

her retirement from Granite United Way of New Hampshire. Rolanda is embarking on a well-earned retirement after 33 years as a dedicated public servant, working to help her neighbors in need of assistance in New Hampshire's North Country. Be it flood or fire, hunger or shelter, dislocation or disaster, Rolanda's efforts at the United Way have brought relief and hope to hundreds of people in distress.

Rolanda served for almost 30 years as the Executive Director of United Way of Northern New Hampshire, until it merged with the other regional United Way organizations throughout the state to become Granite United Way. Since then, she has served as Director of Community Impact for the Northern Region.

Rolanda's commitment to service does not stop with her day job. She is the town welfare officer in her community of Milan, a Justice of the Peace, and a Notary Public. She is on the Advisory Board of Health and Human Services at White Mountain Community College, a Fellow at the University of New Hampshire's Carsey Institute, and a Member of the New Hampshire Charitable Trust's North Country Board.

During her tenure in the North Country, Rolanda has witnessed a rash of mill closings, high unemployment, natural disasters, and an economy in freefall. Yet even when it affected her own family, she did everything in her power to meet the needs of the communities around her. People were warm during the cold winters, food banks were well-stocked for the hungry, and children had clothes for school.

Her life in service is one that is rarely matched. Thus, it is my honor to recognize and thank Rolanda for her outstanding citizenship and service to her neighbors, the Granite State, and the United States. I wish her a happy retirement and wish her the best of luck on the adventures to come.

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#### COMMEMORATING THE SAMOAN EXILES

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#### HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLÁN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. SABLÁN. Mr. Speaker, on June 20 a group of seventy-two Samoans who were exiled from their home to my home, the Northern Mariana Islands, will receive the ceremonial farewell they were never given—one hundred years late.

Allow me to add the story of their exile to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, where it may be held in trust and remembered. And let me acknowledge the work of historian Scott Russell in assembling these details.

In May 1909, the seventy-two Samoans, 10 chiefs, their families and servants were exiled to the island of Saipan in the Mariana Islands by the governor of German Samoa Wilhelm Solf. These chiefs were involved in a movement known as the Mau a Pule (the opinion of Pule) which sought to reinstate traditional Samoan practices abolished by the German colonial regime in the late nineteenth century. The leader of the movement was Lauaki Namulau'ulu, an orator of high standing from Safotulafai, one of the most senior villages in Saipai'i. Lauaki and his followers, however,

failed to secure support from other factions in Samoa and they were subsequently exiled to distant Saipan by Governor Solf.

The Samoans established themselves on Saipan just south of the village of Tanapag. They built eleven fale, the distinctive round Samoan residential house, one each for the ten chiefs and one for the Samoan pastor and his family who accompanied the chiefs in exile. The German administration provided each family with tools, seeds and livestock. Water was brought in by bamboo piping from nearby Saddok Agaton and the people of Tanapag gave their new neighbors assistance. It is reported that the Samoans acclimated well since Saipan's environment was very similar to that of their homeland. The Samoans remained on Saipan until June 1915 when they were repatriated home by the Japanese military administration that had been on the island since October 1914.

The story of these political exiles was almost lost in time. No significant body of oral history regarding the Samoans survives in the Marianas. Local recollections about the Samoan presence are limited to a couple short magazine articles dating to the late 1960s. And the German, Japanese, and New Zealand/British government records associated with this event have not been readily available.

In the late 1990s, however, the Division of Historic Preservation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands did acquire an account written by the youngest exiled chief, liga Pisa. Pisa's account, written in 1942, provides some details about exile life on Saipan but its main focus is Pisa's own remarkable voyage from Saipan to Guam in a small Samoan paddling canoe. Pisa was an ambitious youth and had spent his time on Saipan learning the German language with the aim of obtaining employment in the colonial government in Samoa after returning home. World War I, however, ended his plans when English-speaking New Zealanders replaced Germans as colonial administrators in what is now Independent Samoa.

Pisa decided that rather than return to his home unprepared, he would paddle his way to American-controlled Guam where he hoped to learn English. Without informing the elder chiefs, Pisa secretly departed Saipan at night in a borrowed Samoan paddling canoe. After reaching Rota in the Northern Marianas, where he was provided food and shelter by the Alcalde, Pisa continued on to Guam where he came ashore at Ritidian. After convincing the American military governor of his identity, he was given a job in the Navy printing office. Pisa quickly learned English and requested to be returned home in 1919. He then had a successful career in the local government. He was the only exiled chief to survive the influenza epidemic that claimed millions of lives worldwide in 1918. Today, Pisa is still remembered in Samoa for his daring voyage to Guam.

