

comprehensive look at the Island's oak woodlands.

Working with the Long Beach Unified School District, the community and philanthropic organizations, the Conservancy has greatly increased access to natural and intellectual resources over the past 13 years. It implemented extensive educational enrichment and internship programs for the local school population through the establishment of the K–12 NatureWorks workforce development and STEM education initiative.

In its continuing service to the local community, the Conservancy provided free access to the wildlands of Catalina for Island families without vehicles. It implemented a free of charge Naturalist Training Program for tour operators and local businesses, as well as Conservancy front line staff.

To ensure visitors to the Island could access the wildlands and learn about Catalina's ecosystem, the Conservancy created the 37.5 mile Trans-Catalina Trail. It also has secured funding and developed plans for further trail improvements and expansions.

It significantly expanded and improved the Jeep Eco-Tour program and developed a signage and way finding system across the Island. It added new running and biking events, an Island Ecology Travel Program and Wild Side Art Program to increase access and awareness. In addition, it increased volunteer program initiatives to include AmeriCorps, American Conservation Experience and numerous university-level spring break programs.

So that visitors and others had more information about Catalina Island and the Conservancy, it added a Nature Center in Avalon and a Mobile Nature Station that has served Avalon and Two Harbors, along with interpretive panels in the Garden and at campgrounds and trailheads. The Conservancy also expanded and revamped its outreach and marketing materials, including maps, field guides, monthly e-newsletters, videos, an extensive photo library and expanded web site.

To serve a greater good beyond Catalina's shores, the Conservancy launched a successful radio show and web site, *Isla Earth*, on environmental issues that aired for 10 years on over 320 radio stations across the country.

To provide the needed programs and ensure the organization's long-term financial health, the Conservancy has focused on raising revenues and creating a sustainable business model that will ensure the Island will continue to be restored and protected for future generations.

In the past 13 years, the Conservancy has increased its operating budget nearly three times through an increase in philanthropic giving and mission-based earned income. It has significantly expanded its donor base and created a reserve fund to address deferred maintenance projects across its 42,000 acres. Projects have included improvements at Airport in the Sky, across its road and bridge system, a new pier, replacement and expansion of its vehicle fleet and upgrades to its numerous buildings.

The Conservancy also revamped its organizational structure, adding new departments and expanding existing functions while providing professional development and training for all staff. The Conservancy's staff has doubled in size and moved to a more customer service/community orientation. The Conservancy also expanded and updated employee

housing, adding 14 new units, to support recruitment and retention of staff.

The Board of Directors and the Conservancy's staff have worked together to develop a strategic vision for the organization's future, called IMAGINE CATALINA. They worked with nationally recognized sustainability architect William McDonough and landscape architect Thomas Woltz to develop a long-term strategic vision.

It imagines an Island that represents California as it can be, demonstrating how nature and humans can thrive together. It envisions Catalina and the Conservancy serving as models for science-based conservation, for training tomorrow's stewards of the natural world, for connecting people to nature and for creating sustainable finances and operations.

To implement IMAGINE CATALINA, the Board and staff launched the Conservancy's first-ever capital campaign, and they are more than three-fourths of the way to fully funding the first phase. They celebrated the groundbreaking for the campaign's flagship project, the Trailhead Visitor Center, on June 24, 2016. Another groundbreaking is scheduled on October 14, 2016 for the next major project, improvement and expansion of Catalina's trail system, and planning is well underway for a major ecological restoration effort on the Island's West End.

"Ann and her team's excellent stewardship work at the Catalina Island Conservancy is leading edge and has served as a model for many other land trusts," said California Council of Land Trusts Executive Director Darla Guenzler.

Ann has also been a leader beyond Catalina. She was a founding Board member of the California Council of Land Trusts and served as its Chair of the Board. She is also a member of the Steering Committee for the Southern California Open Space Council and an Advisory Board member of University of Southern California's Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies.

#### FORT HUNTER LIGGETT

#### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to bring to my colleagues' attention the seventy-fifth anniversary of Fort Hunter Liggett, California. On December 12, 1940, the War Department purchased 266,950 acres of land between the Salinas River and the Pacific Ocean from William Randolph Hearst, in anticipation of the need to prepare U.S. troops for combat in Europe in 1940. On January 10, 1941, the Hunter Liggett Military Reservation was established and combat troops immediately began training. It is ideally located to provide excellent training opportunities to all U.S. Armed Forces and allied nations.

