

Bill retired on July 8, 2016 after a long career of selfless service to the 18th District. I want to congratulate Bill for his commitment to our community and wish him and his wife, Patty, a relaxing retirement.

CELEBRATING AXALTA'S 150TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, for 150 years, Axalta has been a leader in the coatings industry. Congresswoman BARBARA COMSTOCK and I extend our congratulations to Axalta on its 150th year in business. Since its founding in 1866, Axalta has evolved to meet ever-changing industry demands and to fully utilize today's innovative technology. Axalta now does business in over 130 countries and employs more than 12,800 people. However, what has remained constant during this time is Axalta's commitment to quality and to its many customers across the globe.

In Virginia, Axalta's Front Royal Plant is celebrating 35 years of operation. The Front Royal Plant, located near the border between the Sixth and Tenth Congressional Districts, employs many of our constituents and is a valued member of the community.

The Front Royal Plant manufactures and distributes high quality paint products primarily in small container packaging for the "Low Bake" customers in the Refinish and Industrial markets with more than 12 million gallons produced annually. Constructed in 1980 with the first batch of paint produced in March 1981, the facility is nine acres under roof and includes a finished product warehouse that serves as a critical Regional Service Center for the business. There are more than 325 full-time Axalta employees in Front Royal and approximately 80 additional contractor employees onsite.

We thank Axalta for their commitment to providing employment and driving economic growth in the Northern Shenandoah Valley. Congratulations again on reaching this milestone. We look forward to the next 150 years and Axalta's continued presence in Virginia.

TRIBUTE TO SERGIO SANCHEZ

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, Sergio Sanchez was born on October 9th, 1969 in McAllen, Texas to Samuel and Luisa Sosa Sanchez. At the age of 9, he moved from Reynosa, Mexico to Houston, Texas where he learned English and attended elementary school. Mr. Sanchez graduated from the South Houston High School in 1987 and went on to attend San Jacinto College where he entered the music and civilian airline pilot programs. In 1990, he moved to McAllen, Texas and enrolled in Pan American University.

Mr. Sanchez began his broadcasting career as a part time news reader at News Talk 710 KURV in Edinburg, Texas while working full time nights at the McAllen Post Office. In 1997, he was hired full time at KURV as an anchor and reporter. He eventually became KURV news manager, running both the morning and evening news reports. Later on in his career, Mr. Sanchez created the KURV "Drive Home Show," an evening talk show. In the spring of 1999, he entered radio advertising and successfully sold sports radio and KURV news radio while broadcasting the morning show. He then launched his own weekend talk show, "Saturday Open Phones," in 2009. Mr. Sanchez currently serves as the KURV Program Director and host of the KURV Morning News, which he has hosted for 20 years.

Throughout his 20 years of radio broadcasting, Sergio Sanchez has received more than 20 awards from the Texas Associated Press Broadcasters including Best News Anchor, Best Reporter, Best Investigative Report, and Best Editorial. Press associations in Dallas and Houston have also recognized him for his accomplishments as a broadcaster. Along with these accomplishments and awards he is a fundraiser for the Salvation Army's annual Angel Tree program. He has also been recognized as the top fundraiser in the Rio Grande Valley for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Texas.

In addition to his impressive career as a celebrated radio broadcaster, Sergio Sanchez is a devoted husband to his wife, Delia, and father to their children, Noah and Elim. The family resides in McAllen, Texas. Mr. Sanchez also recently entered politics, becoming Chairman of the Hidalgo County Republican office in 2014. Additionally, he serves as Chairman-Elect of the board of the academically respected Idea Public Charter School System in Texas.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE
AND LEGACY OF DICK VAN RAN-
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HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a treasured member of the San Diego family. On June 3, 2016 Richard (Dick) B. Van Ransom-Magana, the founder of Mariposa Ice Cream, passed away.

Dick was an inspiration to his family, friends and the patrons of his ice cream parlor. He was a beloved member of the Normal Heights community and a respected Adams Avenue business owner. His dynamic personality left a lasting impression on all those who knew him, even for just a fleeting moment, as they passed through to order ice cream.

Like many, the Navy originally brought Dick to San Diego, but he chose to make San Diego his home. His grandfather taught him ice cream making, and with his wife Anna he became a fixture in Normal Heights sharing ice cream and conversation with everyone who passed through his store.

