

of media consolidation, they have maintained their commitment to meaningful local news coverage focused on the people, issues and events that make our region tick. Their dedication to fair and honest reporting of the news and promoting local music and artists has had a profound positive impact on our region, and we cannot thank them enough for their commitment to this important work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor WEMU 89.1 on their 50th Anniversary and to wish them many more years of success.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN "JACK"
MATTHEWS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor John "Jack" Matthews for his twelve years of service on the San Mateo City Council—two terms as Mayor—and his many contributions to our community.

Councilman Matthews served on the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust (HEART), C/CAG, the Emergency Services Council, and the Local Policy Maker Group for Caltrain Electrification and High Speed Rail. These names with obscure meanings mask organizations of enormous importance to our community. Fortune smiled on us when Jack Matthews agreed to these assignments.

Jack also served on the Grand Boulevard Initiative, the Civic Arts Committee and the homeless outreach team. One of his proudest moments was the 40th anniversary celebration of San Mateo's relationship with the 101st Airborne Division during Memorial Day Weekend in 2012 when the city also hosted its sister city Toyanaka, Japan.

During his tenure on the council, he has been a voice of reason. In subtle contrast to his otherwise quiet nature he has been insistent about the issue of equal opportunity for all. This core value of Jack Matthews is best demonstrated by the very active role he played in the development of affordable housing in San Mateo. Jack and his council colleagues have helped create Peninsula Station, an affordable development for 60 families, as well as Delaware Pacific, housing 120 low income families at the former site of the police station. Rather than wring its hands over the problem of homelessness, San Mateo, in large part through Jack's leadership, grappled with the problem and developed a solution—buying and redeveloping the Hotel Vendome. Upon opening, one new resident remarked to a reporter that she had taken her first shower in many years. Jack and his enlightened colleagues on the San Mateo City Council offered that woman more than a shower. She regained her dignity.

Jack also supported construction of an award-winning, beautiful new library, a Transit Center, the creation of Draeger's Market, a new downtown cinema, a new police station, the emergence of Bay Meadows as a regional transit and housing hub, and new transit-oriented development at the Hayward Park Caltrain station. He also supported historic changes to the organization of the fire department. Some councilmembers serve and never

witness any of these types of changes. Jack helped shepherd all of them.

Mr. Matthews is an architect and has his own firm, John Matthews Architects, located in downtown San Mateo since 1986. His firm is responsible for the design and significant storefront improvements at the St. Matthew Hotel, Kaffee Haus, Tomatina, AcquaPazza Ristorante, Vault 164, M is for Mystery Bookstore and others. In 1992, he served as president of the American Institute of Architects for San Mateo County and from 1994 to 1996 he was a board member of the AIA California Council.

Community service is in Jack's DNA. A long-time volunteer with the Boy Scouts, he has additionally served on the Board of Directors of H.I.P. Housing, a non-profit providing housing to over 1,000 people.

Born in San Francisco, Jack grew up in San Carlos and attended Carlmont High School. He graduated from California State Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo with a degree in architecture in 1972. Two years later, he and his wife of 45 years, Patricia, moved to San Mateo and raised their four children, Domenic, Anthony, Benjamin and Desiree. Today they have four grandchildren, Delphine, Tessa, Stephen and Lorenzo. After his retirement from the city council, Jack is looking forward to spending more time with his family and pursuing his passion for the outdoors including hiking, backpacking and fly fishing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor my good friend and colleague Jack Matthews for his dedicated service to the residents of his city. His outstanding work has helped make San Mateo a more beautiful and livable community. He has demonstrated by personal example that San Mateo has an enormous heart. We are losing a local leader who will soon become a man with additional time for leisure. There is no doubt that Jack will, even during times of quiet repose, be dreaming big dreams for his extended family—the people of the City of San Mateo.

RECOGNIZING TED B. WAHBY

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Ted B. Wahby, who passed away on Saturday, December 5, 2015. He was a warm friend who leaves a legacy of superb public service in its best sense. He will be deeply, personally missed by so many of us privileged to work hand-in-hand, and I am honored to pay tribute to his remarkable life accomplishments.

Ted Wahby was a pillar in the City of St. Clair Shores, Macomb County and the greater region for over 50 years. He and his wife Yvonne moved to St. Clair Shores in 1964 and raised six children there. The Wahby family planted strong roots in the city as faithful members of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church and the Shorewood Kiwanis. During this time Ted embarked upon a successful career working at Comerica Bank, serving in numerous high-level capacities for 31 years, including Vice President.

