

and the students well in their future endeavors, and again congratulate them on this remarkable achievement.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR KEVIN TANN

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major Kevin Tann, United States Army, for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Major Tann will be moving on from his current assignment as an Army Congressional Liaison for the House of Representatives to Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Army Congressional Liaisons provide an invaluable service to both the Military and Congress. They assist Members and staff in understanding the Army's policies, actions, operations, and requirements. Their first hand knowledge of military needs, culture, and tradition is a tremendous benefit to Congressional Staff.

A native of North Carolina, Major Tann graduated from Florida International University in 1999 and was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the Army's Aviation Branch. He has served in a variety of assignments including service in Alabama, Texas, South Carolina, and the Pentagon. Major Tann was selected for the highly competitive Congressional Fellowship Program and has participated in multiple combat tours in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Major Tann's military awards include the Army Aviator and Parachutist Badges and Bronze Star Medal, as well as the Iraq Campaign Medal. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Florida International University; a Master of Arts in Public Administration from Florida International University; and, a Master of Political Science from George Washington University.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service of Major Tann as he proceeds to the next chapter in his remarkable career and continues to serve our great Nation. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues in recognizing and commending Major Tann for his dedicated service to our Country. For all he and his family have given and continue to give to our Country, we are in their debt. We wish him, his wife Joi, and his son Kevin, all the best as they continue their journey in the United States Army.

IN RECOGNITION OF DOUG HORNER

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Doug Horner on the occasion of his departure from elected office in my district.

Mr. Horner was first appointed to the Livermore City Council in July of 2007 and succeeded to a second term in 2009. During his time in office, he was twice appointed to serve

one year terms as Vice Mayor. He has also represented Livermore on a variety of intergovernmental agencies, including the League of California Cities East Bay Division, the Tri-Valley Transportation Council, the Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department Joint Powers Authority, and the Intergovernmental Committee with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.

Prior to serving on the City Council, Mr. Horner was an active member of the Livermore Community, having served on the Livermore Planning Commission, the Design Review Committee, and the City's General Plan Review Committee.

Mr. Horner's commitment to open space and the viticulture industry has helped maintain the character and quality of life of Livermore, maintaining the best of aspects of his community for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mr. Horner for his many years of service to the community and wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE (DOP)

HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the Daughters of Penelope, one of our nation's pre-eminent international women's organizations.

Since its founding in 1929, these committed women of Hellenic descent and admirers of Greek culture have worked tirelessly to promote the ideals of ancient Greece in the fields of education, philanthropy and civic duty.

Today, the Daughters of Penelope and its 250 chapters around the world strive to strengthen the status of women in society, help the victims of domestic violence both in the United States and in Greece, and raise funding for some of today's most important medical research—among other philanthropic causes.

In 2009, this body along with our colleagues in the Senate recognized the work of the Daughters of Penelope and passed resolutions commemorating its many achievements.

After five more years of exceptional work and dedication, I rise to acknowledge these truly outstanding women and their many accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY J. ELLISON, FOUNDER OF ORACLE

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary American visionary, Mr. Larry Ellison, as he steps down from his position as CEO of Oracle, the world-renowned company he founded in Redwood City, California.

Larry Ellison was born in the New York City borough of the Bronx in 1944, and from an

early age showed a keen aptitude for math and science. He attended the University of Illinois where he was named Science Student of the Year and the University of Chicago. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Howard University in 2005.

For more than 35 years Larry Ellison has built and guided Oracle to its current position as the world's largest database-software company and one of the biggest providers of business programs. Oracle has a market capitalization of \$185 billion and annual revenues of \$38 billion, numbers that attest to Ellison's technical brilliance, strategic genius and unsurpassed business acumen.

Larry Ellison worked as a technician for Firemen's Fund, Wells Fargo Bank and as a programmer at Amdahl Corporation, where he was part of a team that built the first IBM-compatible mainframe system. In 1999, Ellison, together with his Amdahl colleagues Robert Miner and Ed Oates, founded Software Development Labs which became Oracle after building a database named Oracle for the Central Intelligence Agency.

A Silicon Valley legend, Larry Ellison is a man of widely diverse interests. He has received many honors, including being inducted into the Academy of Achievement in 1997. He is number five on the Forbes list of world billionaires, and is a generous philanthropist who has given millions to many causes, particularly in the field of medicine. He has signed the Giving Pledge which is a commitment to donate most of his wealth to non-profit organizations. He is the father of two, film producers David and Megan. He's also a pilot and competitive sailor whose team won the America's Cup in 2010 and in 2013.