This month all of this remarkable piece of Pacific history will be remembered in a series of events arranged by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council. Dignitaries, scholars, and keepers of the islands' oral history will converge from Samoa, New Zealand, and the Mariana Islands. The culmination will be a farewell ceremony conducted in accordance with the precepts of Samoan culture.

In commemoration of this event and in remembrance of those Samoans, who were ex-

iled for their political beliefs, I submit this brief history.

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#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONMOUTH CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

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#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Monmouth Conservatory of Music on its 50th anniversary this year. The Monmouth Conservatory of Music has been a premier music school in New Jersey and this milestone is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

The only non-profit music school in Monmouth County, New Jersey, the Monmouth Conservatory of Music is a valuable and influential institution of the local arts community and an outstanding educational and recreational resource for the greater Monmouth County area. It focuses its efforts on reaching everyone in the community, including underserved populations, and works to make music education and experiences accessible to all, offering scholarships, lectures, programs and free public concerts. Its mission to introduce music to the general public and its positive impact on the community is commendable.

Founded in 1964 by Felix and Jeannette Molzer, the Monmouth Conservatory of Music remains dedicated to fostering musical excellence in its students and imparting the importance of musical education and musical understanding to future generations. Its commitment to promoting music has contributed to the thriving cultural landscape of the community. Under the direction of Artistic and Executive Director Vladislav Kovalsky and Associate Director Irina Kovalsky, the Monmouth Conservatory of Music offers expert teachers and high standards for its students. It is committed to enriching its students and the community through music.

Once again, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the contributions and achievements of the Monmouth Conservatory of Music and honoring its 50th anniversary.

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#### REMEMBERING MARCUS BELGRAVE

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#### HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life and career of my friend and fellow Detroit, Marcus Belgrave, who passed away last Sunday, May 24th.

Mr. Belgrave was a consummate gentleman; a legendary jazz impresario; and a gifted player, composer, and teacher. It is difficult to fathom how one achieves all that Marcus did—he started his career at just 18 years old, playing with Ray Charles. He went on to share the stage with luminaries like Ella Fitzgerald, Charles Mingus, McCoy Tyner, Dizzy Gillespie, Eric Dolphy, Aretha Franklin, Wynton Marsalis, and Joe Henderson. Everyone has heard the power of his talent in

Motown classics like "My Girl" and "Dancing in the Street." As a Jazz Ambassador, Marcus Belgrave carried his American sound to Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

But he was not just a musician, not just a composer—he was a mentor of the highest order. He taught Jazz to some of our greatest contemporary artists, including Geri Allen, Regina Carter, Kenny Garnett, Robert Hurst, and Karriem Riggins. Virtually every Jazz artist to come out of Detroit in the past 50 years was influenced by Marcus. Though he may be gone and his trumpet is finally silent, his talent and voice will continue to inspire new generations through the lives he helped shape. His shadow will loom large over every Detroiter who picks up the trumpet.

He will also live on through the institutions of Jazz that he founded, chartered, and fostered. He was an original member of the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra. He established the Jazz Development Workshop and Jazz Studies program at the Detroit Metro Arts Complex. He served as a Professor of Jazz at Oberlin College in Ohio. Motown would not have been the same without him. Detroit's place in Jazz history would not be the same without him.

The world lost a living legend last week, and Detroit lost a champion. But Mr. Belgrave lived his life in such a way that he will be remembered forever. I offer my heartfelt condolences to his wife Joan, his children, and all the family, friends, and fans who mourn the passing of a legend.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE C.K.  
MCCLATCHY GIRLS BASKETBALL  
TEAM

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the C.K. McClatchy High School Girls Basketball Team for winning the 2015 Division I State Championship. As the team's players, coaches, student body and faculty look back on this terrific season, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the team for its remarkable success.

The 2014–2015 McClatchy Lady Lions are comprised of an excellent group of student-athletes who play a tenacious, gritty brand of basketball that energized not only the school, but the entire Sacramento community. Their selfless play and team spirit exemplified the best that high school athletics has to offer.

The Lady Lions culminated their brilliant season on March 27, 2015 by defeating Serra of Gardena 65–61 in double-overtime to win the California Interscholastic Federation Division I State Championship. Their state championship is the first for McClatchy High School in any sport, and also was the first in Sacramento City Unified School District history.

McClatchy's victory is a fitting conclusion to the season for a group of players who have demonstrated tremendous skill, perseverance, and effort throughout the year. Each player, whether senior, junior, or sophomore, exhibited a steadfast commitment to the team. The Lady Lions outstanding roster includes Lauren Nubla, Destiney Lee, Jordan Cruz, Kelsey

Wong, Kristi Wong, Alex Washington, Sara Shimizu, Ka'maree Donald, Haley Arakaki, Jade Fonseca, and the Sacramento Bee's 2014–2015 Basketball Player of the Year, Gigi Garcia.

