

California Congressional Office. His hard work was apparent early on and he was soon promoted to Senior Field Representative, a position in which he has excelled. Mr. Silveira's strong work ethic has grown during his tenure, which is evident by his commitment to constituent events and his passion for water policy. As one of the most important issues in the Twenty-First Congressional District, Mr. Silveira has worked to become a trusted advisor on water related issues.

Outside of work, Mr. Silveira is a pillar in our local community. He volunteers his time at the local food bank and helps to serve meals to those in need at a local soup kitchen once a week. Mr. Silveira is an active member in both the Kings County Young Republicans and the Kings County Republican Party Central Committee. In addition, Mr. Silveira enjoys spending time and helping his family on their vineyard, which has contributed immensely to his knowledge and interest in wine making.

Mr. Silveira's time with my office came to a close on July 29, 2016 when he left to attend the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California. Knowing Mr. Silveira, his character, and his work ethic, I have no doubt that he will achieve many great things in his future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Sebastian Silveira for his public service to the people of the Central Valley and wishing him well as he embarks on the next chapter of his life.

TRIBUTE TO ALAN SCHENCK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Alan Schenck of Clarinda, Iowa for being inducted into the 2016 Iowa Senior Olympics Hall of Fame Class.

As a Clarinda native, Alan has always excelled in athletic competition. He got his start in 1973 at the University of Iowa where he was part of not only the swimming and diving team for three years, but also the Iowa Hawkeyes football team for two years. During his time at the University of Iowa his love for athletics and competition grew and his enthusiasm continues still, today. Alan has taken his passion for athletics and successfully made himself one of the most accomplished athletes to ever take part in the Iowa Senior Olympics. All across the Midwest Alan has won numerous medals in swimming, diving and track & field. He has participated in the games for 14 years and accumulated an impressive medal count, reaching almost 200 overall medals.

Alan's impressive resume doesn't stop with his lifelong athletic achievements. He served his country during the Vietnam War as a member of the Air Force and now continues his involvement in a number of veteran organizations. He is a member of the American Legion, the Sons of American Legions and the Sons of the Confederate Veterans Organization. Earlier this year, Alan was also appointed to serve on my Service Academy and Review Board to help select four young people from Iowa's Third Congressional District to attend each of the four United States Service Academies.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Alan for his induction into the 2016 Iowa Senior Olympics Hall of Fame Class. I am proud to represent Alan in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Alan Schenck and wishing him nothing but continued success.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF JOHN "PETE" KIRBY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge my constituent, Chief John "Pete" Kirby, from Centreville, Virginia. Chief Kirby will be hanging up his gear for the final time after 40 years of combined service with the Vienna and Centreville Volunteer Fire Departments.

From a young age, Pete was infatuated with the heroic service demonstrated by his local volunteer fire department. Following the footsteps of his uncle and idol, Austin Kirby, Pete began his public service 40 years ago when he joined the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department at age 16.

Over the years, his hard work and positive outlook led him on a path to becoming Chief of the Centreville Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD). His time with the CVFD has been marked by efficiently leading his firefighters, as well as guiding the department's operations in emergency situations. In 2015, Pete was elected to serve as the Third Vice President of the Virginia State Firefighter's Association. Chief Kirby leaves office with a legacy of hands-on leadership and deep community ties.

Known to help those in need, even when off duty, Pete will be missed by all those who knew him. Even though he is leaving his role as the Chief of the Centreville Volunteer Fire Department, I am certain he will continue his role as a local Good Samaritan.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Chief Kirby's public work. His desire to serve those in need is commendable, and I implore each of us to imitate his dedication to duty. I wish Chief John "Pete" Kirby the best in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF STAND OUT'S DEDICATION TOWARDS MILITARY DIVERSITY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Volunteers of America (VOA) Veterans Services, California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), Los Rios College District, Mather VA Hospital, Women's Veterans Alliance, and Spiritual Warriors as they come together at the Stand Out celebration, recognizing the diversity of those who have served in the military. Additionally, this year marks the five year anniversary of the Don't Ask Don't Tell Repeal Act. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring these fine organizations participating in this celebration.

