

the privilege to know her. Our community and our country were blessed and strengthened by her time with us.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ED RONTTELL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Eddie Rontell, who passed away on August 20, 2014, at the age of 88. Ed's family and friends as well as community members throughout Fresno will miss him dearly as he dedicated much of his life to the revitalization and wellbeing of the city.

Born in Fresno, California, Ed was the son of Italian immigrants and grew up during the Great Depression. Forced to drop out of Washington Union High School upon his father's death, Ed worked a number of jobs including time spent as a farm laborer and a fireman. Eventually, Ed founded an Auto Shop which he used to launch his lifelong career as a car dealer.

Ed was an honest businessman who often earned the loyalty of his customers for generations. Ed used the money he earned to help those in need. He was an anonymous donor to hundreds of charities throughout the state. Additionally, Ed spent much of his own free time volunteering with local non-profits including the Northern California Cancer Program, the Fresno Metropolitan Museum development board, the Fresno Community Hospital board, the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, the San Joaquin College of Law board, the Fresno Downtown Club, the UC Valley Medical Education Foundation, CaP CURE Prostate Cancer Foundation, and the Rotary Club of Fresno.

Ed was a friend of the late Bishop Steinbock and played a major role in the renovation of St. John's Cathedral. It was a project that Ed, a faithful Catholic who attended mass every morning, was very proud of.

Ed was also a devoted family man. He was a devoted husband to his wife, Margie; a proud father to his five children, Cathie, Eddie, Steve, Marilyn, and Carol; and a loving grandfather to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to honor the life of Ed Rontell. He will be greatly missed, but his dedication to those around him will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING DIANE REHM

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Diane Rehm, who this week is observing 35 years in the District of Columbia at the public radio station, WAMU, where she has provided outstanding service to listeners in the District of Columbia, the national capital region, and the nation.

For more than three decades, Diane has been among the nation's most prominent radio hosts. Her reputation for welcoming all sides of every issue has allowed her to attract some of the nation's most influential guests and made her program one of the most popular in radio.

Diane Rehm, a native Washingtonian, began her career as an assistant producer at WAMU before becoming an award-winning journalist. In 1979, Diane became the host of WAMU's local morning talk show, "Kaleidoscope." She grew the show until it was inevitably renamed "The Diane Rehm Show," today with nearly 2.6 million weekly listeners across the country.

Among Diane's many accomplishments are her National Humanities Medal awarded by President Obama, and her George Foster Personal Peabody Award, one of the oldest and most prestigious awards in broadcasting. Diane is also a celebrated writer, authoring three best-selling autobiographical books: *Finding My Voice*, *Toward Commitment: A Dialogue about Marriage*, and *Life With Maxi*.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that most Members of Congress are familiar with Diane's excellence from hearing her program here in the nation's capital or at home. Therefore, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Diane Rehm for 35 years of extraordinary contributions to the nation with "The Diane Rehm Show" and to wish her many more years of broadcast history.

RECOGNIZING THE CRISIS CENTER

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Crisis Center on receiving the Charity of the Year award presented by the Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Crisis Center was first established in 1990 for the purpose of providing safe shelter, support, and advocacy for victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Since its establishment, the Crisis Center has grown to be able to accommodate up to 40 women and children at one time.

The Crisis Center provides a large number of invaluable services to victims such as support groups, counseling, case management, crisis intervention, court advocacy and a 24-hour crisis hotline. It is the only non-profit in the area that provides such services, and all free of charge. The Crisis Center shelters an average of 300 women, men and children each year, and also provides services to 600 non-resident women, men and children.

As a member of the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and its Board of Directors for the past 15 years, the Crisis Center has become involved with many other organizations that share its vision for providing a community based response to eliminating domestic and sexual abuse.

The services provided by the Crisis Center have greatly helped to make Branson a safer and happier community over the past 24 years.

I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Crisis Center on receiving the Charity of the Year award.

RECOGNIZING "ONE GRATEFUL MINUTE"

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of "One Grateful Minute", which will be observed at noon on September 21, 2014, for a period of sixty seconds in conjunction with World Gratitude Day and the United Nations World Peace Day.

With all that is going on in our world it is important for us to take this one minute out of our day to reflect and express gratitude for all that we have. This global initiative will allow us to all come together in shared gratitude and appreciation for all that is good in our lives.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize the "One Grateful Minute" initiative on September 21, and the positive impact that gratitude can have on our lives.

BOYS TOWN CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 15, 2014

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2866, The Boys Town Centennial Commemorative Coin Act. This legislation will create a coin to honor Boys Town's longstanding commitment to the needs of at-risk children and struggling families in communities across America.

Driven by the belief that every child deserves the opportunity to succeed, Boys Town serves children of every race, color, and religion. In my district, South Florida Boys Town provides incredible opportunities to help children achieve success and pursue their dreams.

I am pleased to honor Boys Town and I urge my colleagues to vote for this legislation and I yield back my time.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TIBURCIO VASQUEZ GRAND OPENING IN SAN LEANDRO

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the construction of Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center's (TVHC) state-of-the-art community health center in San Leandro. September 20, 2014, marks the grand opening of this new facility and the center's first health fair.

For over 41 years since its founding in 1971, TVHC has delivered culturally and linguistically appropriate health care services to residents of southern Alameda County. The need is undeniable, and in 2011, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated that over 195,000 Alameda County residents were uninsured.

