

TRIBUTE TO REAR ADM. ART CLARK, USN (RET.), DEPUTY LAB DIRECTOR, IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rear Admiral Arthur Clark, an extraordinary leader with 45 years of experience in management of large operations, in the U.S. Navy and at the Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory.

Born and raised in Ohio, Rear Admiral Clark served two tours in Vietnam as an in-country advisor, and was one of the last U.S. military personnel to leave in 1973. From there, he went on to hold leadership roles that transformed the U.S. Navy at the end of the 20th century. He was project coordinator for the construction of *California*- and *Virginia*-class guided missile cruisers, which integrated nuclear reactors and advanced combat systems into the world's most advanced surface ships. As Commander of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, he led the first program for reactor compartment disposal of the first 28 nuclear reactors to long-term, environmentally safe storage. He also developed recycle disposal of nuclear submarine and ship hulls. As Director of Fleet Maintenance of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm he developed innovative maintenance processes that contributed to success in Bosnia and the Second Gulf War.

After retirement from the Navy, Admiral Clark served two years as president of B&W Hanford Co., where he was responsible for the decommission and inactivation of numerous World War II legacy nuclear material production facilities. These included the PUREX and B Plant. He also started the thermal stabilization of 43 metric tons of excess weapons grade plutonium stored in the Plutonium Finishing Plant at Hanford, Washington.

Art then accepted an assignment as Vice President and Director of Site Operations at the Idaho National Environmental and Engineering Laboratory. His work there led to the inactivation and cleanup of legacy nuclear facilities including several nuclear research reactors and spent fuel pools. He oversaw processing of the debris from the Three Mile Island reactor accident for interim safe storage, and also delivered the first 3,100 cubic meters of trans-uranic material left over from the Rocky Flats weapons production facility to underground storage in New Mexico. Art was responsible for design, construction, and start-up of the Advanced Retrieval Project, which is being used for cleanup of the laboratory's TRU buried waste disposal site.

Art served six years as Deputy Laboratory Director for Operations at the Idaho National Laboratory, the nation's lead nuclear laboratory, where he had responsibility for overseeing the safe operation of the laboratory's nuclear facilities, including the Advanced Test Reactor (ATR), the nation's most versatile irradiation test facility. He helped direct the development of the Next Generation Nuclear Plant, a high-temperature gas reactor designed for process heat applications. He currently serves as Senior Technical Advisor to the Laboratory Director, with a focus on important cross-cutting and strategic initiatives.

He holds a master's degree in Industrial Management from George Washington University and a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering/Marine Engineering/Naval Architecture from Virginia Tech. He is also a graduate of the University of Virginia Executive Program.

It is a great honor to congratulate Admiral Clark on his remarkable career of achievement. Art represents the best of the many talented people in the Navy and the National Laboratory complex whose knowledge and skill have been essential to keeping our nation strong and secure. Thank you, Admiral Clark for your service to our nation, and congratulations on your many accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO MARJORIE AND JAMIE BENOIT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Marjorie and Jamie Benoit on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Jamie and Marjorie were married on July 15, 1956 in Long Beach, California and now make their home in Creston, Iowa. Their lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. As the years pass, may their love continue to grow even stronger and may they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many more years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this lovely couple on their 60 years of life together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I missed a recorded vote on September 7, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "NO" on roll call vote No. 484, Cicilline of Rhode Island Amendment No. 2.

HONORING DR. BHAGWATI J. MISTRY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend, Dr. Bhagwati J. Mistry, who is being honored with the D. Austin Sniffen Medal of Honor for 2016 by the Ninth District Dental Association.

Born on February 17, 1953 in the City of Ahmedabad, India, BJ as she is better known was the youngest of five children born to Laxmichand and Shakriben Gajjar. Her parents

were always supportive, especially her mother who would often encourage BJ to go into medicine, as it was "the best profession to serve." From humble beginnings, BJ went on to complete her schooling and attend the Government Dental College in Ahmedabad. Soon she met the love of her life and future husband, Jagdish Mistry, and following their marriage in 1977 they emigrated to the United States in 1978. Following graduation from the Government Dental College in India, BJ entered a Postgraduate Pediatric Dentistry program at the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. In 1982, she established a thriving Pediatric Dentistry practice in Tarrytown New York, "Pediatric Dental Care of Westchester." In 1991, BJ became a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. In 2005, her work was recognized by the American Dental Association (ADA) which awarded BJ the Best Grassroots Team Leadership Award.

But no recognition is as important to BJ as her family. She and Jagdish have been happily married for almost 40 years, and together they have raised two wonderful and accomplished daughters, Nisha and Shivani.

I have known BJ for many years, and I treasure our friendship together. She is incredibly deserving of this honor, and I want to congratulate her on this joyous occasion.

