

district with citizens who work tirelessly to strive to make a difference. Mae was a woman of action who made every day count, and she will be greatly missed. I am fortunate to have known Mae Yates.

IN HONOR OF HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPTAIN DWIGHT BAZILE

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 27, 2015

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the memory of a brave firefighter and exceptional man, Houston Fire Department (HFD) Captain Dwight Bazile of Houston Fire Station 46.

On Thursday, February 19, 2015, Captain Bazile suffered a cardiac arrest after assisting in the extinguishment of a fire at a duplex in south Houston. Two days later, Captain Bazile, aged 57, passed away at Memorial Hermann Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Pamela Bazile; his college-aged son, Dwight Bazile, II; and his mother, Charlotte Felder.

The loss of this intrepid fire captain, father, husband, and son is inestimable. Captain Bazile, as with all of our firefighters, selflessly risked his life and limbs to save people in the most dire circumstances. While our community is emotionally devastated, we are also in awe of the leadership, dignity, and courage of the late Captain Bazile.

Mr. Speaker, as we sadly bid farewell to Captain Bazile, we must find consolation in knowing that in his 37 years in HFD, Captain Bazile saved and comforted many all while "in the line of duty."

HONORING ELLY FAIRCLOUGH

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 27, 2015

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elly Fairclough's exemplary public service.

Whereas, on the Twenty-Seventh Day of February, of the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, Elly Fairclough will retire after twenty years of dedicated public service to Yolo County and Northern California communities; and

Whereas, Elly began her distinguished career with California Supervisor and Assemblymember Helen Thomson, continued with Congressman MIKE THOMPSON and concluded her service with Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI; and

Whereas, Elly's family, friends, and colleagues are thrilled about this most auspicious occasion and wish to acknowledge Elly with the recognition, love, and respect that she has most deservedly earned; and

Whereas, Elly has been a bridge for local seniors, veterans, home owners and immigrants with her assistance as they navigated through the various agencies of the state and federal government; and

Whereas, Elly represents the highest values of her community and has been a leading

voice promoting women's equality; therefore be it

Resolved, that we, Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI of California's Third Congressional District and Congressman MIKE THOMPSON of California's Fifth District, do hereby recognize and celebrate the life and accomplishments of Elly Fairclough, as well as offer her our best wishes for a happy retirement, good health, and happiness in the years ahead.

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HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 27, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, when this Administration doesn't get its way, it sets aside the Constitution and does what it wants anyway. Much to the displeasure of the White House, Congress has defended the Second Amendment from the President's efforts to infringe on Americans' right to bear arms. So, the White House has now announced through an executive edict by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) a ban on common rifle ammunition used by millions of law abiding gun owners in the United States.

Instead of addressing the problem, those who unlawfully possess and use firearms, the ATF is now focused on disarming those who follow the law and exercise their constitutionally protected right. ATF's own mission statement says its duty is to protect our communities from dangers like "violent criminals" and "acts of terrorism." Mission aborted. Suppressing the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Americans for political points is its new objective.

This country was founded on a system of checks and balances with certain enumerated powers and limitations. Restricted power is not always convenient, but that's what our Founders intended. This Administration views the Constitution as a suggestion and not the law of the land. It views Congress as a nuisance that gets in the way of its agenda. So, it has used almost every agency of non-elected bureaucrats to achieve a political goal by bullying through kicking, stomping and ignoring the constitutional rights of the people. The President cannot obtain his government oppression of rights through the lawful legislative process. Thus the IRS targeting conservative organizations; the FCC imposing an unprecedented system to control the Internet; HHS restricting the religious liberty of companies; the Department of Justice wiretapping reporters to silence them; the NSA snooping on millions of Americans without a warrant; and the Department of Homeland Security imposing amnesty on this nation are clear violations of the Constitution. There are many other examples and now the ATF's proposal to ban AR-15 ammo is further proof that this Administration sees the Constitution as a mere suggestion, rather than the law of the land.

The natural right to bear arms is long ingrained in the soul of the people of this nation. The Administration forgets that America's War of Independence started when King George's Redcoats tried—unsuccessfully—to take the

firearms away from the colonists. Further the Texas War of Independence began in a similar way when the Mexican Dictator tried—unsuccessfully—to take away the guns of Texans in 1835. The guarantees of the Second Amendment are intertwined in our nation's history, and the Constitution is the supreme law of the land whether or not it's convenient to the Administration.

And that's just the way it is.

IN MEMORIAM OF STANLEY EDWARD KRZYZANOWSKI

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 27, 2015

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to recognize the life and contributions of Stanley Edward Krzyzanowski, a lifelong resident of Tucson, Arizona. Stan passed away on February 13, 2015 at the age of 77.

Stan made significant contributions to the arts and sciences in Arizona and throughout the world. He served as President of Ballet Tucson and was a member of the Tucson-Pima Arts Council. A self-taught amateur paleontologist, Stan even had a species of dinosaur named after him: Krzyzanowskisaurus hunti.

Some of the fossils Stan discovered in Arizona are on display at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History, where according to curator Spencer Lucas, they are viewed by nearly 250,000 visitors per year.

Stan's friends and family remember him for his curiosity, kindness, and love for life. One friend described him as "an inspiration—enthusiastic, tireless, devoted to the arts, interested in everything," while another said, "Stan was such a special man, positively inspiring and encouraging."

Stan is survived by his brother, David and his wife Martha; a son, Stephen; a daughter Karen Kowal and her husband David; and three granddaughters, Kasia Krzyzanowski, and Sarah and Katie Kowal.

Stan's lack of formal education in no way hindered his archaeological work. In describing his method of finding what others don't see, he said "I don't have that Ph.D. That's what I'm doing: I'm looking, not thinking."

HONORING MR. MIKE READER

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 27, 2015

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor longtime Broadcast Meteorologist, Mr. Mike Reader, of Mississippi's Fourth Congressional District, upon the occasion of his retirement from WLOX, Channel 13, a television station covering our beautiful Mississippi Gulf Coast region.

Mike Reader, a veteran of the United States Navy, began working part time at WLOX as a weekend weathercaster in 1983. When he retired from naval service in 1988, Mike became the morning weatherman and was soon promoted to Chief Meteorologist.

Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and raised in Louisiana, it seems Mike's eyes have always

been set on the skies. His twenty year career in the Navy trained him in weather observation and forecasting around the world. It was only natural that the man, who some call "Winnie" because of his likeness to the famous bear, would become the most trusted name in weather along the Gulf Coast.

One of Mike's most challenging assignments entailed flying with the Hurricane Hunters into numerous storms, collecting data for national forecasts. In the span of his thirty year career with WLOX, Mike has safely

weathered countless weather threats to our area, but Mike's dedication and passion for the safety of Gulf Coast residents shone under the stress of three major hurricanes, each of which had a serious impact along the coastline: Hurricane Elena in 1985, Hurricane Georges in 1998, and of course, Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Mike holds a certificate in Broadcast Meteorology from Mississippi State University. He is also a member of the American Meteorological Society and the National Weather Asso-

ciation. His WLOX weathercast has received the coveted AMS Seal of Approval. He is married to Delores, the woman he calls his "best buddy." They have one son and three grandchildren.

I am proud to honor our friend, Mr. Mike Reader, for an outstanding career in weather broadcasting along Mississippi's Gulf Coast through WLOX news. We extend our appreciation for a job well done, and wish Mike "smooth sailing" in retirement.