

American bank in the Southern California area. While in high school, Michael attended a program for gifted students at California State University, Los Angeles, and then went on to receive his BA in Politics and Urban Studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and his Master of City Planning degree from the University of California, Berkeley.

A leader in the Los Angeles area, Michael was a Los Angeles City Planning Commissioner and served on the Los Angeles City Council for eight years, becoming the first Asian American elected to the council. During his tenure on the city council, where he represented the Hollywood area, he was in the forefront of the Hollywood Redevelopment Plan, made decisions on numerous development proposals and neighborhood debates, and was a leader in the movement for a leadership change in the Los Angeles Police Department in the early 1990's.

Since his parents and grandfather ran a produce business for many years, it is not surprising that one of Mr. Woo's major accomplishments while he served on the council was the co-founding of the Hollywood Farmers' Market twenty-five years ago. Various constituencies had worked together to improve the quality of neighborhood life for Hollywood residents and business owners, and out of those efforts, then-City Councilmember Woo proposed the idea of a farmers' market. The objectives were to create a secure, weekly community event, a sales venue for small local farmers, artisans, and food purveyors, and to benefit local neighborhood businesses; and in May of 1991, the Hollywood Farmers' Market opened and was an immediate success. Now in its twenty-fifth year, the market offers not only food products, but also live music, activities for children, and renowned authors' book-signings, and is a lively, fun community meeting place. The Hollywood Farmers' Market is under the umbrella of the Sustainable Economic Enterprises of Los Angeles, better known as SEE-LA, which also produces other Certified Farmers' Markets, focusing on supplying fresh food to low-income neighborhoods.

Along with chairing the Board of SEE-LA, Mr. Woo is Dean of Environmental Design at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

I ask all Members to join me in recognizing Michael K. Woo, an invaluable asset to the greater Los Angeles community, and add our congratulations to the Hollywood Farmers' Market upon its twenty-fifth anniversary.

#### HONORING MS. SUZANNE MORGAN

#### 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 Suzanne Morgan, who is being honored today by the Napa County Office of Education as a 2017 Napa County Teacher of the Year.

A native of Napa, California, Ms. Morgan always knew she wanted to be a teacher. She completed her Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies at Chico State University before beginning her career in teaching, throughout which she has always looked for opportunities to work with children living in poverty.

Ms. Morgan has spent three decades teaching elementary school students, and currently teaches 4th grade at Shearer Elementary School in Napa, California. Her teaching style encourages students to build relationships and creates a sense of community in her classroom. Ms. Morgan spends time with each of her students, listening to their concerns and making sure they know that someone believes in their potential.

In addition to her work in the classroom, Ms. Morgan is the President of Days for Girls, a relief organization that supports education for girls in developing countries. She brings her passion for supporting learning abroad to her own classroom by organizing fundraisers with her students for school uniforms for students abroad.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Morgan has dedicated three decades of her teaching career to educating and empowering young children, and her kindness and enthusiasm have had a tremendous impact in many students' lives. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

#### THE INTRODUCTION OF THE DISPLAYING THE FLAG IN HONOR OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MAYORS ACT

#### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Displaying the Flag in Honor of District of Columbia Mayors Act, a bill that would make a small—but significant to the nearly 700,000 residents of D.C.—change to federal law by adding the Mayor of the District of Columbia to the list of principals for whom the president can order the flags be flown at half-staff. Current law states that the president shall make this order “upon the death of principal figures of the United States Government and the Governor of a State, territory, or possession, as a mark of respect to their memory.” Surely the death of a current or former D.C. mayor should qualify as a principal. My bill would add D.C. mayors, who have many of the same responsibilities as state and territory governors, to the current list of officials.

Congress already understands that the District of Columbia deserves a place among the states for certain honors, and this minor addition is not as great as others Congress has already recognized. We have already won congressional recognition of the District of Columbia in situations where the city was overlooked while honoring the states. For example, our legislation ensured that the District of Columbia War Memorial honored only District residents who served in World War I and that D.C.'s Frederick Douglass statue sits in the Capitol alongside statues from the 50 states. I also successfully worked with the U.S. Postal Service to create a D.C. stamp, like the stamps for the 50 states, and worked with the National Park Service to add the D.C. flag alongside the state flags across from Union Station.

