

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING MS. KATIA STEINBECK FOR BECOMING KRCG 13 AND MISSOURI RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION EXCELLENT EDUCATOR FOR 2014

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ms. Katia Steinbeck for winning the KRCG 13 and Missouri Retired Teachers Association Excellent Educator Award for 2014.

Ms. Steinbeck is a 3rd grade teacher at St. Elizabeth Elementary School, which is located in my hometown of St. Elizabeth, MO. She won the Excellent Educator Award for the month of March earlier in 2014, and then proceeded to receive the Excellent Educator Award Teacher of the Year for 2014 in May of last year.

Providing a quality education for the nation's youth is a top priority of mine, and I commend educators like Ms. Steinbeck who take steps to enhance the classroom experience for their students, and recognize the amount of personal time all teachers spend to create a better learning environment for our nation's schoolchildren. Outside of the home, our teachers have the most impact on our children's development. By supporting our schools, and most importantly our teachers, both at home and in Washington, we come closer to ensuring that our children are prepared for the future.

Ms. Steinbeck's dedication and commitment to the students of the St. Elizabeth community is exemplary, and I applaud Ms. Steinbeck for her outstanding success thus far in the field of teaching.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Katia Steinbeck for a job well done.

HONORING LEMONT POLICE CHIEF KEVIN SHAUGHNESSY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lemont Police Chief Kevin Shaughnessy who is retiring from the force after 11 years as Chief of Police.

Chief Shaughnessy received his Bachelor's Degree in criminal justice from Arizona State University and his Master's Degree in criminal justice from Chicago State University. His first position in law enforcement was with the Illinois State Police and he served with that force for 25 years. During this time Chief Shaughnessy was selected to be Commander of the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force. With this position, he worked closely

with area police chiefs to establish one of the largest and most successful violent crime task forces in the nation. In 2003, Chief Shaughnessy was selected from over 60 qualified candidates to lead the Lemont Police Department.

As chief, Kevin Shaughnessy has overseen various programs offered to Lemont residents including Neighborhood Watch, 911 Emergency Cell Phones, Prescription and OTC Drug Disposal, and his personal favorite—Kops n Kidz Day. Chief Shaughnessy is committed to the concept of community policing and he considers the citizens served as partners in providing meaningful police service.

Friends and colleagues of Chief Shaughnessy say that he is a great mentor and friend, and someone who can be depended on. I know this also from my experiences with the chief since I have served as Lemont's representative in the House. He is a true example of a leader and has brought stability to the Lemont Police Department. I know that Chief Shaughnessy will truly be missed for he has greatly contributed to the department.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Chief Kevin Shaughnessy for his many years of service to his community and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER DANIEL FRIESON

HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Navy veteran Daniel Frieson of New Jersey's Third Congressional District, who passed away this week, and express my deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Chief Warrant Officer Frieson served our country for twenty-two years as a member of the United States Navy, and rose to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 3 upon his retirement. He was stationed aboard the USS *Pennsylvania* during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. At the time of his death, CWO Frieson was among the last surviving Pearl Harbor veterans in New Jersey.

CWO Frieson went on to serve aboard the USS *Burke*, and ashore at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst.

After his retirement he settled in Marlton, New Jersey and became an active member of the community. CWO Frieson will be remembered for his involvement in his local church and as a Commander of VFW Medford Post No. 7677.

Mr. Speaker, South Jersey is tremendously grateful for Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Frieson's service to our nation. It is my honor to recognize his service and achievements before the United States House of Representatives.

CRAIG BIGGIO

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the recent announcement of Houston Astros legend Craig Biggio's entrance into the Baseball Hall of Fame is an achievement long in the making. In his franchise record 20 seasons with the Houston Astros organization, Biggio was loved by fans for his work on and off the field.

On the field, Biggio holds Houston Astros franchise records in games played, at-bats, runs scored, hits, doubles, and extra base hits. Biggio has played in seven all-star games, won five Silver Sluggers awards, and four Gold Gloves.