During a packed memorial mass at St. Didacus Catholic Church on June 24th, he

was called a light to others and a source of goodness and inspiration. Person after person remarked on his warmth, love for his family, and his great contributions to the Normal Heights community.

While we grieve Dick's loss, we take comfort in the legacy he has left behind. You cannot walk Adams Avenue without feeling Dick's presence. It's bittersweet to be in the summer season and not have Dick here, but Mariposa Ice Cream is still open and thriving and carrying on just as Dick would want.

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF MICHAEL DOVE

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished Hoosier, Chief Michael Dove, who will retire from the Brownsburg Police Department.

Chief Dove joined the Brownsburg Police Department in 1990 as a Reserve Officer and was later hired as a full-time officer in 1992. Throughout his career, Chief Dove has held every sworn rank at the department and has filled many roles, including Training Officer, Instructor, Shift Supervisor, Detective, Undercover Investigator, Emergency Response Team Commander, Uniform Division Commander, and Assistant Chief of Police. He was appointed Chief of Police in 2010.

Throughout his years of service, Chief Dove continued to improve his skills through hours of specialized law enforcement training. He has received training for Advanced Incident Command, Special Weapons and Tactics, Tactical Command, and as a Certified Crime Scene Investigator. He completed the Indiana Police Chief's Executive Course and is a graduate of the 223rd Session of the FBI National Academy.

Upon taking the helm of the Brownsburg Police Department, Chief Dove met with his staff to reevaluate every facet of the department. New philosophies were put in place, and the department increased efficiency and productivity. Most importantly, the department has significantly improved its relationship with the local community. The annual Night Out Against Crime has realized increased participation and standing in the community each year since Chief Dove's initial involvement many years ago.

I have been fortunate to know and work with Chief Dove for many years. I know I can always rely on him and his officers to ensure public events in Brownsburg are safe for everyone in attendance. Late last year I hosted a school safety summit, and knew even before a draft agenda was completed, that Chief Dove should be the Keynote Speaker. I consider him a friend and to me and the entire Brownsburg community.

Chief Dove has been a selfless public servant for over 25 years and the good people of our community appreciate those years of service. Thank you Chief Dove, for a job well done and I wish you well in your post-retirement endeavors.

MAJOR GENERAL AUGUSTUS
"LEON" COLLINS, ADJUTANT
GENERAL OF MISSISSIPPI

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise along with my colleague Mr. MOULTON of Massachusetts to recognize Major General Augustus "Leon" Collins, commanding general of both the Mississippi Army and Air National Guard. Since 2012, Major General Collins has served as the Adjutant General of Mississippi and plans to retire at the beginning of September.

Major General Collins has served in the military for 35 years, starting as a private with Company B, 1st Battalion, 198th Armor Regiment. He completed officer candidate school and later served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. From 2004 to 2006, he commanded the 155th Armored Brigade Combat Team during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I have served with Major General Collins at nearly all levels of command. As a tank company commander, Captain Collins was one of the finest. His troops respected and loved him and accomplished tasks other units would not have dared to attempt. As a Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Collins led his Battalion to be one of the best. Finally, as a Brigade Commander of a Brigade Combat Team in Iraq, Brigadier General Collins continued his path of excellence. Brigadier General Collins led the 155th Brigade Combat Team, Mississippi Rifles, in a full spectrum mission; his unit once again excelled because of his leadership and the high level of respect and trust he earned among his soldiers. He did this while many of his soldiers were impacted by the devastating news of Hurricane Katrina at home in Mississippi.

During Major General Collins' tenure in Iraq, he led two future congressmen. After we were elected to the 114th Congress, Mr. Moulton and I realized we had previously met while serving in Iraq with Major General Collins. This is representative of the diverse lives Major General Collins has led and mentored during his storied career.

As Major General Collins retires from the military, I know he will continue to be a leader in the state and nation. He has been a mentor and role model for a generation of soldiers in the Mississippi Army National Guard. I am honored to have served with him at all levels of command.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. MARY
JEZOWSKI-SURGE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Jezowski-Surge, a longtime Michigan resident, and an original Rosie the Riveter. Mary was born on September 1, 1922 and is celebrating her 94th birthday this year. Mary and the original Rosie the Riveters paved the way for women in the workforce, forever changing our nation with their bravery, grace and gusto.