From its inception, Fort Hunter Liggett has provided a realistic training environment for large-scale military exercises for U.S. Armed Forces. It is the largest installation in the Army Reserve, with more than 165,000 acres of unencroached mountains, valleys, rivers, plains, and forests, providing ideal maneuver areas to meet today's training requirements. Fort Hunter Liggett is one of only a few instal-

lations that have a 360-degree live-fire capability for small arms. Its state-of-the-art ranges, training areas, and facilities support year-round joint, multi-component, and interagency training.

In its early history, the installation had five airstrips that were used during WWII to transport troops, supplies and the wounded. William Randolph Hearst's Milpitas Ranch House, commonly referred to as "The Hacienda", was used as the post headquarters. The Army has maintained and preserved the building designed by renowned California architect Julia Morgan, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Today, the historic building is a hotel and enjoyed by the public as a tourist attraction.

During the 1970s, Fort Hunter Liggett was the home of the Combat Development and Experimentation Center which provided critical testing and fielding of new weapons and warfare techniques, such as the Cobra Attack Helicopter and M16 Assault Rifle. The 4th and 7th Infantry Divisions used the installation as their primary training grounds, as well as Army Reserve and National Guard units.

Today, Fort Hunter Liggett primarily serves as a world class training platform for Army Reserve combat support and combat service support training and large-scale exercises. Fort Hunter Liggett is funded by the U.S. Army Reserve and falls under the command of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command.

Fort Hunter Liggett is also a leader in meeting the Department of Defense 2020 Net Zero Initiative. The Energy Conservation Investment Program established Fort Hunter Liggett as a prototype since it will be the first installation to achieve Net Zero goals. As one of nine pilot installations chosen by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, the Garrison has installed solar panels and energy storage systems, upgraded the waste water treatment plant, demolished Korean War-era buildings to conserve energy consumption, and ensured that all new construction meets the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards. In addition, Fort Hunter Liggett has partnered with the County of Monterey to field a waste-to-energy gasification plant.

Since 1941, countless numbers of troops have come through Fort Hunter Liggett to train for their deployments to support WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and today's war on global terrorism. The Fort Hunter Liggett military and civilian workforce proudly serves all branches of the Armed Forces, as well as allied forces. I commend the Installation for all its role in enabling unit, Soldier, and family readiness.

Mr. Speaker, for seventy five years, Fort Hunter Liggett has been an essential training platform for the U.S. Armed Forces, contributing to the security of our nation and strengthening international partnerships that build peace. In times of global unrest both past and present, Fort Hunter Liggett has demonstrated its capacity to ensure the readiness of its troops to defend the American ideals and freedom. I end with the refrain from the Army's Official Song, "First to fight for the right, And to build the Nation's might, And the Army goes rolling along."

RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

**HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO**

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of September as National Preparedness Month. I commend the Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense (GHS/OCD), first responders and all community organizations, local government agencies, our military partners, and advocates who work to raise awareness and stress the importance of emergency preparedness in our community.

The National Preparedness Month theme for 2016 is "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make your emergency plan today." National Preparedness Month serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit. Guam joins the national campaign throughout the month of September to stress the importance of planning and preparing for natural, man-made and technological disasters. National Preparedness Month gets everyone in the community involved to build a safer, more prepared island community.

I call upon our community to do our part to ensure that we are prepared for any emergency that may occur. Family members may not all be together when a disaster strikes so it is important to work in our individual families to create a plan. National Preparedness Month also encourages businesses, schools and communities to take the steps to prepare.

Additionally, I commend the Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense along with our island's numerous community partners, organizations and agencies that have come together to actively promote, educate, and provide resources for our people through various programs and initiatives. Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense carries out the mission of coordinating and facilitating all Government of Guam, military and Federal liaison response agencies and their resources in mitigating, preparing, responding, and recovering from any and all types of emergencies in order to protect the lives, environment, and property of the island of Guam.

On behalf of the people of Guam, I join Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense and all local government agencies, our military partners, organizations and advocates in recognizing survivors on Guam and commending those who assist in building a stronger, safer and more prepared island community.

HONORING ALABAMA MUSIC  
LEGEND JEFF COOK

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Alabama country music legend Jeff Cook in honor of his birthday and the music festival named in his honor in Guntersville, Alabama.