The unincorporated areas of Ashland and Cherryland, where the new TVHC facility

stands, has the lowest life expectancy rate and the highest rates of teen pregnancy, diabetes, stroke and cancer in Alameda County.

The new TVHC facility answers the evident need for affordable medical and social services in the area. TVHC is now uniquely positioned to ensure every resident has access to quality service, advocacy, and community empowerment.

The new health center continues the TVHC tradition of delivering free and low-cost care with the dignity and respect that every patient deserves. The two-story, 20,000 square foot healthcare facility is equipped to serve 7,200 new patients and will employ 81 professional and administrative staff. This all-inclusive site will serve patients in family practice, women's health and pediatric specialties, dental and health education services.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me celebrating the grand opening of this new community health center, and honoring Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center for promoting good health and well-being in our communities.

RECOGNIZING CHATEAU ON THE LAKE RESORT

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chateau on the Lake Resort on receiving the Ozark Mountain Hospitality award presented by the Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce.

Chateau on the Lake prides itself on its outstanding customer service. Its client-based business philosophy has continually ensured that its customers always have the best experience possible during their stay. The Chateau takes the approach that the customer knows what they want and should receive nothing less.

The Chateau, also known as the "Castle in the Ozarks," offers 301 beautifully appointed guest rooms and 57 spacious hotel suites with a focus on comfort and luxury. Nestled on Table Rock Lake, one can truly let one's cares melt away at this resort.

Chateau on the Lake has shown the community the true spirit of hospitality, and that spirit is exhibited in its employees' drive to meet the needs of its customers.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Chateau on the Lake on receiving the Ozark Mountain Hospitality award.

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND AND THE WILDERNESS ACT

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, this month marks the 50th anniversary of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Wilderness Act. This landmark legislation established a

dedicated and permanent funding source for the conservation and protection of America's irreplaceable recreational, natural, historic, and cultural landmarks.

All told, New Mexico has received over \$230 million from the LWCF to preserve areas that support our outdoor recreational economy and public well-being. In my district, important sites such as Petroglyphs National Monument and the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge—the first refuge in the Southwest to serve an urban area—will be protected for generations to come thanks to the LWCF.

The LWCF has created outdoor recreation opportunities in every state and 98 percent of counties across the country, yet there are so many other natural and historic wonders that deserve protection.

The best way we can honor the LWCF's half century of success is to reauthorize the fund before it expires next year. We owe it to our children and our children's children to ensure LWCF has the opportunity to celebrate many more anniversaries.

RECOGNIZING 50 YEARS OF THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in honoring the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1964 was established to assist federal, state and local governments in their efforts to create and sustain public outdoor recreation facilities.

LWCF success stories have taken place in every state in the Nation. My home state of Maine alone has received \$40 million in grants for federal grant program projects since 1965. The program has helped preserve some of Maine's most treasured spaces—including the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, Acadia National Park, the Saint Croix Island International Historic Site, and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail—as well as many more nationwide.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I will continue to fight for the full funding of the LWCF so that it can continue the great work it has been doing for the past 50 years. And I raise my voice along with those of others who are calling for a reauthorization of this important legislation.

Again, my sincere thanks go to the thousands of people across the country who work to make the LWCF a success. It is my honor to congratulate them and the LWCF program on this important milestone.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TOM BECKHAM

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Marion Burkett

Beckham III, also known as Tom Beckham. Tom passed away on July 19, 2014, after a long bout with cancer.

Tom served his country honorably during the Vietnam War with the United States Marine Corps from 1965 to 1969. During his service, Tom earned the Presidential Unit Citation, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with 2 stars, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, and the Rifle Marksman Badge.

Tom was born in Clovis, California, on February 11, 1947. He was raised in the foothill area above Millerton Lake and graduated from Sierra High School.

A long time musician and singer, he entertained people over a span of 40 years. He played in bands, duos, and single engagements throughout the Central Valley and up and down the State of California, as well as Nevada, Alaska and other Western States. Tom was also well known as an instrument repairman for many years.

Tom spent many years raising show quality poultry that were endangered species or on the Breeds Conservancies Watch List. In addition, he was always happy to help 4-H and FFA students with their poultry projects.

Tom will be remembered for his strong determination, jovial ways, and a unique sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Joy; son, Brad Beckham; step daughter, Pamela Piek; 10 grandchildren and step grandchildren; and his brother, Forest Beckham.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to honor the life of Tom Beckham. His presence will undoubtedly be missed, but the impact he made on our country and the community will never be forgotten.

HONORING REX TILLERSON

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rex Tillerson. As the former President of the Boy Scouts of America and the current Chief Executive Officer of Exxon Mobil, Mr. Tillerson has touched countless lives and impacted them in a positive way. A Native of Wichita Falls, Texas, Mr. Tillerson attended the University of Texas at Austin and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering.

He is one of the nation's most successful business leaders, but has always recognized the importance of charitable giving and community development. Mr. Tillerson's contributions to Texas and the country as a whole cannot be ignored. He served as the past national president of the Boy Scouts of America and is a former director of the United Negro College Fund. In those roles he influenced countless lives and provided a positive example for our nation's youths to follow. Under his leadership, Exxon Mobil has contributed greatly to K-12 STEM outreach programs, engaging students from all backgrounds in the STEM disciplines. Mr. Tillerson understands the importance of providing students with math and science skills, ultimately preparing them