The Stand Out event reaches out to Northern California's military members and veterans who are underserved in a variety of areas including healthcare, housing, and employment. This year's event honors all women and LGBT veterans in the hopes that they will obtain the resources, education, and access to services that have been challenging to pursue, but nonetheless rightfully deserved. California has the largest population of homeless women and LGBT veterans in the nation. Since the transition from military to the civilian sector is challenging and often met with barriers, especially for women and the LGBT community, organizations participating in the Stand Out event are working together to ensure that these communities have the information and support to receive their rightful benefits.

In participating in the Stand Out celebration, it is important to recognize that all of this progress has not come easily, especially with the fear and hatred that exists for these populations. We thank those who are dedicated to helping these underserved communities of women and LGBT veterans despite the many challenges they have faced along the way.

Mr. Speaker, as the members of the Stand Out event celebrate military diversity and the five year anniversary of the Don't Ask Don't Tell Repeal Act, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their commitment to women and LGBT veterans.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF YORK LODGE NO. 213, BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the 125th Anniversary of York Lodge No. 213, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Since its founding on July 10, 1891, the Lodge has made immeasurable contributions to the welfare of our community through countless civic and charitable endeavors.

Whether providing college scholarships to local students, back-to-school programs for the children of homeless Veterans and students living in impoverished areas, drug awareness efforts and many other activities, Elks Lodge No. 213 has served/continues to serve the people of York and the surrounding region. York Lodge No. 213 steadfastly embodies its mission to inculcate the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I'm proud to have this organization in our District and congratulate its Members on the 125th Anniversary of the York Lodge No. 213, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

HONORING TYLER WILLIAMS

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tyler Williams of Hillsboro, Missouri. Tyler is a member of Troop 547 in the

Greater St. Louis Area Boy Scout Council who is being honored in ceremonies today for earning his Eagle Scout Rank on July 21, 2016.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Tyler built a "Welcome to Hillsboro" sign for the city. He came up with the idea, helped design the sign, gathered the supplies, raised funds to build it and supervised the construction. He worked a total of 350.2 man hours on the project.

Tyler's scouting career began in Pack 547 where he earned the highest Cub Scout Award, the Arrow of Light. In Boy Scouts, he attended National Youth Leader training and became a member of the Order of the Arrow, the Honor Society of Scouting. He earned 29 merit badges, camped for 110 nights and spent a total of 189.6 hours in community service. His leadership in his troop is unmatched. Tyler is a senior at Hillsboro High School who plans to pursue a career in the computer field.

For living by the Scout Oath and Law and being a fine example of how Scouting helps develop America's future leaders, I am proud to recognize Tyler Williams today before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING MR. THOMAS LEWIS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas Lewis, who is being honored today by the Napa County Office of Education as a 2017 Napa County Teacher of the Year.

Though he's a native of Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. Lewis has spent most of his life in California after his family moved west when he was young. He earned his bachelor's degree in Mathematics from the University of California, Davis before going on to complete his teaching credential at the University of California, Berkeley where he was named Student Teacher of the Year in 1989.

Mr. Lewis then moved to Napa County and began teaching math at the middle and high school levels. He currently serves as an Academic Specialist at Harvest Middle School, and is known for making math fun and accessible to all of his students. Using both his vast classroom experience and his personal knowledge of math, Mr. Lewis creates an engaging and productive classroom where students truly want to learn.

Outside the classroom, Mr. Lewis has served as chair of the Math Department, a member of National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the Mathletes Coach, helping students engage with math in a fun manner. To address further needs in his community, Mr. Lewis started SurferMath, a company which provides math tutoring and other educational services.

Mr. Speaker, Thomas Lewis dedicates his time and knowledge to inspiring students to not only learn math, but also to enjoy learning. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING CHARLEY ROBERT TAYLOR

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the decorated football career of Texas native, Charley Robert Taylor.

Charley Taylor was born in Grand Prairie, Texas, where he first found his passion for sports. Taylor began his athletic career by playing football during his eighth grade year while attending the then segregated Dalworth High School, where he excelled in track, baseball, and football.