In World War II, enlistment left gaping holes in the labor force, prompting women to join the ranks of male factory workers. These inspiring women were collectively nicknamed "Rosie the Riveter" and worked building planes, tanks, and other armaments for soldiers fighting abroad. Mary worked at the Cadillac Plant in Detroit building tanks for American troops. She began her time in the factory as a grinder, eventually becoming a welder. She recalls the thrill that came with climbing up on top of the tanks to do her welding. Mary eventually left the Cadillac Plant to begin work at the Lincoln Plant where she built airplane engines. More than 310,000 women joined the U.S. aircraft industry in 1943, comprising a stunning 65 percent of the aviation industry's total workforce. Mary and other women who worked in Michigan's aviation plants were honored for their efforts and have their names engraved on a plaque at Yankee Air Museum in Belleville, Michigan. The contributions of Mary and the original Rosie the Riveters made victory in World War II possible, and their patriotism and hard work will forever remain part of the American story.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in honoring Mary for her contributions to the war effort, and for her fearlessness as a trailblazer for women in the workforce. The values that Mary and the Rosies embodied—patriotism, bravery and resolve—are ones we all must strive to emulate. The Rosies are a vitally important part of American history, and their impact on the workforce will never diminish. Their story is one we will continue to share with our children and grandchildren for generations to come, and their spirit and legacy will forever remind us that we all wield the power to positively contribute to our country.

HONORING ANGELO TSAKOPOULOS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Angelo Tsakopoulos on his 80th birthday for his legendary career in real estate development and his long history of philanthropy in California.

Born in Greece, Mr. Tsakopoulos came to America at 15, sailing into New York City under the inspiring gaze of the Statue of Liberty. He moved to Chicago to live with family, before eventually continuing west to the San Joaquin Valley in California. Encouraged by a close mentor to continue his education, Mr. Tsakopoulos studied political science and business at California State University, Sacramento.

While attending school, Mr. Tsakopoulos supported himself as a real estate salesman, foreshadowing his highly successful career in real estate development. Mr. Tsakopoulos founded AKT Development Corporation in Sacramento, California, which became a leading real estate developer in the area under his leadership and has built tens of thousands of homes and more than 30 million square feet of office space.

Mr. Tsakopoulos and his family have also been dedicated supporters of civic and community causes. The Tsakopoulos family has

donated land and funds to cultural institutions including the Greek Orthodox Church, the Crocker Art Museum, and the Roseville Arts Center. Mr. Tsakopoulos has also had a strong commitment to supporting education through the Angelo and Sofia Tsakopoulos Endowment Fund and as a co-chair for California State University, Sacramento's Capital Campaign. To support the study and celebration of Greek heritage and history, Mr. Tsakopoulos served as an instrumental figure in the creation of the S.B. Vryonis Center for the Study of Hellenism in Sacramento.

Mr. Speaker, Angelo Tsakopoulos has led a tremendously successful career and has become a leader in both business and community causes in our state. His work and philanthropy have left an indelible mark on Sacramento and our larger California community, and it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Mr. Tsakopoulos here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 405, on July 12, 2016, I was unavoidably detained off of the House floor. Therefore, I was unable to cast my vote on the motion to adjourn.

Had I been present, I would have voted NO.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
SACRIFICE OF MICHAEL SMITH

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize the life and sacrifice of a man who served his country and the city of Dallas humbly for over thirty years. On July 7, 2016, Michael Smith was the first of five Dallas public officers who were fatally shot during a protest in downtown Dallas. The shooting was a calculated and senseless act of violence intended to tear our community apart. Instead, our community has rallied to support Michael Smith's loved ones, and honor his legacy. Michael Smith's strong, humble, and loving life is the perfect representation of Dallas' resilience in times of duress.

Smith worked in the Dallas Police Department for over twenty-five years. During his time in the department, he gained a reputation for doing thorough and dependable work. He was recognized multiple times throughout his career, most notably winning the distinguished honor of being called the "Cops' Cop." The only thing that outweighed his work ethic at the department was his easygoing and affable manner. Prior to joining the Dallas Police Department, Smith served seven years as an Army Ranger, where he developed a strong sense of service and an unparalleled dedication to helping others.

Though Smith's record of public service is incredible, he was best known for his role in the community. On Sundays, he acted as a uniformed guard at the Watermark Church in