Legislation was also enacted to give D.C. a coin after it was omitted from legislation creating coins for the 50 states. Additionally, the flag of the District is displayed among the

flags of the fifty states in the tunnel connecting the House office buildings to the Capitol, and legislation was needed to require the armed services to display the District flag whenever the flags of the states are displayed. My bill to add the mayor to the list of principals is a continuation of my efforts to ensure that the District of Columbia receives fair treatment, even when we have no vote on the House floor and no representation in the Senate.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF VICENTE D. “BEN” ADA

#### HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Guam Senator and businessman, Vicente D. “Ben” Ada. Ben Ada was a proud son of Guam, faithful public servant and successful businessman. Ben was born on January 24, 1932 and passed away on Sunday, August 28, 2016 at the age of 84.

Ben was the son of the late Vicente Cepeda Ada and Dolores de LeonGuerrero Diaz Ada and married to the late Teresita Gutierrez Borja Ada for 57 years. He was a member of our island's greatest generation and served in the U.S. Air Force as a B52 Bomber mechanic 1957 until 1964. Ben was also a Veteran of the Korean War Era. After serving in the Air Force, Ben became the General Manager of the Pioneer Shop and was an Insurance Underwriter from 1964 until 1967. In 1966, Ben and his wife Teresita opened Ada's Insurance and also became the distributor of Daihatsu vehicles in Guam.

In 1971, Ben was elected as a senator to the Guam Legislature. He served the people for Guam faithfully for four terms in the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th Guam Legislatures. Ben was dedicated to improving our island community for all by expanding infrastructure coverage and providing funding for resources throughout Guam's villages.

In 1972, Ben opened a family business, Pacific Funeral Home which became Ada's Funeral Home in 1992. The family business has served the people of Guam for 45 years. Ben and Ada's Funeral Home was awarded the 2011 U.S. Small Business Administration's Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Small Business Award.

In addition to his life in business and public service, Ben also found time to volunteer in the community. He served as the Scout Master for Boy Scouts of America Troop 17 during which he composed the official Troop 17 song, “We are the Boys of 17.” He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Pale San Vitores Council 05666. Ben was also a generous benefactor of many religious orders, such as the Carmelite Monastery of Guam and the St. Fideles Capuchin Friary. Ben gave his time and talents freely to many causes. He played an instrumental role in preparing for the historic visit of Pope John Paul the II to Guam in 1981.

I will always remember Ben for helping countless families on Guam as a public servant in the Guam Legislature and as the owner of Ada's Funeral Home. His work ethic was

unparalleled and evident in the day-to-day operation of the family business. Throughout the years Ben's compassion and generosity has assisted countless families during their most difficult times. In particular, I knew Ben to be a man deeply devoted to his faith and to the care of his family. I extend my sincere condolences to the entire Ada family on their loss.

I am deeply saddened by the passing of Vicente D. "Ben" Ada, and I join the people of Guam in celebrating his life, and recognizing and remembering his dedicated service to Guam. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, loved ones and friends. I extend my condolences to his children Vincent Ada, Anita and Frank Okazaki, Bennett Ada, Pete Ada, Rick and Meren Ada, Tony and Annette Ada, Therese and Danny Ybarra, Carmen Gaskins and Lourdes Ada, his 36 grandchildren and 59 great-grandchildren. He will be missed, and his memory will live on in the hearts of the people of Guam.

**HONORING NORMAN BRODY,  
CANTOR OF TEMPLE BETH EL**

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Norman Brody, who is the cantor of Temple Beth El in West Palm Beach, Florida. He has served this congregation since 1986 and is one of Palm Beach County's most famous and popular cantors. Cantor Brody was educated at the B'Nai Zion and College of Jewish Studies in Chicago, Illinois. He later attended the University of Michigan, where he received both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

Cantor Brody sang with the Chicago Lyric Opera and the New York Opera Company, appearing with another famous tenor, Placido Domingo. He was also the featured soloist and musical arranger for the Winged Victory Singers and, from 1965 to 1980, he appeared in top hotels and on concert stages, as well as on radio and television.

Before coming to Temple Beth El, he was the cantor at Temple Emanuel in Andover, Massachusetts, Temple Emeth in Brookline, Massachusetts and at Beth Israel Mikra Kodesh in Baltimore, Maryland. Besides having an award winning voice, Norman Brody has received the City of Peace Award and the Community Achievement Award from American ORT.

