

leadership and service to the community of Turlock. We wish him continued success in his retirement and future endeavors.

#### RECOGNIZING SEED'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2015*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor SouthEast Effective Development (SEED), a nonprofit from Seattle, Washington, on its 40th anniversary.

SEED was founded in 1975 with the purpose of revitalizing struggling neighborhoods in Southeast Seattle. During that time, many community members lacked access to much-needed resources and the area was riddled with deteriorating infrastructure. As a result, SEED made it their mission to improve the quality of life in Southeast Seattle through a series of economic development, housing, and cultural programs.

SEED is regarded by many as having been integral to rejuvenating one of the area's most historic business districts—Columbia City—and generating several other thriving commercial areas. Other projects have included the Rainier Valley Cultural Center, Rainier Valley Square, Washington Care Center, and The Dakota at Rainier Court. SEED's approach to economic development, which includes collaborations with the private sector, government, and non-profits, has proven to be a successful model. The result has been not only new commercial development, but also increased capacity in neighborhoods to lay the groundwork for future success.

The organization's housing programs have also had a tremendous impact, including the addition of over 1,000 affordable housing units for low-income families. In 2005, one of SEED's housing development projects won the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Phoenix Award for its successful restoration of a contaminated building into a livable space. SEED is also credited for bringing the first medical clinic and the first senior living community to the area.

In addition, SEED has worked to cultivate a more active arts and cultural scene in Southeast Seattle. The SEEDarts program has remodeled several structures into art galleries and performing arts theaters, and organized cultural events that have become staple community activities. Through SEEDarts, as well as its other programs, SEED continuously strives to nurture a stronger sense of community in Southeast Seattle.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize and congratulate SEED for its four decades of service to Southeast Seattle. SEED's enduring commitment to the strength and vitality of our community is truly admirable, and I look forward to hearing about their future successes.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MR. CARLOS LEON-CAMPOS' RETIREMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CAO

### HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2015*

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Carlos Leon-Campos of Arlington, Virginia, on the occasion of his retirement on November 13, 2015 after more than 31 years of service to the United States House of Representatives.

Carlos Leon began his career with the House in September 1984 as a File Clerk for Congressman Bill Nichols (D-AL). Simultaneously, he held a patronage job operating the Member's elevator in the U.S. Capitol. It was while working this distinguished position that he had the occasion to meet several high-profile individuals. He greeted Tip O'Neill on arrival every day with his customary cigar. He was lucky enough to meet other notables such as Margaret Thatcher, Mikhail Gorbachev, Actor Telly Savalas, and former U.S. President, George H.W. Bush.

Carlos transitioned to work for the Clerk of the House, the esteemed Donald K. Anderson, in 1991. He truly enjoyed working for Mr. Anderson, but when the Republicans won the House in 1995, a Chief Administrative Office (CAO) was established. Carlos went on to work for Scott Faulkner, Acting CAO, and Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House, and in 1997, settled into the job as Inventory Account Counselor under CAO Jay Eagen. He received the Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor given by the CAO, for his exemplary service to the Office of the CAO.

He was promoted to Supervisor, Inventory under the Asset Management department, and quickly rose to Manager, Inventory for Logistics & Support under CAO Dan Strodel. Most of his career has been spent working for the Logistics & Support Department under various CAOs. After 25 years with one organization, he recently received the Employee Length of Service Award given by the House Offices.

Carlos reported to the Assistant CAO, Cam Arthur, for many years. However, most recently he has reported to Rhonda Shaffer, Director, and Tom Coyne, Chief Logistics Officer, of the newly formed Asset Management group. Carlos has always had an encyclopedic mind and knows massive amounts of historical knowledge of the House and its workings. He is beloved by his employees and they respect his leadership. His talents were recognized at a reception hosted by Ed Cassidy, CAO, on October 14, 2015, with a certificate and engraved pen, which acknowledged his contributions to supporting the new organization.

Some of his most memorable experiences in his time of working for the CAO include attending Ronald Reagan's Inauguration in the bitter cold and the Capitol Dome Tour, personally given by Congressman HARPER of Mississippi. He remembers that the view of Washington, D.C. from the Capitol Dome is breathtaking and unmatched.

