

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

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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

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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

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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

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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

ones, and close friends who have tragically lost someone from prescription or substance abuse. The product of our work gives a voice to those that unfortunately are not here to share their own stories.

Opioid abuse and addiction is a top concern. It is especially prominent in our Veteran population.

Our Veterans often return with both physical and mental wounds. The invisible wounds they sustain serving our country are just as serious as the physical ones, and we must find the best ways to care for each and every hero.

Recent statistics show that 20–22 Veterans commit suicide each day. This is deeply troubling. We must do all we can to prevent Veteran suicide and ensure they receive the quality care they have earned and deserve.

I am grateful to my colleagues for accepting some of my priorities that I have been diligently advocating for this Congress. Specifically, my initiatives, the Creating Options for Veterans Expedited Recovery or COVER Act (H.R. 271) and the Jason Simcakoski Promoting Responsible Opioid Management and Incorporating Scientific Expertise or the PROMISE Act (H.R. 4063), were incorporated into this bill along with other measures I have authored in the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

The COVER Act is a bipartisan provision which provides a pathway forward that will eventually allow Veterans to have a range of options for mental health treatments such as outdoor sports therapy, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, accelerated resolution therapy, and service dog therapy.

The PROMISE Act will increase safety for opioid therapy and pain management by requiring the VA and DOD to update their Clinical Practice Guidelines for Management of Opioid Therapy for Chronic Pain. It also requires VA opioid prescribers to have enhanced pain management and safe opioid prescribing education and training and further requires the VA to increase information sharing with state licensing boards.

My bill encourages transparency and will further efforts to hold the VA accountable by requiring GAO to report on recommendations for improvement and assess the level of care Veterans are receiving.

Additionally, the PROMISE Act will authorize a program on integration of complementary and integrative health within the VA and encourage more outreach and awareness of the Patient Advocacy Program to educate Veterans on their care options.

Mr. Speaker, our Veterans have sacrificed so much for our country, and we have a responsibility to ensure they are receiving the quality of care they have earned and deserve. We must hold the VA accountable and encourage optimal care for all Veterans who have fought for the freedoms we enjoy on a daily basis.

Enactment of both these bills sends a clear message that enough is enough. Even one life lost is one too many. Those that have been bestowed the sacred duty of caring for our true heroes must have the training, resources and passion to do right.

This victory would not have been possible without the commitment and tireless work of so many. I sincerely thank everyone for their support and advocacy in our efforts to combat the opioid epidemic in our country. Through the collaboration with families back home,

stakeholders, and many others, we were able to come together to make necessary reforms and investments to really take a stand and save lives.

First and foremost, I want to extend my appreciation to the Simcakoski family. Like so many others who have been affected by similar tragedies, hearing firsthand from families such as the Simcakoskis highlighted the need that we can and must do more for those who have proudly served to defend our great nation.

I greatly appreciate the support from my colleagues in the House and Senate, especially Senator TAMMY BALDWIN for spearheading this effort in the Senate, Representatives RON KIND and KATHLEEN RICE for taking the lead with me in the House, and those who cosponsored the PROMISE Act and COVER Act.

I want to thank the following groups for their efforts and letters of support as well including: the American Legion, AMVETS, Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America, the Disabled Veterans of America, Vietnam Veterans of America, Blinded American Veterans Foundation, Wounded Warrior Project, Veterans of Foreign Wars, VetsFirst, the Fleet Reserve Association, the United States Conference of Mayors, American Dance Therapy Association, American Music Therapy Association, American Art Therapy Association, Brain Treatment Center, Mental Health America, Boston Scientific, U.S. Pain Foundation, Performing Arts Alliance, the Certification Board for Music Therapists, Mid-America Arts Alliance, Pasco County Alliance for Substance Abuse, the Sixth Judicial Circuit's Veterans' Treatment Court, National Alliance for Mental Illness Pasco/Pinellas, BayCare Behavioral Health, Veterans' Alternative Center, my Veterans' Advisory Committee, the Pinellas County Veteran Service Office, the Pasco County Veteran Service Office, the Hillsborough County Veteran Service Office, and the organizations that signed onto the letter led by the Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose.

I also want to thank Dr. Kevin Kip, who oversees the Accelerated Resolution Therapy program at the University of South Florida, Dr. Edi Dopking, Director of Quantum Leap Farms, Inc., Judge Shawn Crane of the Sixth Judicial Circuit's Veterans' Treatment Court, Sheriff Bob Gualtieri of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Chris Nocco of the Pasco County Sheriff's Office, and Doug Leonardo, Executive Director for BayCare Behavioral Health, for their input and hard work to help our heroes.

To everyone else who was involved, advocated for the COVER and PROMISE Acts, and those who spread the word on the importance of these bills through social media, thank you so very much from the bottom of my heart. Our Veterans deserve it all, and getting this done on their behalf symbolizes our commitment to uphold our promises as a grateful nation.

HONORING FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Florida Atlantic University

for the success of their MBA in Sports Management program. The program recently ranked third out of over 600 graduate-level sports programs internationally.

FAU started offering a MBA in Sports Management in 2000, and has been ranked in the top 10 programs in the world for four years now. Alumni of the program have gone on to work for Florida teams like the Miami Dolphins, Miami Heat, and Florida Panthers, as well as professional sports teams and university athletic departments across the country.

It is my great privilege to recognize FAU for this accomplishment and for all they have done for their students, the South Florida community, and professional sports.

IN HONOR OF JEEP'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY & CELEBRATING THE NEXT 75 YEARS OF JEEP CITY IN TOLEDO

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as we return from celebrating Labor Day in communities across our nation to pay special tribute to the iconic American automobile known as Jeep. Let us applaud the men and women who have dedicated the best years of their lives to building this enduring industrious vehicle over generations. Toledo invited the world to celebrate Jeep's 75th anniversary on August 13, 2016. Jeeps of every year and model, some quite rare, prototypes and one-of-a-kinds, rolled into Toledo to parade through the streets and show off the Jeep's history.

Jeep's story began as a durable and reliable vehicle intended for the theatre of military battle and forged in wartime for the troops fighting in World War II. The do-anything, go-anywhere Jeep long ago evolved from its trademark olive-toned, rugged utilitarian vehicle into a classic and enviable symbol of America's fortitude, determination and resolve. The Jeep has survived and thrived for the past seventy-five years, emerging in our nation's consciousness from ubiquity on the battlefield to a rugged symbol found in millions of driveways around the globe.

Though Toledo cannot lay sole claim to its actual origin, the engine powering the 645,000 wartime Jeeps was designed in Toledo and Willys Corporation trademarked the brand name. The history explains that, "After winning a government contract, Willys-Overland's Toledo factory built approximately 368,000 vehicles for the U.S. Army during World War II. They were shipped all over the world. Where the Army went, the Jeep went."

Willys-Overland went on to build the "Jeep station wagon, the first all-steel wagon ever built in America. Toledo also introduced the world to the Grand Wagoneer, the world's first luxury SUV. The next generation of the brand's flagship Wrangler" will be built in Toledo, too. "Last year, Jeep sold 1.2 million vehicles worldwide. The company's Toledo Assembly Complex built 538,993, or 45 percent of them. All the while, as Toledoans built Jeeps, Jeep helped to build the City's middle class."

Much like America itself, Jeep's core characteristics are strength, durability and reliability. This has been made possible by a