TRIBUTE TO THE 2016 JOHNSTON LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES TEAM

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Johnston Little League Baseball World Series Team for winning the Midwest Regional Little League Championships. This team, comprised of 14 young men, was also one of only eight teams to represent the United States in the Little League World Series and performed admirably. They placed fourth in the United States and 7th place in the world.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by these young men and their coaches demonstrates the rewards of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. I am honored to represent them and their families in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating these young people for competing in this rigorous competition and wishing them all nothing but continued success.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$19,482,086,271,333.82. We've added \$8,855,209,222,420.74 to our debt in 6

years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 495 on motion pass H.R. 5424, the Investment Advisers Modernization Act of 2016, I was detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yea.

FIRST RESPONDERS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, fifteen years ago yesterday, we all remember where we were when we first heard a plane had hit the North Tower of the World Trade Center. We also remember that solemn moment when we saw the second plane hit. We knew instantly that our country would never be the same. As we were just beginning to understand the gravity of what had happened, there were men and women who already were in action to prevent further loss of life. Air traffic controllers took the unprecedented action of clearing our nation's airspace of over 4,452 aircraft. Within hours, the FBI had determined who was responsible for perpetrating the terrible acts. Passengers on Flight 93 forced their own plane into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania to avoid it being used as a weapon against the White House or the Capitol building.

The most powerful images we saw that day were the first responders. As people were running from the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon toward safety, men and women in uniform were heading in the opposite direction to save as many people as possible from burning and collapsing buildings. At that moment, their bravery, instinct and training took over. Those professionals knew that they may be giving their lives to save others. It is fitting that this tribute to the first responders of Brentwood is dedicated on this most somber of days. Brentwood Fire and Police first responders are no different than the men and women we witnessed sacrificing themselves on 9/11. Their bravery, training and character is no different. They help keep us safe. Through doing so, they protect our freedom.

Thank you to the City of Brentwood, Leadership Brentwood and the businesses who have made this Honor Garden possible. It will serve as a constant reminder of the service and sacrifice of a few who protect so many.

TRIBUTE TO SHAROL AND DON STEINBECK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Sharol and Don Steinbeck of Griswold, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Sharol and Don's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

RECOGNIZING FLORIDA'S 16TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FIRE AND RESCUE AND EMS PERSONNEL

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize fire and rescue and EMS personnel who have provided distinguished service to the people of Florida's 16th Congressional District.

As first responders, fire departments and emergency medical service teams are summoned on short notice to serve their respective communities. Oftentimes, they arrive at scenes of great adversity and trauma, to which they reliably bring strength and composure. These brave men and women spend hundreds of hours in training so that they are prepared when they get "the call."

In 2012, I established the 16th District Congressional Fire and Rescue and EMS Awards to honor officers, departments, and units for outstanding achievement.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District, it is my privilege to congratulate the following winners, who were selected this year by an independent committee comprised of a cross section of current and retired fire and rescue personnel living in the district.

Battalion Chief Scott Blanchard of the City of Venice Fire Department was chosen to receive the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

Firefighter Christopher Carver of the North River Fire District was chosen to receive the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

Chief Brian Gorski of the Southern Manatee Fire and Rescue District was chosen to receive the Career Service Award.

Lieutenant David Hawes of the North Port Fire Rescue District was chosen to receive the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

Engineer Mathew Redmond of the North River District was chosen to receive the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award.

HONORING PROSPECT HEIGHTS FIRE CHIEF DONALD GOULD, JR.

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and contributions of Prospect Heights Fire Chief Donald Gould, Jr.

The Prospect Heights Fire Department made great strides under Chief Gould's leadership. When he took over as chief, there were no full-time firefighters in the district. The Prospect Heights district only consisted of volunteers and part-time staff. As of today, there are 15 full-time firefighters and 35 part-time members.

Chief Gould leaves Prospect Heights with an outstanding professional fire force that continually seeks to meet the community's public safety needs.

Mr. Speaker, along with the citizens of Prospect Heights, it is an honor today to express our deepest appreciation to Fire Chief Donald Gould, Jr. for his 49 years of service with the Prospect Heights Fire Protection District.

TRIBUTE TO NAOMI AND GENE HACKWELL

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Naomi and Gene Hackwell of Anita, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary on July 9, 2016.

Naomi and Gene's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

HONORING MATTHEW A. TAYLOR

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 12, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a wonderful young man in my district, Matthew A. Taylor, who was recently conferred the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest achievement or rank attainable, by the Boy Scouts of America on May 31st, 2016.

Matthew's hard work and dedication has been evident throughout his Boy Scout career, culminating with an Eagle Scout project that was exceptional in its scope and accomplishments. Matthew focused on helping to improve the Thomas Paine Cottage Museum, the last