In addition to Ted Wahby's love of family and pride in his successful business career, he held a deep belief of the importance of giving back to the community. He first sought public office in 1979 and was elected to Lake Shore School Board. Two years later he was elected to the St. Clair Shores City Council, and two years after that as Mayor, where he provided strong, forward thinking leadership from 1983 to 1995. Ted then decided to take his local experience to the next level by serving as Treasurer of Macomb County from 1995 until his passing. Over this twenty year period Ted devoted his immense talents to serving residents in a way that focused on the human element, while using his profound management skills to place the county in a strong fiscal position.

Whatever public office he held, for him the test always was how his actions would improve the lives of others, and in our many discussions, he was most proud how as county Treasurer, he helped keep thousands of families who experienced financial stress from losing their homes to foreclosure.

His community and civic involvement was rivaled by few. The leadership he provided on so many boards locally and throughout the region is yet another testament to his strong desire to serve the public. Ted was not one to seek credit for his work, yet he was the recipient of numerous prestigious awards and recognitions from charitable and philanthropic organizations, far too many to list.

If there is one legacy of Ted Wahby's service that will be remembered and valued above all else, it is his premier leadership and advocacy for better health care. As a member of McLaren Macomb Hospital's Board of Trustees since 2000 and in the role of Chairman since 2002, Ted strategically leveraged his business and political skills to make critical advances in the health care field. Ted's mission of opening the Ted B. Wahby Cancer Center in 2004 was very personal for him and Yvonne, who both lost family members to cancer. He saw the need for compassionate, high quality care close to home, since at the time nearly 70% of Macomb cancer patients had to drive a far distance for care. He was a tireless supporter and fund-raiser from the very beginning, and worked for many years to influence local leaders to invest in the capital campaign. For his dedicated efforts, Ted earned many accolades, including the 2005 Health Care Leadership Award from the Michigan Health & Hospital Association, and the 2005 Thanks for Giving Award, presented for extraordinary volunteer service to hospitals in the Metro Detroit area.

Over these last few days since Ted's passing, there have been countless heartwarming statements made by so many, but the one that sums it up for me is that above all, Ted Wahby was a family man, as stated by his children. His love for his wife, children, nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren defined who he was and he set an example for these generations to follow.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I am profoundly honored to have called Ted Wahby my friend, and thankful for the opportunity to work side-by-side during his career and witness firsthand his effective leadership and compassion. I am humbled to join with his family, friends and the community at-large in mourning his loss, while celebrating his life and honoring his accomplishments.

HONORING BERT DODDS

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today we honor Bert Dodds for his service to the United States Navy and to his country.

A Hospital Corpsman, Dodds was a medical professional attached to the 1st Platoon, 2nd Combined Action Group, 3rd Marine Amphibious Force, 1st Marine Division in Vietnam from November 1967 through November 1968. During his tour of duty in Vietnam, Dodds provided medical expertise to Vietnamese orphans and various local villages. On November 4, 1967, while on patrol with his detachment, a booby trap exploded on a nearby rice paddy dike and injured Dodds' leg and head.

In spite of his injuries, Dodds continued to treat the Marines in his detachment until a medical evacuation was arranged. Dodds' heroism earned him, among other awards, a Purple Heart, a Navy Commendation, a Meritorious Unit Citation, and a Combat Action Ribbon.

Dodds' drive for selfless service continued beyond his tenure in the Navy. After his homecoming, Dodds lectured at the Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia and served as a medical corpsman during a massive peace march in Washington, DC, in which hundreds of thousands of demonstrators converged on the Capitol to protest the Vietnam War.

Today, Dodds' heart for his community is reflected by his volunteerism. He visited local grade schools on Veterans Day to teach the children about proper flag etiquette. In conjunction with the Marine Corps League, he has visited numerous veterans in a VA hospital and local nursing homes.

He is an active member of the Marine Corps League Morgan County Detachment #1367 and was elected Commandant in April 2015. Earlier this year, Dodds organized a celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima at the American Legion in Martinsville.

It is a privilege to award Bert Dodds with Congressional Commendation, and ensure his story is preserved for future generations.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 655, I was unavoidably detained off of the House floor. Therefore, I was unable to cast my vote on the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 644, the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015.

