

me in congratulating Senator Donald E. Williams on his retirement and recognizing his remarkable career.

HONORING COMMUNITY ACTION OF NAPA VALLEY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 2, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank Community Action of Napa Valley as it celebrates fifty years of dedicated service to those in need in the Napa community. Community Action of Napa Valley has worked tirelessly to secure funding for local non-profit organizations in addition to developing programs that strive to address the needs of low-income and at-risk populations in the Napa region.

Community Action of Napa Valley has been able to help secure funding for numerous non-profit organizations that serve the Napa community in a multitude of ways. Such organizations and programs include Clinic Ole, Legal Aide, NEWS, Head Start/ChildStart, the Therapeutic Child Care Center and Lugo Park. In addition, Community Action of Napa Valley has worked with local elected officials and leaders in the faith community to reduce homelessness and hunger in the Napa Valley. Finally, Community Action of Napa Valley has developed programs that seek to serve those deemed low-income and at-risk in our community. Such programs include The Food Bank, Shelter and Housing Services, Senior Nutrition and Meals on Wheels, Community Action of Napa Valley Kids Child Development and Family Program and the Culinary Training Program.

For fifty years, Community Action of Napa Valley has worked to make the Napa Valley a better place to work, live and raise a family for all members of our community. On behalf of a grateful community, I thank Community Action of Napa Valley and wish them continued success.

HONORING COL. J. SHELTON SCALES

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 2, 2014

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Representative ROBERT HURT, I submit these remarks to commemorate the life of Col. J. Shelton Scales, who passed away on May 27, 2014 at the age of 97.

Col. Scales was a native of Sandy Ridge, North Carolina, and graduated in 1940 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He enlisted in the Marine Corps of October 1940, and was a member of the first Officer Candidates Class and 4th Reserve Class in the Marine Corps Schools in Quantico. Col. Scales remained there as a staff member until 1943, that year becoming commander of Company A, 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines.

Reports indicate that Col. Scales did not see combat until February 1944. He went on

to make four beach landings during World War II, and later in life spoke most frequently about the February 19, 1945 landing at Iwo Jima.

As a commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion, 23rd Marines, Col. Scales led approximately 900 men into Iwo Jima, which may very well be the Marine Corps' most brutal battle of World War II. "The Marines were on Iwo Jima," he later said. "The Japanese were in it." For his exceptionally meritorious conduct, Col. Scales was awarded the Legion of Merit.

In November 1945, Col. Scales was ordered to inactive duty as a major in the Marine Corps Reserve. In May 1951, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel, and in April 1958 Col. Scales was placed on the retired reserve list and was promoted to colonel.

In addition to being remembered as a Marine commander at Iwo Jima, Col. Scales is also remembered by many in Southside Virginia as a successful businessman, a good friend, and an involved member of his community. He joined the Burch Hodges Stone, Inc. insurance company in May 1946, retiring more than 35 years later. He served the Virginia Association of Insurance Agents as its director for nine years, and was also president of the Virginia Financial Services Corp.

Col. Scales was also a charter member and an elder of Martinsville's Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. He was involved with the Martinsville Jaycees, serving as president in 1949 and receiving the Distinguished Service award as Outstanding Young Man in 1951. Col. Scales participated in the Kiwanis Club of Martinsville, serving in 1957 as president, and in 1988–1989 served as lieutenant governor of the Capital District's Second Division of Kiwanis. He was a charter member and former secretary of the local SCORE chapter, was a charter member of the Martinsville Volunteer Fire Co., and was also a trustee of the Blue Ridge Regional Library from 1988–1993. And for several years, Col. Scales was a member of the Patrick Henry Community College Foundation Board, also teaching adjunct history courses, speaking with students and about his experience at Iwo Jima, and attending board meetings or other events. Col. Scales and his late wife, Mary Stacy Crockett Scales, had four children.