President John F. Kennedy said, "Americans by nature, are optimistic. They are experimental, inventors, and are builders who build best when called upon to build greatly." Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in honoring Larry Ellison, an American icon, for his extraordinary vision and great contributions to American technology. He has enhanced the leadership of our nation around the world by "building greatly."

A FOND FAREWELL TO THE CONSTITUENTS OF THE 33RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my profound appreciation to the constituents of the 33rd Congressional District of California. It has been a tremendous privilege for me to serve as their representative in Congress for forty years. While the numbers and boundaries of the district have changed four times, generous constituent support has given me latitude to pursue comprehensive solutions to problems that not only benefit us in the district, but benefit our nation as a whole.

It also has been extremely gratifying for me to have the opportunity to assist individuals and families on a more personal level, from helping reunify families more quickly, to getting Section 8 housing vouchers more efficiently, expediting Social Security and Medicare benefits, cutting red tape to ensure military heroes receive the medals they've

earned, and fast-tracking veterans' health care, housing and other benefits.

I am grateful for the support of committed allies in our community who have helped me tackle problems such as safety and pollution at Santa Monica Airport, helicopter noise, veteran homelessness, attempts to commercialize the West LA VA property, traffic gridlock, beach pollution, and so many more. Of course these challenges remain and new ones will emerge, but I have full confidence in the ability of Representative-Elect Ted Lieu to successfully tackle them.

It has been an honor to work with some of the finest elected state and local officials in the nation. I thank my colleagues in the cities of the 33rd Congressional District, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and the California State Legislature for fiercely advocating on behalf of our constituents and working closely with me on federal policies that affect our State.

I have had a long career and an eventful one—and I wouldn't trade any of it. I woke each day looking forward to opportunities to make our country stronger, healthier, and fairer. I will always be grateful for this opportunity and privilege and for the many friendships I've forged over the last forty years.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, during last week's vote on Roll No. 551, I inadvertently voted "yea." I intended to vote "nay" on Roll No. 551.

REMEMBERING ED LEONG

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that we mourn the loss of Edward J. Leong, who passed away on December 7th, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Ed served for 36 years in the Office of the House Legislative Counsel, 16 of them as Senior Counsel. He specialized in titles 5 and 39 of the United States Code, the law governing the federal workforce and the United States Postal Service. His sharp mind, relentless pursuit of perfection, and skill ensured the bills considered by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Congress were written in a manner that allow for effective implementation.

Ed was a mentor and teacher to many current and former staff. His professionalism and dedication to his work are an example to this institution. Ed's soft-spoken manner, kind nature, and laugh made him a pleasure to work with.

As Chairman, I extend the sympathy and condolences of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee to Ed's wife, Chee Lee, his children Stephen and Anna, and his colleagues—in particular those in the House Office of Legislative Counsel.

HONORING TURLOCK MAYOR JOHN LAZAR

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Turlock Mayor John

Lazar on his retirement from the Turlock City Council and to personally thank him for his dedicated, life-long spirit of community service.

Mayor Lazar was born and raised in Turlock and is a graduate of California State University, Stanislaus. In 1976, he served as a page in the U.S. House of Representatives, beginning his long career in public service. His experience includes working as a district representative for U.S. Representative Tony Coelho and as a legislative assistant for Assembly Members Gary Condit and Jack O'Connell. In 1988, he secured his real estate license and began working at Coldwell Bank Central Valley Realtors.

John Lazar was first elected to the Turlock City Council in 1992 and served on the council for 14 years until elected as Mayor of Turlock in 2006. He was appointed to the Stanislaus County Council of Governments, where he served from 1999–2000, California State Mandates Commission from 2000–2005, and the Stanislaus County Local Agency Formation Commission from 2000–2006. He is currently a member of the Emanuel Medical Center Governing Board.

Over the years, Mayor Lazar has received several honors; including receiving the 2007 Turlock Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year, 2002 Central Valley Association of Realtors' Realtor of the Year Award, and the 1995 California Junior Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Young Californian Award.

He has sat on numerous boards, including the Rotary Club of Turlock, Stanislaus County Organization of Governments, Turlock Community Auditorium, and the California Association of Realtors.

Mayor Lazar and his wife, Nellie, have three sons. His hobbies include reading history and biographies and collecting political buttons.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Turlock Mayor John Lazar on his retirement from the Turlock City Council and thanking him for his exemplary leadership and service to the community.