2013*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend and fellow

law enforcement officer Patrol Deputy Sheriff Eric Larson of the Alameda County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Sheriff Larson was wounded on March 30, 2013, while bravely serving in the line of duty.

Deputy Sheriff Larson has been honorably serving in the Alameda County Sheriff's Department for over 19 years. He worked his way up through the ranks, previously serving in the Coroner's Office before becoming a Patrol Deputy Sheriff.

As a former prosecutor, I know the importance of courageous and experienced police officers, like Deputy Sheriff Larson, who work day in and day out to keep our streets and communities safe.

Deputy Sheriff Larson's efforts on the day he was wounded helped to protect his fellow officers. He is a shining example of the best and bravest officers in our country; he is willing to put himself in danger for the benefit of others.

Deputy Sheriff Larson is a fourth generation resident of Alameda County, where he continues to reside with his wife and three children. Before joining the Alameda County Police Department, Deputy Sheriff Larson attended San Lorenzo High School. He continues to be active in his community by coaching a variety of youth sports such as baseball, soccer, basketball, and t-ball.

I am thankful for the dedication and sacrifices of Deputy Sheriff Eric Larson and all of the Alameda County police officers who continue to put themselves in harm's way every day to protect the neighborhoods of the East Bay. I wish Deputy Sheriff Larson all the best as he continues to recover at home with his family.

## HONORING THE ROTARY CLUB OF MADISON'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

## HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2013*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rotary Club of Madison, located in Madison, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 90th anniversary.

The Rotary Club of Madison is a branch of the worldwide network of Rotaries, which inspire individuals to transform their passions into relevant social causes to improve lives in communities. The first Rotary Club in the world was organized in Chicago, Illinois in 1905 by Paul P. Harris, a young lawyer. He gathered together a group of men, each from a different sphere of public service, to form the first club. The club would rotate their meeting place between the places of business of the members, which suggested the name "Rotary." These men met with the goal of developing fellowship and understanding among businesses and professionals in the community, promoting improvement of the community through high ethical standards in occupational practice, and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace. These ideals of thoughtfulness and helpfulness to others are the same that are held fast by the nearly 33 thousand Rotary Clubs, with over 1.2 million members, that exist today.

The Madison Rotary is among these clubs that carry on the proud tradition. In the early