In retirement, Carlos plans to move to Atlanta, Georgia, where he will pursue art and painting. He also plans to expand his hobby of attending estate sales, and to visit his family more often in Lima, Peru. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Carlos

Leon-Campos for his service and contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives. I want to thank Carlos Leon for his commitment to public service, and I wish him and his family all the best.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MARK TAKAI

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2015*

Mr. TAKAI. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, I was absent from the House due to illness. Due to my absence, I am not recorded on any legislative measures for the day.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on Roll Call 583, the Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for consideration of House Amendments to Senate Amendments to H.R. 22.

I would have voted "no" on Roll Call 584, the Rule providing for consideration of the House Amendments to Senate Amendments to H.R. 22.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 585, for H. Res. 354, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the safety and security of Jewish communities in Europe.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 586, the Swalwell of California Part B Amendment No. 2 to Rules Print 114-32.

I would have voted "no" on Roll Call 587, the Gosar of Arizona Part B Amendment No. 5 to Rules Print 114-32.

I would have voted "no" on Roll Call 588, the Ribble of Wisconsin Part B Amendment No. 14 to Rules Print 114-32.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 589, the Brown of Florida Part B Amendment No. 15 to Rules Print 114-32.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 590, the Lynch of Massachusetts Part B Amendment No. 29 to Rules Print 114-32.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 591, the Takano of California Part B Amendment No. 31 to Rules Print 114-32.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 592, the Brownley of California Part B Amendment No. 32 to Rules Print 114-32.

I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call 593, the Radewagen of American Samoa Part B Amendment No. 34 to Rules Print 114-32.

#### HONORING JEFF SHIELDS

### HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2015*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor South San Joaquin Irrigation District General Manager Jeff Shields on his retirement; and to personally thank him for his many years of profound service to South San Joaquin County.

While attending college at Humboldt State University, Jeff studied biological science and natural resources management and graduated with his Bachelor's of Science degree. He has also invested time serving our great nation in the U.S. Air Force.

Working as the general manager for other irrigation companies, such as Emerald Public

Utility District in Oregon and Trinity Public Utility District in Northern California, amply prepared Jeff for his extensive role at South San Joaquin Irrigation District. He began with the company in June of 2004, and after 3 short years was appointed as the general manager.

During Jeff's tenure with South San Joaquin Irrigation District, he was instrumental in implementing successful advances to the region. A solar farm was built to provide power to the Nick C. DeGroot Water Treatment Plant which supplies the drinking water to Manteca, Lathrop and Tracy at a minimum cost. In addition, an award winning, state of the art pressurized water delivery system was built called the Division 9 Irrigation Enhancement Project. This project has received numerous state, national, and international awards and recognition.

One of Jeff's most notable contributions was successfully getting the approval for South San Joaquin Irrigation District to become the retail electric provider in its service territory. Because of this accomplishment, all current PG&E customers in Escalon, Manteca and Ripon will see a 15% rate discount. This is a great triumph for the citizens of South San Joaquin County.

With California experiencing its fourth consecutive year in a serious drought, Jeff has expertly managed the irrigation district through its most difficult water delivery year in the district's history. He is implementing a succession plan that would assure a smooth transition to new management as they continue to work through the severe drought. Jeff plans on continuing his active involvement in water and energy issues.

Being involved in the community is important to Jeff, as he is a member of the Manteca Rotary Club and a director for the Give Every Child a Chance organization. He is on the board of The Utility Reform Network, as well as the board of the Local Energy Aggregation Network.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to the South San Joaquin County Irrigation District by the General Manager Jeff Shields. We wish him continued success in his retirement and his future endeavors.

#### RECOGNIZING HILARY STERN ON HER RETIREMENT

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2015*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Hilary Stern, Executive Director at Casa Latina, on her retirement after twenty-one years of hard and dedicated work that has built opportunities and provided a voice for members of the Latino community in Seattle.

Prior to starting Casa Latina, a Seattle-based non-profit, Hilary sensed tension between the incoming Latino workers and the community at large. In response, Hilary founded Casa Latina in 1994 and began offering services on the sidewalks and in borrowed space. These services included English classes and educational street theater productions.