However, off the field is where Biggio has really shined. He's a supporter of the Sunshine Kids Foundation, an organization dedicated to providing positive group activities and emotional support for kids receiving cancer treatment. In 2007, Biggio received the Roberto Clemente award for best exemplifying the game of baseball, sportsmanship, community involvement, and individual contribution to his team. A dedicated family man, Biggio has been married to his wife, Patty, for 22 years. He also has two sons, Conor and Cavan, and a daughter, Quinn. Biggio is currently a baseball coach at St. Thomas High School in Houston and has led the Eagles to back-to-back TAPPS 5A State Championships.

His achievements speak for themselves. I'm proud to have known him and proud to be able to call him a fellow Houstonian.

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNIZING ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Rotary International, one of the world's largest non-profit humanitarian service organizations, for its 110 years of service. The Rotary motto, "Service Above Self," inspires members to serve their communities, maintain high ethical standards and promote goodwill and peace. Rotary clubs are active in meeting the needs of their local communities, using funds and volunteer members to provide medical supplies, clean water, food, job training and education to millions in need.

In 1985, Rotary launched PolioPlus in partnership with the World Health Organization, U.S. Center for Disease Control and UNICEF with the goal of immunizing children across the globe against polio. The campaign has been tremendously successful; polio cases have decreased by 99 percent since 1988, and the world stands on the threshold of eradicating the disease.

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It is my pleasure to recognize the Rotary clubs of Central Florida as they prepare for “Light Up Rotary to End Polio Now” on March 13–14, 2015, with Rotary International President Gary C. K. Huang. I am grateful to the Rotarians of Central Florida for their service and dedication to strengthening our community.

TRIBUTE TO SISTER ANN KEEFE

HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sister Ann Keefe, who passed away on Sunday, January 18, 2015 after a long and courageous battle against cancer.

In 1982 Sister Ann joined the ministry at St. Michaels Church in Providence and began her life long fight for those who had no voice and those particularly vulnerable and marginalized.

Recognizing the challenges that faced our city and Rhode Island, Sister Ann took action to help the poor, empower workers, advocate non-violence and promote justice for all. Over thirty years of service to our community, she cofounded the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence, which is credited with helping to sharply cut the city's murder rate. She started Providence *iCityArts!* to help at-risk youth. And, she was involved in creating nearly two dozen other organizations that continue to create opportunity for so many.

I had the extraordinary honor of working with Sister Ann over many years and treasured our friendship. As Mayor, I was especially proud to work with Sister Ann to support the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence to make Providence safe for kids and future generations of young Rhode Islanders. During this time, I witnessed her leadership skills, dedication and profound commitment to the youth of our city. Last year, even though she was battling cancer, Sister Ann was still fighting for those without a voice and helped my office secure Saint Michaels Church as the location for a comprehensive immigration reform rally and attended the event to show her support. There are so many examples of when she would connect those in need with those that could help.

She was a remarkable and strong woman who served as an inspiration for all of us and she leaves behind a great legacy. Her passing is a tremendous loss for Rhode Island, but her presence will continue to be felt in the community through the many organizations she helped found and run, and the positive impact she has had on so many.

My thoughts and prayers are with her family and loved ones. Rest in peace, Sister Ann.

HONORING COMMISSIONER TOM FREEMAN FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR NATION, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Commissioner Tom Freeman as he's retiring

after 35 years in service to our nation, state, and the County of Riverside, California. While serving the County of Riverside Tom has served as the Commissioner of Foreign Trade, Commissioner of Defense and Military Services, Commissioner of the Office of Film and Television, Chief of Staff, Board of Supervisors, 4th district, Executive Officer for the Sheriff's Department, Chief Public Information Officer and Emergency Services Coordinator for the CDF-County Fire, and first Chairman of the Workforce Development Board. His extraordinary service with the County of Riverside in key posts has been of great benefit to the county and its 2.3 million residents.

Tom began serving his nation in the United States Air Force in 1979, enlisting during the Iranian Hostage Crisis and later served in the Inaugural Honor Guard of President Ronald Reagan, The Homecoming Honor Guard for the Iranian Hostages, and the Funeral and Repose of General of the Army Omar Bradley. In 1981, Tom was selected for Marine Corps and Naval Parachutist Training, which he completed, earning the prestigious Paratrooper Badge. He went on to complete Instructor School and receive his Air Training Command Instructor Badge. He then served the House and Senate, teaching selected members of the Armed Services Committee escape, evasion, survival, and parachute training at nearby Andrews Air Force Base. Later in 1984, then Staff Sargent-Select Freeman, was honored by the U.S. Senate, having his enlistment oath administered by the late Senator Quentin S. Burdick on in the Senate Chamber, thus becoming the first member of the active duty armed forces to have his enlistment oath administered on the Senate Floor by a seated member of the Senate of the United States.