During his time at Dalworth, Taylor realized that football came naturally. Taylor was named to the Texas All-State team during his senior year of high school and earned the opportunity to continue his passion for football at the collegiate level.

Since universities in Texas were not desegregated at the time, Taylor had to take his talent elsewhere. Upon graduation from Dalworth High School, Taylor attended Arizona State University where he excelled in football. At Arizona State, Taylor was a two-time All-American receiver and running back and was also named to the All-Western Athletic Conference team. During the 1962 season Taylor led the Devils in scoring.

Taylor was drafted in the first round of the 1964 NFL draft as the third overall pick to the Washington Redskins. During his first year as a Redskins player, Taylor was named NFC Rookie of the Year and was the first Redskin's rookie to be selected for the Pro Bowl.

In 1966, Taylor switched from running back to wide receiver and in both the 1966 and 1967 seasons, he led the NFL in receiving. On December 21, 1975, Taylor became the NFL's all-time receptions leader with his 634th catch.

Following the 1977 season, Taylor retired as the NFL's all-time leading receiver. He earned first or second-team NFL honors six times and was selected to play in eight Pro Bowls.

After retirement, Mr. Taylor continued his football career off the field. He was hired as an NFL scout for the Redskins and then in 1981, he was hired as the Redskin's receiver's coach. He served in that role for thirteen years.

Mr. Taylor has been inducted into both the Arizona State Sports Hall of Fame and the Pro Football Hall of fame.

In honor of the retirement of Mr. Taylor's jersey at Grand Prairie High School and his role as a pillar of the Texas athletic community, this statement is submitted.

HONORING LISA M. CHAVEZ OF PENNSYLVANIA

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, today I honor our constituent, Staff Sergeant Lisa M. Chavez, for more than 22 years of both active and reserve component service with the United States Army.

Staff Sergeant Chavez served myriad duty assignments domestically and overseas. She

earned numerous awards and recognitions for her duty, to include the Meritorious Service Medal.

Staff Sergeant Chavez's tireless dedication, professionalism and sacrifice touched the lives of countless people and challenged all with whom she served to be the best. Her legacy of service to our Nation is commendable and set the standard.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, with great pride I commend, congratulate and thank Staff Sergeant Lisa M. Chavez for her 22 years of selfless service to the United States of America.

REMEMBRANCE OF FATHER HENRY RODRIGUEZ

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Father Henry Rodriguez, a true leader and servant of the community of San Diego. Father Rodriguez passed away on Thursday, August 4, 2016 in his beloved city of San Diego.

Father Rodriguez was born in 1955 in National City, California. Father Henry was ordained for the diocese on July 12, 1986. He was the long-time Pastor at St. Jude Shrine of the West in San Diego's Southcrest neighborhood from 1989–2006. Recently, he served as a Father of St. John the Evangelist Parish, even as his health declined. Towards the end of his life, Father Rodriguez dedicated his time to providing hospice to those in need.

Father Rodriguez was well known throughout the community for his contribution to special events and celebrations, as well as community groups and organizations, frequently seen alongside Bishop Robert McElroy. Father Rodriguez served as chaplain to the San Diego Police Department, San Diego Hospice, and at Scripps Mercy Hospital. He believed in community policing and working with police officials to strengthen the community. As a chaplain for the SDPD, he helped comfort the family of Officer Jonathan De Guzman, who was killed in the line of duty. Father Rodriguez would later pass away the same day as Officer De Guzman's funeral Mass.

Father Rodriguez was warm and welcoming. He was a father, preacher and friend to many. He was considerate, genuine and devoted to making this world a better, more just place. His leadership will leave a lasting legacy. He will be missed by his family—his mother, Jennie Rodriguez, his siblings, Jennie Rodriguez, Gloria Taylor, Linda Rodriguez and Jess Rodriguez, his 10 nieces and nephews, and his San Diego community.

LIFE CHANGERS FOUNDATION—OILERS PEE WEE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this time next month will be the first game of the season for the "Life Changers Foundation" (LCF)