

survey of every residence in the area, including over 3,000 documented architecturally significant homes. The association is deeply committed to community beautification, and coordinates local clean-up efforts and cares for the celebrated Deodar Cedars that were originally planted in 1922 lining Los Feliz Boulevard. In addition, the LFIA steadfastly advocates for strict enforcement of zoning and community development ordinances that limit noise pollution and traffic congestion in the Los Feliz Area.

With the straightforward goal of making the Los Feliz area in the City of Los Angeles a better place to live, this remarkable organization has made extraordinary contributions to the Los Angeles community for over 100 years.

I ask all members to join me in commending the Los Feliz Improvement Association for their unparalleled dedication to service.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF STE. GENEVIEVE

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 50th anniversary of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri's Jour de Fete. Held each August since 1966, this outdoor arts and crafts fair celebrates the city's rich heritage and honors its French and German roots.

The Jour de Fete is held in the National Historic Landmark District of Ste. Genevieve and features almost 200 arts and crafts booths, historic home tours, 25 local shops and art galleries, skill demonstrations, food, live music, beer and wine. Hundreds of visitors flock to the 2-day event each year.

As the first European settlement in Missouri, Ste. Genevieve has long been home to talented artisans and craftsmen. Its French Colonial atmosphere provides a perfect setting for the Jour de Fete, which was twice named a 'Midwest Travel Treasure' by AAA Magazine and selected as the People's Choice for 'Best Festival' by the readers of Rural Missouri Magazine.

For the innovative way they honor their heritage and enhance tourism through Jour de Fete, it gives me great pleasure to recognize the Jour de Fete Planning Committee and the City of Ste. Genevieve before the United States House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. WILLIAM LYNCH

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. William Lynch for his service to the Kings County Fire Department and to congratulate him on his retirement after thirty one years of dedicated service.

Mr. Lynch was born on August 26, 1959 in Hanford, California. After attending local schools, Mr. Lynch would go on to graduate from Hanford High School and later the Col-

lege of the Sequoias with an Associates of Arts Degree. His commitment to higher education did not stop there, as Mr. Lynch is currently attending Columbia Southern University.

Mr. Lynch's career in emergency services began in 1984 when he served as a Volunteer Firefighter for the Kings County Fire Department. In 1987, he was hired as a full-time Firefighter by the Hanford Fire Department where his hard work and dedication to emergency services would soon pay off. Due to his strong work ethic and strength of character, Mr. Lynch was promoted to Captain in 1995, Fire Marshal in 2004, and Deputy Chief in 2008. In 2011, Mr. Lynch's career culminated when he was named the Kings County Fire Chief.

During his tenure as Fire Chief, Mr. Lynch has oversaw a reorganization of the department management staff, successfully implemented an automatic aid agreement with the Hanford Fire Department, and renewed the mutual aid agreement with the Lemoore Fire Department. These accomplishments will allow the Kings County Fire Department to continue efficiently serving our community for years to come.

In his personal time, Mr. Lynch enjoys spending time with his wife, Kathleen, and their children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mr. William Lynch for his dedicated service to the Kings County Fire Department and to wish him well as he begins his retirement.

HONORING STATE REPRESENTATIVE KEVIN PARKER

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a good friend and public servant, State Representative Kevin Parker, who is retiring as the representative for Washington State's 6th District in the state legislature.

Kevin has represented parts of Spokane, Cheney, Medical Lake and Airway Heights in my congressional district for four terms in the state legislature. Kevin also is an entrepreneur who manages 80 employees at his six coffee shops and teaches in the Whitworth University and Gonzaga University MBA programs.

During his time in the legislature, Kevin became known as a compassionate conservative who focused on solutions to help the less fortunate in his district and around the state. He said his most memorable achievements were legislation providing temporary IDs to the homeless to enable them to find work and this year's Cancer Can't bill allowing certain cancer drugs to be included in the state's charitable pharmacy program.

