

of their journey in defense our nation's freedom.

RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF SERGEANT CHRIS HUFFMAN, PENSACOLA POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am humbled to recognize Sergeant Chris Huffman upon the occasion of his retirement from the Pensacola Police Department on May 31, 2014. For more than three decades, Sergeant Huffman dedicated his life to protecting and defending the lives of those around him, and I join citizens throughout Florida's Gulf Coast and across the Nation in extending my deepest appreciation for his faithful service.

The proud son of a father who was Chief of Police of the Piqua Police Department in Piqua, Ohio, Sergeant Huffman followed in his father's footsteps in pursuit of a law enforcement career. Sergeant Huffman served as a police officer in Troy, Ohio, from 1979 until 1984 when he joined the Pensacola Police Department.

Sergeant Huffman performed various roles while at the Pensacola Police Department, including Community Relations; SWAT; K-9 Unit with his partner Isia; TAC, Uniform Patrol; and DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Officer at N.B. Cook and Scenic Heights elementary schools, Episcopal Day School, Montessori, and Sacred Heart schools. In 1999, he was promoted to sergeant, and in 2002, he was honored as the Florida DARE Officer of the Year.

Throughout the course of his career, Sergeant Huffman was an inspiration to our Nation's youth and his fellow officers. There is no question that he made a significant impact in the lives of many, and the Northwest Florida community was blessed by his unwavering commitment to service. While Sergeant Huffman's retirement will signal the end of his career with the Pensacola Police Department, it is merely the beginning of the lasting legacy that he leaves behind.

On June 1, Sergeant Huffman will kick off his retirement and embark on his next journey with a 60 day, 3,785 mile bike ride to help raise awareness and support for multiple sclerosis research.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it gives me great honor to recognize Police Sergeant Chris Huffman for his years of service and his passion for bettering the lives of others. My wife Vicki joins me in thanking Sergeant Chris Huffman for his dedication to the Northwest Florida community and wishing him; his wife of 32 years, Darla; and their two daughters, Courtney and Kelsey, all the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF
PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS
MONTH

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Preeclampsia Awareness Month and the importance of addressing maternal and infant health.

Preeclampsia is a serious and far too common complication of pregnancy and is one of the leading causes of maternal deaths, illness, and premature birth. According to the Preeclampsia Foundation, the disease affects approximately 1 in 12 women, and if untreated can lead to seizure, stroke, organ failure or death. The good news is that early diagnosis is possible through simple screenings and good prenatal care can predict or delay many adverse outcomes of preeclampsia.

However, too many people are unaware of this potentially fatal condition. The main indicator of preeclampsia is high blood pressure. Additional symptoms of preeclampsia are common to pregnancy such as headaches, abdominal pain, shortness of breath, vomiting, confusion, heightened state of anxiety or visual disturbances such as oversensitivity to light or blurred vision. That is why I support the Preeclampsia Foundation's efforts to educate women and their families to know the symptoms, respond to warning signs, and seek prenatal care.

So much more needs to be understood about this condition—why it occurs, how to cure it, and its long-term effect on a woman and her child's health. Research has demonstrated a possible direct link to the placenta. I understand that starting this year, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development at NIH will embark on a new effort to understand diseases and conditions related to the placenta, and it is my hope that it leads to new discovery for preeclampsia and other conditions of pregnancy.

Together we must do all we can to eliminate preventable maternal and infant death and disability. I am hopeful for the promise of our research efforts, and I am grateful for the work of clinicians around this country and organizations like the Preeclampsia Foundation who work so hard tirelessly to advance maternal and infant health and well-being.

HONORING DAVID FREEMAN AND
PROCLAIMING WILLIAM B. IDE
DAY

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize William Brown Ide, the leader of the 1846 Bear Flag Revolt, and the only President of the California Republic. After California's annexation into the United States, Mr. Ide served as a Probate and County Judge, Presiding Judge of the Court of Sessions, County Recorder, County Auditor, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Deputy County Surveyor and Deputy Sheriff of Colusi County.

Mr. Ide passed away in December of 1852 with only a wooden grave marker that disappeared shortly thereafter. It is thanks to a local man, David Freeman that Mr. Ide's gravestones have been corrected after he collected funding from various organizations and did much of the labor himself.

In just over a week, on June 7th, 2014, the new gravesite for Mr. William Brown Ide will be unveiled. I would like to thank Mr. Freeman for his work to ensure that important historical figures like William Brown Ide are remembered, as is the history of the great state of California.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 29, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4660) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for other purposes:

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Chair, with regard to my votes on the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:

I voted for and helped pass the Grayson amendment, confident that as the bill proceeds, a sophisticated, nuanced, and balanced reporter shield provision will be inserted in lieu of the current text of the amendment. The rules and traditions of the House require that amendments to appropriations bills offered on the floor conform to strict rules that preclude balanced and detailed formulation. The Conference Committee will have the latitude needed to insert a balanced reporter shield provision and I will urge such an approach.

Additionally, I voted for final passage with the assumption that certain problematic provisions would be removed in Conference Committee.

I am pleased that we can move forward with the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act and expect that upon passage in the Senate, the Conference Committee will improve the bill.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL DIRON J.
CRUZ ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
THE GUAM ARMY NATIONAL
GUARD

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 30, 2014

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize COL Diron J. Cruz on his retirement from the Guam Army National Guard. COL Cruz is the second son of Antonio Babauta Cruz and Guadalupe Santiago Cruz of Malesso, Guam. He was born in Tamuning, Guam and graduated from Father Duenas Memorial School in 1980. COL Cruz is the father of two daughters, Lenika and Nozomi.

COL Cruz earned his commission in the United States Army as a second lieutenant of Field Artillery from the University of Guam ROTC Program in 1984. In addition to his Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from the University of Guam, COL Cruz also holds a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA. In 1985, COL Cruz completed the Field Artillery Officers Basic at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and then advanced courses in 1988.

As a newly commissioned officer, his first assignments included battalion ammunition officer, service battery executive officer, howitzer platoon leader and nuclear weapons officer with 1st Battalion, 36th Field Artillery in Augsburg, Germany from 1985 to 1988. He then served with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) from 1989 to 1993. During his time in the 101st Airborne Division, COL Cruz's duties included targeting officer for 3rd Brigade, bat-

talion fire support officer, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, division Artillery. He then served his last regular Army assignment as Operations Advisor to the 479th Field Artillery Brigade in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from 1993 to 1994.

In 1994, COL Cruz left the Army and moved to Cincinnati, Ohio and worked as a territory sales manager for International Paper Co. until March 1996. He then returned to Guam and worked as general manager of Guam Freight Forwarders and then as operations manager for Flowco Sales and Service Co.

In 1999, COL Cruz joined the Guam Army National Guard and began serving as operations officer of 1st Battalion, 294th Infantry and Guam National Guard training officer and domestic operations officer. He then served in different positions in both Hawaii and Virginia

from 2001 to 2008. COL Cruz has served as the chief of staff of the Guam Army National Guard since his return in 2008.

COL Cruz was a respected leader in the Guam National Guard. As Chief of Staff, he undertook efforts to ensure the continued professionalization of enlisted and officers in the Guam National Guard. Further, he worked to ensure that staff collaborated as a truly Joint staff to push forward critical initiatives like a flying mission for the Guam Air National Guard; protection of critical force structure to support the rebalance and establishment of a light utility helicopter flying mission on Guam.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I commend COL Cruz for his service to Guam and the United States. I further congratulate and offer my sincerest appreciation to him on his retirement.