Mr. Speaker, to echo the words of Col. Greg Eanes, U.S. Air Force (retired) of Penhook, Virginia, Col. Scales "was a great patriot and a good man." Col. Scales and other Americans have fought with great valor on behalf of our Nation, seeking to preserve our freedom and make the world a safer place. Our Nation will be forever indebted to him and others for their service.

We are honored to pay tribute to Col. Scales' many contributions to our Nation, our region, and our community. Col. Scales was a brave and courageous marine, an active member of his community, and a good friend. We grieve his loss. Southside Virginia has truly lost one of its finest.

ON THE OCCASION OF THE WORLD-WIDE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF IGLESIA NI CRISTO (CHURCH OF CHRIST)

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 2, 2014

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 100th anniversary of Iglesia Ni Cristo—the Church of Christ. This is a historic anniversary which is being celebrated around the world. This year also marks the 46th anniversary of Iglesia Ni Cristo in the U.S.

On July 27, 1914, Iglesia Ni Cristo was officially registered with the Philippines government by Felix Y. Manalo. On July 27, 1968, this church held their first ever worship service in the U.S. at Ewa Beach, Honolulu, Hawaii—which was officiated by Erano G. Manalo. A month later, the church members established a congregation in San Francisco.

In June 1987, Iglesia Ni Cristo established its U.S. main office in Daly City, California, to better coordinate with the central office in Manila, Philippines. Recently, the U.S. main office moved to the City of Burlingame, California. I am honored that my district plays host to three of these local congregations—San Jose, Milpitas, and Fremont.

I commend the good work of the many members of Iglesia Ni Cristo to provide assistance to the needy, especially those impacted by disasters. Their civic and community outreach includes relief operations in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and Typhoon Haiyan.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate the members of the Iglesia Ni Cristo, including their Executive Minister Brother Eduardo V. Manalo, on this noteworthy occasion of the church's centennial anniversary. I wish them continued success in their service and faith.

TRIBUTE TO PETER LANGE, PROVOST OF DUKE UNIVERSITY

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 2, 2014

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Peter Lange, of Durham, North Carolina, for his commitment and service to Duke University. Dr. Lange, the tenth and longest-serving Provost in the University's history, has ably guided the University's teaching and research mission during a time of marked change and challenge for communities of higher education.

Peter Lange and I have been good friends since our days together on Duke's political science faculty. He arrived at Duke in the fall of 1981 and immediately made his presence felt as a gifted teacher and a lively and engaging colleague. Peter was a well-regarded specialist in European politics and political economy, but he also showed a talent for administration from the beginning. I was particularly happy to see him become Director of Graduate Studies soon after his arrival, thereby relieving me of that position! In the 1990s he ably served as department chair in political science and thereafter took on key university-wide assignments in the Provost's office.

In 1996, Peter was appointed Provost, the University's chief academic officer. The hallmarks of his tenure have been a multiplication of interdisciplinary programs and the internationalization of the University as a whole. He has overseen establishment of programs and initiatives—such as DukeEngage, the institution's Africa Initiative, and the Institute of Global Health—that connect faculty from different disciplines to collaborate on real-world problems, and then use that knowledge to serve society and enhance both the undergraduate and graduate educational experiences. As University President Richard Brodhead said, his impact has been deep and has extended throughout university life.

As Provost, Dr. Lange has twice overseen the development of University strategic plans, shaped resource development and allocation to best serve the University's intellectual priorities, and remained engaged on admissions, financial aid, information technology, and other facets of university life. Dr. Lange has appointed all of Duke University's current deans, as well as two-thirds of current faculty members. His vision, persistence, and administrative skill have contributed greatly to Duke's status as a world class institution.

Mr. Speaker, Peter Lange has dedicated his life to expanding intellectual horizons and the University's realms of service. The students, faculty, and staff of Duke University have benefitted immeasurably from his leadership, vision, and boundless energy. As his time as Provost comes to a close, I want to thank him for his exemplary service and congratulate him for a long and impactful career.