Kevin also was chosen by his peers to serve as Assistant Ranking Member on the House Appropriations Committee where he was intricately involved in budget negotiations. His experiences in the private sector and in the higher education classroom as an instructor helped lead to one of the most successful and widely accepted state budgets in recent legislative history.

In May, Kevin announced that he will not seek reelection to a fifth term. He has said

that "serving the citizens of Spokane and the 6th District has truly been one of the highest honors of my life. Engaging with people and finding solutions to their problems is an abundantly rewarding occupation." He emphasized, however, that "what I do as an elected official needs to take a back seat to my role as a father and husband." I certainly understand the challenges associated with raising children as a public official, and commend Kevin for balancing his public and private responsibilities extraordinarily well.

Mr. Speaker, Kevin has said that he hopes he's remembered as a hard worker whose door was always open to anyone and any ideas. That's a model all public officials should emulate. I can say without hesitation that he has served his constituents and his community diligently and effectively. Although the legislature will miss his insight and expertise on matters important to our state, I know Kevin will carry on his service to Eastern Washington in many other ways. I wish him and his wife, Kerry, and their three children the best in the next chapter in their lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF SETH LEVENTHAL OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the tremendous work of my constituent Mr. Seth Leventhal of Sterling, Virginia. Mr. Leventhal has served his nation proudly at the Department of the Navy for over 35 years, and for this I wish to acknowledge his service.

Following the completion of his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Syracuse University, Mr. Leventhal began his civilian service to the Department of the Navy in August 1982. For the next 22 years, Mr. Leventhal worked with the Naval Seas Systems Command (NAVSEA) before taking the position of Budget Policy Officer at the Commander, Naval Installations Command (CNIC) in 2004.

He was furthermore an educator who taught numerous classes for the Navy on financial management and policy. His expertise and willingness to mentor others without a doubt positively impacted the lives of countless co-workers. More notably still, Mr. Leventhal is a recognized expert in the financial policy arena, speaking at numerous forums and publishing a weekly naval newsletter on this issue.

Mr. Leventhal has been an integral member of the Department of the Navy throughout his career, eventually being recognized in 2007 with the Assistant Secretary of the Navy award for Individual Achievement in Human Capital for his role in establishing a command-wide leadership training program at CNIC. This is a man who deserves all our thanks and gratitude for all that he has done for this great nation.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask that my colleagues join me in thanking Mr. Seth Leventhal for the outstanding services he provided to the United States throughout his 35 year long career at the Department of the Navy. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING MS. JENNIFER ELLISON

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 Jennifer Ellison, who is being honored today by the Napa County Office of Education as a 2017 Napa County Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Ellison, a Napa native, completed both her Bachelor of Arts and teaching credential at the California State University, Chico. Ms. Ellison then moved back to Napa, where she has taught students from the 2nd grade through the 9th grade at Vacaville Christian High School, Fairfield Christian School, and Phillips Elementary School over the past twenty years.

Ms. Ellison brings an enthusiasm for teaching and a dedication to her students to her classroom. Ms. Ellison often works with dual language learners and students from low income families, but she takes the time to ensure each student has access to the resources and instruction they need to succeed. In her classroom, students have the ability to explore, learn, and grow. Ms. Ellison works hard to ensure that each student is empowered to achieve their dreams.

Outside the classroom, Ms. Ellison coaches Junior Varsity Volleyball and high school Speech and Debate. Even with her busy teaching schedule, Ms. Ellison has found time to serve as a Sunday school teacher and youth group leader.

Mr. Speaker, Jennifer Ellison has dedicated her time and talents to inspiring students in our community to learn and strive for excellence for 20 years. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

TRIBUTE TO CATHY LACY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize philanthropist and community volunteer Cathy Lacy for being named a 2016 Women of Influence honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

For 17 years, the Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of women who have made a significant difference in business, civic and philanthropic endeavors throughout the Greater Des Moines Area. Ms. Lacy has devoted her life to confronting challenges which many others might avoid. She has spent countless hours on various boards while blazing a trail for others to follow. She was selected for the chosen field of expertise, the lasting impact on the community, involvement with civic or non-profit organization and being seen as a role model because of her lofty achievements and high ethical standards.

