

I fully agree with Mr. Golden and would like to say thank you to all who have served this great nation. I will make every effort to ensure your final resting place be of dignity and honor. We will not forget you.

HONORING JUDGE MICHAEL POLLARD

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize the hard work of Judge Michael Pollard and his tremendous impact on the Tucson community.

His selfless work for the American people started when he was drafted into the United States Marine Corps in 1967. He was assigned to the Echo Company 2nd Battalion 4th Marines, proudly serving his country in Vietnam.

Following his time in the military, Judge Pollard graduated from the University of Arizona, College of Law in 1972. He then worked tirelessly in private practice as a prosecutor and public defender for 20 years before being appointed as a Tucson City Court magistrate in 1994.

Since that appointment, Judge Pollard has worked relentlessly to improve his community through his service on various committees, including as chair of the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on the Impact of Domestic Violence in the Courts, as the state judicial representative to the Arizona Full Faith and Credit Team, and as co-chair of the Tucson/Pima County Homeless Plan Implementation Task Force, continuing to direct homeless courts in the region.

Judge Pollard's most recent contribution to Tucson can be found in his honorable and dedicated work with his fellow veterans. In 2009, along with a handful of other judges, he developed the Regional Municipalities Veterans Treatment Court. This organization works to provide veterans an opportunity to avoid jail time and clear any misdemeanor charges they may have on their record. In return, the veteran must complete court-mandated rehabilitation and support courses, many times working with the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System and other local organizations that provide those services. Since its inception, this program has allowed over 600 veterans to work towards a healthy, clean lifestyle without the difficulties of possessing a criminal record.

Thanks to Judge Pollard and his team, countless veterans have been able to move past their misdemeanors and progress to non-violent, healthy lives. He sees these misdemeanors not as permanent hardships, but as potential turning points for those who accept them. He provides a second chance for those who have fought for our country, and for this I am grateful. Judge Pollard demonstrates an individual who truly works for the betterment of his community, both among Tucsonans and his fellow veterans.

IN TRIBUTE TO UMOS ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to UMOS, a nationally renowned agency whose corporate headquarters is based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In July, 2015, UMOS will celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

UMOS began as a single-focused, single state, migrant and seasonal farm worker serving agency only. Today, UMOS offers various programs and services to diverse populations with a diverse staff. Currently, UMOS employs 300 people and operates 40+ programs with more than \$25 million grant and performance-based contracts from federal, state, and local funding sources.

UMOS operates programs throughout the state of Wisconsin, as well as in Minnesota, Missouri, and Texas, along with a housing consortium in an eight-state area. It provides programs and services in three major categories: workforce development, child development, and social services including: farm labor, housing, HIV prevention services, domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking supportive services, home energy assistance, food pantry and Head Start. In addition to these programs, UMOS sponsors and organizes a number of cultural and community events in Wisconsin.

Much of the success of UMOS can be attributed to its longtime President and Chief Executive Officer, Lupe Martinez. He has led the agency for over 40 years and spent most of his professional career at UMOS. Mr. Martinez is dedicated to advocating and providing programs and services to improve employment, provide education opportunities as well as health and housing supports for UMOS' clientele whether they are migrant and seasonal farm workers or other underserved populations. Lupe Martinez has always gravitated toward leadership roles even as a child; he was one of 10 siblings in a family of migrant workers and accepted the responsibility of paying bills and managing the family finances. Today he manages the largest Hispanic nonprofit organization in Wisconsin and one of the largest in the nation.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say the UMOS hails from the 4th Congressional District, and pleased to give praise to Lupe Martinez, their Board of Directors and staff. I wish them many more years of success.

RECOGNITION OF THE CAREER AND RETIREMENT OF MR. MARTY BEIL

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional career of Mr. Marty Beil, who will retire this week after having served as Executive Director of the American Federation of State, Municipal and County Employees (AFSCME) Council 24, the Wisconsin State Employees Union since 1985. Over the

course of his 30 years at the helm of AFSCME Council 24, Marty has come to be known by many as the face of public employee unions in the State of Wisconsin.