IN HONOR OF ANDREA STILLMAN

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 2, 2014

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, this year the people of Connecticut's 20th Senate district fondly say goodbye to longtime State Senator Andrea Stillman, who is retiring from office after almost 22 years of service to her community. Known both as a champion of education and a mentor to her peers, her role in influencing both young minds and fellow legislators has left a legacy to Connecticut for years to come.

Andrea's career has been marked by determination and an ability to defy expectations. First elected to the Connecticut House of Representatives from the 38th district in 1992, she

faced the daunting task of replacing another long-time public servant in Janet Polinsky, yet never backed down from the challenge. This past winter, despite health concerns that many of her colleagues expected to sideline her, Andrea persevered and continued serving her constituents in the State Senate.

In 2012, Andrea designed numerous public education reforms which will help close the achievement gap in our state, and vastly improve education from the pre-k through elementary years. Senator Stillman was also appointed by the commissioner of the State Department of Education to represent Connecticut on the New England Secondary School Consortium. Just recently, Andrea helped secure a grant for New London's Garde Arts Center that will help grow the theatre to include the New London Magnet School of Visual and Performing Arts—a critical component of New London's school system. For these efforts and countless others over the course of her career, Andrea was honored by the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents with their 2014 Legislator Award.

Beyond education, Andrea championed local initiatives large and small to improve her community. In 2004, Andrea stood by residents of East Lyme to help preserve the Oswegatchie Hills from development, and in 2007 she co-chaired a panel of legislators that helped block a proposal to build a floating liquid natural gas platform in Long Island Sound. For years, she has been vocal in seeking to improve the transportation infrastructure of Southeastern Connecticut, pursuing the continued construction of Route 11, and holding Amtrak and Shoreline East officials accountable for the quality of services provided on local rails.

Andrea's colleagues in the state legislature will remember her leadership, her collegiality, and her deep dedication to her constituents. Sporting nicknames like the "Iron Lady of Southeastern Connecticut," the "Matriarch" and the "Den Mother" of the State Senate, it is obvious how highly regarded she is by all those whom she works with. In an era of negative politics, her colleagues have lauded her as a role model for respectful dialogue on the Senate floor.

I want to wish Andrea the most sincere of congratulations on a singular career of public service, and the best of luck in everything the future holds for her. I know she will find many more ways to contribute to the lives of residents throughout Connecticut. I ask my colleagues to please join me in recognizing Andrea's efforts.

HONORING DONALD L. SCHWARZ

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 2, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Donald L. Schwarz for his work with the Military and Veterans Appreciation Trust Foundation (MVAT). Mr. Schwarz has worked tirelessly to raise funds to assist veterans, wounded warriors and their families as well as increase awareness of veterans' issues. Mr. Schwarz's leadership and commitment to MVAT is admirable and it is therefore fitting that we honor and recognize him today.

Mr. Schwarz was born and grew up in Los Angeles, California. He attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. After serving our country in the U.S. Armed Forces, Mr. Schwarz began a career in the securities and investment industry where he continues to work today.

In addition to his professional career, Mr. Schwarz has been a constant advocate for the veteran community. During his time as Chairman of MVAT, Mr. Schwarz has directed efforts to support Pathway Home in Yountville, California, which serves members of the active duty military and veterans who suffer from post-combat mental health challenges. Mr. Schwarz also volunteers his time to fifteen other charities that all strive to help our military and veterans and is an active participant in non-profit organizations that provide guidance to policymakers in the area of national security. He sits on the President's Executive Council of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation and the Board of Governors of the City of Hope Cancer and Medical Center. Mr. Schwarz is also a board member of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science and is a member of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs' Board of Directors.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank Mr. Schwarz for his invaluable service to Napa County's veterans, their dependents, and survivors. Donald Schwarz's unyielding dedication to raising funds and awareness for our veterans and guiding our policymakers is greatly appreciated by the entire Napa community and we wish him further success in an already distinguished career.