His annual concert is a highlight of every year, regularly drawing huge crowds to hear "the man with the golden voice" perform religious music, show tunes and popular standards. An accomplished pianist, he accompanies himself at Sabbath services to the delight of congregants, who have remarked that it's always a special occasion when they hear him sing.

Cantor Brody also devotes time to conducting Temple Beth El's Youth and Adult Choirs and is a dedicated and committed member of our community. He is active in many organizations, including B'Nai B'rith, the Palm Beach County Clergy Cantor's Association and Ambassadors Society of Trustees of Israel Bonds.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor this fine man, who is not only a tremendous treasure

for Temple Beth El, but an enormous credit to his community and our nation.

**CONGRATULATING THE GREATER  
HELOTES LITTLE LEAGUE SOFT-  
BALL TEAM**

**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Greater Helotes Little League softball team for their outstanding accomplishment of winning the 2016 Little League Softball World Series. With grit and skill, these fourteen young women became champions and made our city, San Antonio, proud. This is a special group—all of the teammates have been playing together since they were seven or eight years old. They understand how to help one another shine and rally for victory. Those strong bonds were instrumental in their streak of decisive wins to seize the world title: 19–4, 10–0, 4–1, 11–1, 10–0, 6–0, and 5–1.

I applaud the Greater Helotes Little League team for their exciting achievement and for the example they've set for girls who love sports everywhere. I hope the lessons of teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship that they've learned during this experience serve them well throughout their lives.

**TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE LIFE  
OF ROSLYN GROSSMAN MORRIS**

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my friend, my constituent and an extraordinary woman, Roslyn (Roz) Grossman Morris, who died in Palo Alto, California, at the age of eighty-nine. Roz was born on April 15, 1927, in Oakland, California, and was one of two children of Bertha and Harry Grossman. She and her brother grew up in Napa where she attended high school, and then attended U.C. Berkeley.

After meeting on a blind date, Roz and Merv Morris married in 1950. They welcomed three sons and a daughter into their family and Roz supported Merv as he built his successful retail business. She was active with the Peninsula Volunteers and a great supporter of the arts. She was a baseball fan, a Cal fan, and an elegant entertainer. She loved to travel, kept up with current events and attended the opera and the symphony. Most of all, she adored her family. Roz leaves her loving husband of sixty-six years, Mervin, and her four sons and daughters-in-law, as well as her fourteen beloved grandchildren, five great grandchildren and her brother, Arnold Grossman.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our most sincere condolences to the entire Morris family. Roz Morris left an indelible mark on our community and she left our community and our country stronger and better. I think she was a national treasure.

**RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL  
KEVIN O'CONNELL**

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Major General Kevin O'Connell as he retires in August after 34 years in service to the United States Army.

A native of Clinton, Maryland, Major General O'Connell first joined the ROTC as a Quartermaster Corps Officer in 1982. Since then, he has risen through the ranks, proving himself a dedicated, honorable, and capable leader. As Commanding General of the United States Army Sustainment Command (ASC), he has helped to sustain Army and Joint Forces in support of Combatant Commands across the world. As the Senior Commander of the United States Army Garrison in Rock Island, he leads not only one of our nation's greatest military installations, but also one of our region's largest employers.

Major General O'Connell's commitment to the armed services is evident not only through his daily work, but also demonstrated by his numerous decorations throughout the years, including the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, as well as numerous unit awards, campaign medals, and service medals. He has also been presented with the Noble Patron of Armor, Order of Saint Michael, Somervell Award, Order of Saint Martin, and the Order of Samuel Sharpe for his contributions to the Armored and Cavalry forces, Army Aviation, Logistics Corps, Quartermaster Corps, and the Ordnance Corps respectively.

I am proud to recognize Major General O'Connell not only as a hero, but as a friend. I wish him the best in his well-earned retirement, and thank him for his service.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE GREATER  
MCLEAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 6, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce which celebrated its 55th anniversary on August 30th. The Chamber had been incorporated in 1961 as the McLean Business & Professional Association. Besides promoting camaraderie among area business owners, principal community achievements of its first thirty years included working with the McLean Citizens Association and others to found the McLean Community Center; financing the planting of trees in the business district and along Virginia Route 123 from Arlington to Tyson's Corner; and playing a major role in the development of the first land-use plan for central McLean's business district.

Reincorporated in 1994 as a chamber of commerce, the Greater McLean Chamber has