Marty began his career in public service in 1969 working for the state's Division of Corrections as a probation and parole officer. It didn't take long for Marty to become involved with the union, and in 1973 he became president of the local chapter. In 1978 Marty was then elected president of the Wisconsin State Employees Union, a position which he held until 1985 when he was chosen to take over as executive director. Throughout his time as director, Marty was appointed by Wisconsin Governors to many high level committees and commissions on which he served as the spokesman for Council 24 and an outspoken advocate for state employees.

The hallmark of Marty's career was perhaps during the highly divisive 2011 session of the Wisconsin State Legislature when Governor Scott Walker introduced Act 10, the controversial legislation suspending most collective bargaining powers of the state's public unions. The bill was unprecedented in Wisconsin, which was the first state in the country to provide collective bargaining rights to public employees in 1959, and the legislation drew significant public dissent. Marty provided pivotal leadership and was a constant presence throughout the weeks of protests at the State Capitol where crowds of demonstrators numbered over 100,000 at times.

It is a true honor to recognize the career of Marty Beil, a tireless advocate and leader for state employees and working families in my district and across the state. His contributions are an important legacy in the longstanding tradition of fighting for workers' rights and protections in the State of Wisconsin.

HONORING BOB FALLSTROM

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bob Fallstrom, a friend, veteran, and newsman, who passed away on July 10, 2015 at the age of 88. Mr. Fallstrom served as an integral part of life in central Illinois by delivering the news to countless Central Illinoisans for 66 years. He left a lasting impact on many throughout the entire state of Illinois.

As a young man, Mr. Fallstrom worked at a movie theatre with the dream of a career in the news. Despite never having earned a college degree, he eventually achieved his dream, landing a position with the Herald & Review, a local newspaper in Decatur, Illinois.

Mr. Fallstrom put his professional dreams on hold to serve his country during World War II—a testament to his dedication to service and putting others first in all aspects of his life.

After the war, Mr. Fallstrom returned to central Illinois and once again picked up his reporter's notebook. He worked for decades as a sports editor for the paper and kept regular attendance at sporting events throughout the region. Known as the "good news editor," he was also described as a "talking encyclopedia" of central Illinois history.

I am proud to honor Mr. Fallstrom for his service to his country and his community. He

was a devoted husband, father, veteran, and newsman that left an indelible memory on the lives of so many. My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Fallstrom's family as central Illinois has lost a truly bright and impactful leader.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR. ALGIN ROBERTS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual, Mr. Algin Roberts, of Frankfort, Kentucky. Mr. Roberts celebrates his ninetieth birthday on July 26th, and I want to honor that special occasion by acknowledging his distinguished military service during World War II. Mr. Roberts, a part of the greatest generation, served our nation in the United States Army.

Mr. Roberts joined the Army when he was just fifteen and he turned sixteen while crossing the Atlantic to fight. He was a member of the Army's 1st Infantry Division. They took part in the invasion of North Africa and Sicily. They were later sent to England for R&R and were a part of the D-Day invasion in 1944. Mr. Roberts' unit was among the first to land on Omaha Beach where the fighting was fierce. Mr. Roberts later came down with malaria and spent a long recovery time in England.

After the war, Mr. Roberts returned home and became a Kentucky State Police officer where he had a long and distinguished career.

The bravery of Mr. Roberts and his fellow men and women of the United States Army is heroic. Because of the courage of individuals from Franklin County and from all across our great nation, our freedoms have been saved for our generation and for future generations. He is truly an outstanding American, a patriot, and a hero to us all. On the special occasion of his ninetieth birthday, he and his family can reflect proudly on his contributions to the world through his brave military service.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE VICTIMS OF THE SENSELESS SHOOTING IN CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise to speak out against the senseless loss of innocent lives resulting from another unthinkable act of violence.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Chattanooga, Tennessee, who were affected by the shootings on Thursday morning, July 16, especially the victims, the families, and our military community affected by this catastrophe.