Cathy Lacy has the determination and drive to be successful in anything she does, and her exemplary work with countless national, state and local projects for philanthropic causes throughout Des Moines and all of Iowa is widespread. In all aspects of her life, Cathy

Lacy is an example of hard work and service who makes Iowans proud.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Cathy Lacy in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Cathy Lacy on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing Ms. Lacy a long and successful career.

IN RECOGNITION OF DENICE SEALS

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 retirement of Denice Seals as CEO of the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce. As her family, friends, and colleagues gather to celebrate her long list of accomplishments, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this unique individual who has served and contributed so much to the city of West Sacramento.

After 10 years as a member of the board of the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, Denice was named Board President/CEO in 2008. As Chamber of Commerce CEO, she boosted Chamber membership and helped recruit several businesses to West Sacramento, including Shimei and Nippon Shokken U.S.A. Denice also sought to fulfill social needs in the community, striving to align goals of economic development with cultivation of West Sacramento as a vibrant cultural hub. She spearheaded efforts to promote West Sacramento as one of the United States' premier Farm-to-Fork cities. Denice helped launch the superbly popular West Sacramento Farmers Markets, showcasing locally grown produce from around the Sacramento Valley. She followed up on that success by hosting monthly Dig In dinners at the farmers market where farmers, chefs, local leaders, and residents come together to share a delicious meal and conversation.

Denice has also promoted art within West Sacramento, including one of the city's newest and most unique structures, known as The Barn, which is a social space as well as work of art. The Barn helps bookend West Sacramento's River Walk Promenade, and once fully open, it will be a tremendous asset to our community. The dedication Denice has demonstrated to making West Sacramento a wonderful place to live, work, and play has been nothing short of exemplary.

As Denice likes to say about West Sacramento, "we don't do boring." Neither does she.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to exceptional community member Denice Seals as her community celebrates her service to the City of West Sacramento. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring her outstanding work and wishing her the best in retirement.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate South Los Angeles' Thomas Jefferson High School on 100 years of educating and enriching the bright young minds of our community.

Jefferson High opened in 1916, making it the fourth oldest public high school in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Many of America's most brilliant and accomplished artists, athletes, and public officials have passed through its doors as students, including:

Diplomat Ralph Bunche, a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Dorothy Dandridge, the first African-American to receive an Academy Award nomination for Best Actress.

Famed choreographer Alvin Ailey.

Iconic singers such as Etta James and Barry White.

Innumerable jazz musicians, including the great saxophonist Dexter Gordon.

Emmett Ashford, Major League Baseball's first African-American umpire.

Olympic gold medalists like runner Mal Whitfield and high jumper Charles Dumas.

And a distinguished member of this very chamber, the late Congressman Augustus F. Hawkins.

As is evident by the alumni just mentioned, Jefferson High School's tradition of excellence is reflected in its many distinguished graduates—men and women whose years at Jefferson influenced their special interest in contributing to the improvement of our global community. Guided by these alumni's footsteps, each new class of Jefferson students pursues greatness in the classroom, in the community, and on the field.

Jefferson High is also notable as an architectural landmark. After the Long Beach earthquake of 1933, the architect Stiles O. Clements rebuilt the campus in a beautiful Streamline Moderne style. The resulting school has become a local artistic treasure.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Thomas Jefferson High School on its 100th anniversary, and salute the generations of students, teachers, and staff who have sustained it through the decades. Jefferson High has become an esteemed South L.A. institution, and I am confident that its future graduates will only add to the school's magnificent legacy.

HOUSE APPROVES OPIOID CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, the House voted to pass our Conference Committee's work on S. 524, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act.

I was extremely pleased to have the opportunity to be on this Committee and serve as a voice for so many grieving parents, loved