Tom returned to his native California with assignment to the Undergraduate Navigator Instructor School, United States Air Force, Mather Air Force Base and served as the Non Commissioned Officer In Charge of Training for future Air Force Navigators. He excelled in this assignment and was named Non Commissioned Officer of the Year. Later he was honorably discharged and joined the Military Department, State of California and was called to Active Duty again thru 1990. While serving on active duty with the State of California he was again named Non Commissioned Officer of the Year, this time for the entire state, and he was also honored as Non Commissioned Officer of the Year by the Air Force Association and the Air Force Sargent's Association. He was also honored by the National Guard Bureau, here in Washington, D.C., two years in a row with the Rookie Recruiter of the Year Award and Recruiter of the Year Award the following year. During this same period of time Tom received a Commendation Medal for rendering lifesaving first aid to an injured motorist. Other awards received include four more commendation medals, an achievement medal, meritorious service medal, and the Air Force Recognition Ribbon, amongst many others.

On January 10, 1990 Tom began his service with the County of Riverside-CDF, Office of Emergency Services. Over his almost 5 years in this post he responded to major quakes, floods, and fires earning three awards from the Governor of California for his service and Emergency Manager of the Year honors from the City of Indian Wells, Rancho Mirage, and Palm Desert. Later he was promoted to the post of Legislative, Information, and Mar-

keting Officer at the Economic Development Agency. After 6 years as Vice President of Government Affairs and Marketing with WMI, the world's largest environmental service provider, Tom returned to serve as Chief of Staff for his mentor and friend, the late County Supervisor Roy Wilson. Tom served with distinction as Chief of Staff and accepted a promotion as Executive Officer for Riverside County Sheriff Larry Smith. He excelled in this position and received awards for his work from the Secret Service, FBI, The International Association of Chiefs of Police, State Attorney General, and United States Army. He was the Agency Representative to the Ford Family during the Funeral & Repose of the 38th President of the United States. After serving the Sheriff's Department with distinction he returned to the Economic Development Agency as Commissioner of the Office of Foreign Trade, spokesman, and custodian of records.

Tom has decided to retire at the age of 55 and spend time with his wife, Brenda Salas Freeman, enjoy their grandson Robert III, and enjoy time with sons Joel, Robert II, and daughter in-law Lindsay. His career as the Foreign Trade Commissioner was remarkable, crafting three bilateral trade agreements with Canada, Japan, and Croatia, and helping take Riverside County Exports from 47th in the nation to 24th in the nation. He also served with the National Association of Counties, achieving the post of Vice Chairman of the International Task Force on Economic Development, supporting global trade agreements in South Korea, the EU, and Pacific rim, and helping businesses create jobs through the Great Recession. Tom was frequently consulted by elected leaders in the state and nation's capital to discuss trade issues and Military & Defense programs and policies. In addition to these accomplishments, Colonel Tom Freeman retired in November 2007, 28 years after enlisting in the United States Air Force, from the Military Department of the State of California and is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal-Order of California Medal by the Governor and our Adjutant General. Freeman also chaired numerous charitable boards and organizations including the United Way, Breath of Life, Junior Diabetes Foundation, and served as Treasurer of the John F. Kennedy Foundation 7 Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee in the City of Riverside, raising millions for charity. He is the recipient of the Jefferson Award for Public Service presented by the 38th President of the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, Tom's talent and leadership exemplify the very best of Riverside County and my state. Our nation, state, and county are a better place because of the efforts of Commissioner Freeman and his devotion to duty and commitment to serve the people. I congratulate Commissioner Freeman on his 35 years of service to our nation, state, and County of Riverside and wish him well in retirement and all future endeavors.

PEARLAND LEGACY CONTINUES

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate high school student Brooke