From current reports, we know that gunshots were fired at a military recruiting center and a Navy Reserve center in different parts of Chattanooga, Tennessee, late Thursday morning, tragically taking the lives of four Marines and wounding several others.

I want to commend the law enforcement and emergency service agencies for their

prompt response and management of this morning's tragic shootings and for carrying out the investigation thereafter.

Americans come together at such times of tragedy to support each other.

So at this time, I ask all Americans to keep the victims, their families, and our military members, in their thoughts and prayers.

There is no place in a civilized society for such senseless acts of violence.

Changing a culture of violence will not happen overnight but that is no excuse for failing to try.

We must keep trying. We must work tirelessly. For the sake of the victims of Chattanooga, Tennessee, we must not give up.

I ask the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of the victims in Tennessee, and victims of gun violence everywhere.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,151,862,792,175.02. We've added \$7,524,985,743,261.94 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY AND JOYCE MEZ

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jerry and Joyce Mez, owners of the Farmall-Land Museum in Avoca, Iowa. Since 2005, Jerry and Joyce have greeted visitors to their museum, home of over 200 International Harvester tractors. Visitors from all 50 states and at least 16 countries, including Australia, Germany, Spain and the Netherlands, have viewed this outstanding collection of tractors.

The Farmall tractors are known as "reds" due to their distinctive color. Though the museum opened 10 years ago, it has been Jerry's dream for some 40 years. He started collecting International Harvester tractors in 1970. His museum idea followed shortly thereafter. The oldest Farmall tractor in his collection is a 1914 model and the newest model is dated 1985. Joyce also takes an active role in the museum. She helped develop a lounge so patrons could rest during the museum tour, which covers 26,500 square feet. The lounge is known as the "Tractor Widows Lounge." Jerry and Joyce take great pride in sharing their collection with the hundreds of visitors each year.

I commend Jerry and Joyce for establishing the Farmall-Land Museum in Avoca, Iowa. The museum is a great addition to the City of

Avoca and to the State of Iowa. I am proud to represent Jerry and Joyce in the United States Congress. I urge my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating them for achieving their dream and for sharing their collection with us. I wish them and their family nothing but the best moving forward.

RECOGNIZING EMMA SHIREY'S FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR ACHIEVEMENT

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Emma Shirey on receiving a renowned Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Grant for the 2014–2015 academic year.

Emma, a native of Nixa, Missouri, was awarded the Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant to teach in Taiwan, where she has gained valuable career experience serving as an English Teaching Assistant. The award has allowed Emma to interact with young Taiwanese students and make valuable contributions to Taiwan's youth after her graduation from Truman State University with a degree in Sociology.

A Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship allows individuals to teach English and serve as a cultural ambassador for the U.S. by being placed in a classroom abroad. In doing so, Emma has successfully played a big role in spreading the value of American ideas and education.

I am extremely proud that talented, hard-working and dedicated individuals, such as Emma, represent the Seventh District of Missouri. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Emma Shirey for her service and for receiving this esteemed award.

IN HONOR OF BECKY MOELLER, PAST PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY-TREASURER FOR THE TEXAS AFL-CIO

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Becky K. Moeller for her service to the organized labor movement as Secretary-Treasurer and President of the Texas AFL-CIO. Ms. Moeller's retirement comes after her long tenure within the Texas AFL-CIO, where she worked to advance hands-on political and legislative educational programs and fight for working people against tough odds.

In 2003, Ms. Becky Moeller was elected as Secretary-Treasurer for the Texas AFL-CIO, making her the first woman to hold a statewide elected office in the Texas AFL-CIO. During her four year tenure as Secretary-Treasurer, Ms. Moeller used her budgetary expertise to keep many of the organization's signature programs despite a decline in funds.

In 2007, Ms. Moeller was elected President of the Texas AFL-CIO, effectively overseeing the 235,000-member labor federation's legislative, political education and community service programs.