Cook is a lifetime resident of the Fourth Congressional District. He was born and raised in DeKalb County in Fort Payne. It was in Fort Payne that he formed a band with his cousins Randy Owen and Teddy Gentry. The three young men would first call themselves Wild Country, and then in 1977 they changed the group's name to Alabama.

During the next four decades their group, Alabama, would become one of the best-selling music groups in history. Fans of Alabama have bought more than 75 million albums and singles. They were named the 1980s Entertainers of the Decade.

Then, in 2004, Jeff formed the Allstar Good Time Band. Jeff plays backup to his wife, Lisa, who also sings. Jeff and Lisa spend a great deal of their time in Guntersville, Alabama, which is in the heart of the Fourth Congressional District. It is where, each year, Jeff is honored for his birthday with the Jeff Cook Days.

On behalf of the citizens of the Fourth Congressional District of Alabama, I commend, recognize and honor Jeff for his accomplishments and the work he has done and for being a positive image for Alabama, and for his dedication to his home state. Also, I want to take this opportunity to wish him a very happy birthday and many more.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JAMES M.  
LALLY

**HON. NORMA J. TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James M. Lally for his dedicated service to the medical community in the Inland Empire and across the United States.

Dr. Lally is the President and Chief Medical Officer at the Chino Valley Medical Center in California's 35th district where he leads by example and works tirelessly every single day to give back to his community. In my district alone, he oversees the sports medicine programs of four local high schools in the Chino Valley Unified School District; is a member of the YMCA Board of Directors; serves as medical director for clinics in Chino and Montclair; and serves on the Board of Trustees for Chino Valley Medical Center and Montclair Hospital Medical Center.

Dr. Lally is also committed to educating the next generation of physicians, serving as a clinical professor of family medicine at Western University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Pomona, California, and at Touro University California, College of Osteopathic Medicine, in Vallejo.

However, Mr. Speaker, his generous character and service reaches far beyond my district and the state of California. Dr. Lally is a past President of the American Osteopathic Association and currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Association. Dr. Lally also serves as the team physician as well as the President of the USA Shooting Team. He is the Chairman of the Medical Committee of the International Shooting Sports Federation and a member of the International Olympic Medical Committee.

Today, Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Dr. James M. Lally for yet another lifetime

achievement. He is being honored as the Physician of the Year by the American Osteopathic Foundation. This accolade is designated to an individual whose extraordinary accomplishments and service bring a sense of pride to the profession and whose actions promote the science of medicine and the betterment of public health.

For his many contributions to my community, and to the greater national healthcare community, I would like to recognize Dr. James M. Lally here on the House floor today.

HONORING COACH STAN SLABY

**HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of Coach Stan Slaby, of the Third Congressional District, and to express my sincerest condolences to his family and loved ones he has left behind, as well as to recognize his career of service and community engagement.

Coach Slaby was a beloved educator at Admiral Farragut Academy for 39 years at its northern campus in Pine Beach, New Jersey. He was born in 1924 to Polish immigrants and enlisted in the United States Navy almost immediately after graduating high school. He received the Navy & Marine Corps medal for saving a drowning marine in the sea at Normandy on June 9th of 1944 and continued on to receive four more service medals before being honorably discharged in April of 1946.

After resuming his education and receiving his BA in History with a Minor in Physical Education, Coach Slaby was hired by Admiral Farragut Academy where he taught history and eventually became the full-time Athletic Director. Coach Slaby coached many great teams and outstanding student-athletes, won coaching awards, and was admired by his peers. He is remembered fondly for his teachings and legacy of discipline, self-reliance, and respect that his coaching philosophy was centered upon.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously honored to have had Coach Stan Slaby as a selfless and dedicated member of their community, whose coaching legacy and vivacious spirit will never be forgotten. It is with a heavy heart that I commemorate his honorable service to our nation, as well as his coaching career and life, before the United States House of Representatives.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR VICTIMS  
OF AUGUST FLOODS IN  
LOUISIANA

**HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 7, 2016*

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart in the aftermath of a trying and challenging time felt throughout Louisiana, where 13 of our own lost their lives as a result of the recent flooding.

The rain started falling on August 10th and continued for weeks. Water rose up to rooftops, families lost most of their possessions,