Despite the positive impact of these services, Hilary believed that Casa Latina could do more. This drove her to expand the scope of

Casa Latina's services to also assist members of the Latino community to achieve greater economic gains and to participate to higher degrees in civic efforts. With this vision, Hilary was able to transform Casa Latina into a large, nonprofit social organization that focused on providing a variety of educational and economic opportunities for hundreds of Latino men and women living in Seattle. These services included its previous, traditional programs, along with others, such as day labor employment, workplace safety and job skill trainings, leadership development and dealing with issues of public policy that affect immigrant workers.

After two decades at Casa Latina, Hilary recently announced that a new Executive Director would take her place in early 2016. Despite moving on from the role of Executive Director, Hilary plans to continue to be actively involved in contributing towards building a better society for everyone both within and outside of Seattle.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize and congratulate Hilary Stern on her outstanding work as Executive Director for Casa Latina.

#### RECOGNIZING SPRINGFIELD RE-MANUFACTURING CORPORATION FOR THEIR RECERTIFICATION AS A VOLUNTARY PROTECTION PROGRAMS STAR SITE

**HON. BILLY LONG**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2015*

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Springfield ReManufacturing Corporation's (SRC) employee owners, who have recently earned their workplace's recertification as a Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) Star Site, making it their 20th consecutive year to be hailed with that commendation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

OSHA's VPP program encourages private industry and federal agencies to prevent workplace hazards by emphasizing better worker and management cooperation and analysis involvement. The program's goal is to achieve injury and illness rates that are below National Bureau of Labor Statistics averages for respective industries. A "Star" certification is the highest level of recognition OSHA offers, and denotes that a site has exemplary workplace standards and health management programs.

The employee owners at SRC have worked for many years to achieve this goal, and will be formally receiving their award this Friday, November 6, 2015, at a celebratory ceremony and luncheon.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to help recognize SRC for this great achievement and wish its workers a joyous and well-earned celebration of their success. The corporation's employee ownership, "Open Book Management," philosophy has clearly paid off. This commendation is proof that their employees have made Missouri's Seventh Congressional district a better place to work and, in turn, a better place to live.

#### HONORING THE LEGACY OF PAUL JENNINGS

**HON. TOM PRICE**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2015*

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to speak about the unfortunate passing of a good friend, Paul Jennings. Having known Paul for years, including back in my time in the Georgia General Assembly, I know personally his hard work ethic and the legacy he will leave behind with those he's influenced.

After a successful marketing career in Manhattan, Paul came to the state of Georgia in 1970 to work for Decatur Federal Savings and Loan. During his two decades with the company, Paul helped Decatur Federal become a leading mortgage lender in Georgia from his position of Senior Vice President of Marketing. Paul was a leader of local and national marketing organizations, where he was able to be a mentor and role model to students and young professionals alike. From 1998 to 2002, I was able to serve alongside my friend, Paul, where he served in the Georgia State House of Representatives.

A man of Paul Jennings' integrity and compassion is hard to come by. In his free time, Paul served on the boards of the United Way, DeKalb Medical Center, arts groups, and other local nonprofits that continue to serve the people of Georgia, just as Paul did. On behalf of the Sixth District of Georgia, we extend our thoughts and prayers to Paul's wife Edna, his daughter Jan, and his sons Danny, David, and Tommy.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BILL HUIZENGA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2015*

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding a missed vote on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Had I been present for roll call vote number 585, H. Res. 354, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the safety and security of Jewish communities in Europe, I would have voted "yea."

#### RECOGNIZING JILL WAKEFIELD ON HER RETIREMENT

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 4, 2015*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Jill Wakefield, Chancellor of Seattle Colleges, on her retirement after her forty impactful years working in higher education throughout Seattle.

Prior to becoming Chancellor in 2009, Jill was already deeply involved in the Seattle's higher education community, having served in various capacities at South Seattle College (SSC) for more than thirty years. Jill began her tenure at South Seattle College as a program assistant in the Veterans office and her