Had I been present, I would have voted NO.

IN RECOGNITION OF MARGE COLAPIETRO

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Marge Colapietro for eight years of dedicated service on the Millbrae City Council, including a term as Vice Mayor in 2011 and as Mayor in 2012. Marge's commitment to her community is unparalleled. She has logged precisely 24,274 hours of public service since she was elected to the council in 2007. This is the kind of precision and accountability that characterizes Marge's way of approaching problem solving in service to her constituents. I am proud to call her a colleague and dear friend.

During her tenure on the city council, Marge has always sought the greatest good for Millbrae's residents and businesses. She worked hard to protect safety services, helped attract businesses to the city, used prudent spending practices to control the budget during very difficult fiscal times in our nation's history, and she has always been attentive to her constituents both young and old. My staff reports that she regularly sought assistance for her constituents with federal issues, and always wanted to be kept up-to-date on whether or not a problem was resolved. Marge Colapietro's public service has been marked by thorough analysis of opportunities facing the City of Millbrae, constant interactions with an ever-changing city population, and a staunch belief that local decision making about land use and public services is a key tool in maintaining Millbrae's outstanding quality of life.

With a 37-year career in global transportation services, Marge brought invaluable experience and expertise to the table. Millbrae, in addition to being a tree-lined community of families and multiple generations, is a transportation hub resting adjacent to San Francisco International Airport. Due to its strategic location, Millbrae has wonderful prospects in its future. To bolster these prospects while preserving Millbrae's small-town character, Marge served on a long list of committees, including the Cultural Arts Committee, the Downtown Process Committee, Millbrae Community Television, the Senior Advisory Committee, the Tourism Committee, and the Youth Advisory Committee. She also played an essential role in ballot measures to save Millbrae's fire services.

Marge is passionate about bolstering the middle class and working families of her community, as well as housing and emergency preparedness. This passion is reflected in her multiple assignments through the city council. Regionally Marge represented Millbrae on the Airport Community Roundtable, the Airport Land Use Committee, C/CAG's Board of Directors, the League of California Cities Public Safety Advisory Committee, the San Mateo Council of Cities, the San Mateo County Office of Emergency Services, the San Mateo County Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities, and the San Mateo County Regional Housing Needs Allocation Policy Advisory Committee.

From this long, yet incomplete, list you can see how she arrived at more than 24,000 hours of service. Marge is the ultimate volun-

teer on behalf of Millbrae's best interests. She made time for the American Cancer Society, the Special Olympics, the Lions Club, Rotary, the Millbrae library, the historical society, and Millbrae's outstanding schools. In 2001 Marge was honored as Millbrae Woman of the Year. In 2004, she received the California's Park and Recreation Society District IV Volunteer Award. In 2009, she received the Lifetime Achievement Award from President Obama. RSVP, a senior volunteer organization, honored her with another Lifetime Achievement award for volunteering 4,000 hours in less than three years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor one of the most dedicated and hands-on public servants our region will ever see. As a Councilmember and Mayor, Marge Colapietro's fingerprints are all over Millbrae and will be there for generations to come. If her colleagues and future members of the council learn even half of the lessons of stewardship that Marge has taught by example throughout these years, these council members will earn PhD's in public service. Marge Colapietro, the committed, energetic and completely thorough professor of stewardship is retiring from her post to become an emeritus professor of public life. We wish her all the best in her many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO 1ST AVENUE COLLECTIVE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sarah Reed and Sandra Geronimo on the opening of their new business 1st Avenue Collective in Winterset, Iowa.

Sarah and Sandra recently moved to Madison County and fell in love with Winterset and the old county jail building that is now home to their new business. They describe 1st Avenue Collective as an artisan collective and hope to promote arts and creativity in central Iowa.

1st Avenue Collective is home to artwork from nine local artists and 10 artists from the surrounding area. Each piece of artwork is handmade and ranges from pottery and jewelry to wood works and candles. The welcoming atmosphere and culture of Winterset is what drew Sarah and Sandra to this rural Iowa town.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Sarah and Sandra for the service they provide to the community of Winterset and their willingness to open a small business. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them for the opening of their new business and in wishing them nothing but continued success.

HONORING EIGHTH DISTRICT PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated public servant