In addition to their talented roster, the McClatchy team also benefitted greatly from the tutelage of one of the best coaching staffs in the area. Head Coach Jessica Kunisaki and her able assistant coaches, Jeff Ota, Que Ngo, and Carlos Vicenty cultivated a spirit of camaraderie and hard work under which the players thrived.

Mr. Speaker, as McClatchy's 2014–2015 school year concludes, I am honored to pay tribute to the exemplary members of the C.K. McClatchy High School girls basketball team, who have brought so much enthusiasm and pride to McClatchy and the Sacramento community. Their success this year is highly commendable and I am pleased to have the opportunity to recognize their accomplishments. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating the C.K. McClatchy girls basketball team on a wonderful season and wish them continued success in future years.

HONORING CAPTAIN SCOTT  
BIERWILER

**HON. RICHARD B. NUGENT**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Captain Scott Bierwiler, a fellow colleague of the Hernando County Sheriff's Department, a dedicated husband and father of three, and my good friend.

Captain Bierwiler met his untimely death in an automobile accident that devastated the community. The sadness and grief felt upon hearing the news of his passing still stings fresh in my mind, even though risk is an inherent part of the law enforcement description. As sheriff, it was a day that I always feared and hoped I would never have to face. Yet I found myself mourning my friend.

It is tough to recall the days that followed and how full they were of tears, sorrow, and disbelief. However, the memories of Captain Bierwiler quickly came to light and the transition from sadness to acceptance began. As if it were from a page in his own book, the focus of his early death quickly became more about the celebration of his life and the impact he had on so many.

I first met Scott through his parents, who are family friends, and I immediately recognized the potential he radiated even as a young man. After graduating from the police academy, Scott joined the Hernando Sheriff's Department where he served proudly for twenty-three years. He was a hard worker and was dedicated to his job, his fellow officers, and the community where he lived and worked.

His work ethic was unlike any other. No matter how big or small the task, nor noteworthy or publicly known the result. And his determinations didn't go unnoticed. Scott was awarded the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Medal of Valor, the Hernando County Ribbon of Commendation, the New Jersey State Medal of Valor, the Meritorious Service Award from Bergen County Prosecutors Office, and the Combat Cross. But above all accolades,

there was not one person who didn't have the upmost respect for Captain Bierwiler. Respect was mutual and he made sure that it was always known. There was no question that Captain Bierwiler would have made an honorable and just sheriff for Hernando County.

He was a quintessential family man—loving, dependable, and as devoted as they come. There was never a question that his children were his sole purpose in life and his greatest achievement. He would tell stories of the moments of laughter they would share, the times spent together boating on the Gulf of Mexico, and the hopes he had for their futures. He gave all that he had to his family and I can only hope that as his children grow, they flourish in the love that surrounds them from their father.

On Thursday, May 28, 2015, the Hernando County Sheriff's Department unveiled a memorial for Captain Scott M. Bierwiler. It will never be easy to look back on the day that Scott was taken from his family, his friends, and the Hernando community. But my hope for the memorial sign dedicated in his honor is to allow us to remember the times we shared with him, the happy and blessed life he lived, and the legacy he left behind. I am humbled and will forever be thankful to have been a friend of Captain Scott Bierwiler and I will continue to remember his memory fondly.

HONORING COLONEL GREG  
SCHANNEP, USA, RETIRED

**HON. JOHN R. CARTER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Greg Schannep, USA, Retired. As a man of deep faith, he knows that scripture tells us, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Greg has brought these powerful words to life throughout his career as a servant of God, the Army, and his fellow man.

Greg was born in El Segundo, California and first served in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1967. He was among the elite Special Forces at Fort Bragg before being honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant. Education was next on his agenda. While he holds a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from Northern Arizona University, Greg's lasting faith led him to pursue a Master's Degree in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary in California.

Greg couldn't resist the call to serve and, after completing his education, returned to active duty in 1977 as an Army Chaplain. There are no closed doors to a chaplain in the military and Greg was as welcome among his fellow officers as he was among the enlisted. His life experience, Special Forces background, and pastoral skills made him a blessing to the Army family. He served as a Chaplain for twenty-nine years, retiring in 2004 at the rank of Colonel.

Most would use the passing of one career as an opportunity to enjoy a well-deserved rest. Yet Greg's need to serve led him to, within days of his military retirement ceremony, start a new career as my liaison to Fort Hood. It's a role he is uniquely suited for as he understands both the importance of the