

compromise, but she is also capable of holding the line when she seeks justice for those whom she services. No one would ever accuse Shelley Kessler of being a shrinking violet. However, she also seeks progress on behalf of the working men and women of San Mateo County without seeking credit for herself. In short, she is a forceful, thoughtful advocate for fair wages, safe working conditions, and for long-term public policies that benefit all San Mateo County workers.

Shelley has two bachelor's degrees from Sonoma State University and spent a year in law school. She was a trailblazer in the auto manufacturing workforce as she was hired by General Motors in 1977 during a time when the company was under a consent decree requiring it to hire more women. She worked as a spot welder on an assembly line and eventually was elected to a full-time position in the United Auto Workers. She later moved to Westinghouse Electric, working as a mechanic on turbines, generators and marine ordinance. While she was working at Westinghouse, she was also elected to leadership positions in Machinists Union Local 565.

Fortune shined on San Mateo County when Shelley applied for a job at our local labor council. She led a strong and responsive team and built relationships with elected officials at all levels of government. Her intellect, thorough understanding of issues and willingness to negotiate are legendary.

For example, San Francisco International Airport is one of the largest employers in San Mateo County. The 45,000 workers throughout this giant complex have Shelley and her partners at the labor council to thank for the outstanding working conditions that the airport director has informed me contribute to security throughout the facility. Instead of having an ever-rotating list of tens of thousands of persons with access to these critical facilities, people who enter the labor force at the airport—whether through the airport itself or various vendors—are assured a living wage and decent benefits. This directly contributes to a stable workforce that treasures the airport and honors its need for security.

Shelley also led the way in establishing PALCARE for airport workers and the surrounding community, an innovative child care center that allows working families with unusual work hours to have a safe place for childcare. She is also a leading advocate for affordable housing and affordable health care. She donates her time to the American Heart Association and to KQED, our local public television and radio affiliate, and she has preserved and strengthened the UC Berkeley Labor Center.

She has served as Vice President of the California Labor Federation, and was once selected as "Woman Labor Leader of the Year" by the federation. She has also been inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame. She gets her greatest joy from her husband Dennis, a retired firefighter who discovered that being with Shelley was a step up from the energy needed to extinguish a massive blaze. The man is as cool as Shelley is hot.

Mr. Speaker, San Mateo County has had many leading citizens over the decades, including such historical figures as the founder of the Bank of America or the CEOs of giant

social media sites. Thankfully, we also have had a thoughtful, honorable advocate for working women and men: Shelley Kessler. We are losing a leader but gaining an adventurous retiree. It's doubtful that the county will ever be the same.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 505, on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 I was delayed on my way to the U.S. House of Representatives floor and missed the first vote of the series—Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 863. Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE IRON MEN HEALTH FAIR

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Iron Men Health Fair being held on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Central Georgia Technical College in Macon, Georgia. Hosted by Macon-Bibb County, the Macon Chapter of the Georgia Prostate Cancer Coalition, and their partners, the Iron Men Health Fair is the manifestation of Middle Georgia's mission to improve health and wellness for men. Throughout the duration of the fair, the men of Middle Georgia will have access to a plethora of health and wellness resources, including screenings for glucose, hypertension, cholesterol, vision, hearing, body mass index, HIV, and prostate cancer.

In recognition of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, the Iron Men Health Fair will help in the fight to defeat prostate cancer—the second leading cause of cancer death among men in the United States. Prostate cancer is a complex disease that can take several forms. Some forms of this cancer are non-life-threatening, but other forms can be extremely aggressive and lethal. These subtypes of prostate cancer take more than 29,000 lives each year. In Georgia alone, 5,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and approximately 1,000 of those men will die from the disease. For African-American men, prostate cancer is 1.6 times more common and 2.4 times more deadly than for Caucasian men.

Although prostate cancer has been a story of heartbreak and tragedy for so many, it can also be one of great hope. If diagnosed early, men with prostate cancer have a 100 percent survival rate five years out. And at ten years after diagnosis, 98 percent of men who were diagnosed early remain alive and have the opportunity to lead healthy, happy lives for years to come.

This year, President Barack Obama has again declared September to be National

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. This month is meant to be a time dedicated to being aware, staying informed, and making proactive decisions in the fight against this all-too-common disease. According to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, early detection is the key to defeating this disease, especially for men over the age of 40. The Iron Men Health Fair embodies that mission. No cancer, especially prostate cancer, should be considered as a death sentence. With early detection, prostate cancer can be a curable and treatable disease. Getting tested regularly for prostate cancer and taking one's health seriously should not be taboo for any man. Every American deserves the chance to lead a happy, healthy life.

During the month of September, we want to honor the lives we have lost to prostate cancer, highlight how far we have come, and redouble our efforts in beating prostate cancer once and for all through continued awareness and breakthrough research. The Iron Men Health Fair collaborators' commitment to ending prostate cancer is a worthwhile one as they had over 300 men attend and participate in the fair last year. The fair may very well play an important role in saving the lives of many men this year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the Iron Men Health Fair, Macon-Bibb County, the Macon Chapter of the Georgia Prostate Cancer Coalition, and their partners for their commitment to promoting prostate cancer awareness as well as the general health and wellbeing for the men of Middle Georgia.

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember those who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action, as well as their families, who continue to grieve their loss.

Mr. Speaker, as you know, Friday, September 16, is National POW/MIA Recognition Day. According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, at present there are more than 82,000 Americans missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Gulf Wars and other conflicts.

In fact, from Pinellas County, Florida alone, there are five Americans still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War: Christos Bogiages of Clearwater, Jack DeCaire of St. Petersburg, Carl Laker of Clearwater, Dennis Neal of Tarpon Springs, and Jan Nelson of Clearwater.

As a nation, let us never forget those who were left behind, and let us continue to pursue every available effort to bring home all of our men and women who have served this great country.

I urge my colleagues to join me in remembering those who have not yet returned from the battlefield, and let us, as a nation, always recognize their great sacrifice.

RECOGNITION OF THE NEWLY UNVEILED NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to pay tribute to the memory of the armed soldiers who resisted communism in Poland during the period between 1944 and 1963, men and women who are referred to as the "Doomed Soldiers." The monument at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, was unveiled on September 18, 2016 and respectfully dedicated to those who fought and defended Poland against the aggressive occupation by Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union. The monument honoring these patriots was erected by the Smolensk Disaster Commemoration Committee with the help of many Polish Americans. Historically, the fight for freedom began in 1939. The brave Polish people continued to struggle for independence, underground, also opposing the communist regime in the post-World War II era. The monument at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa is a way to preserve their place in Poland's history. On behalf of the constituents of Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District, I extend a warm welcome to His Excellency Andrzej Duda, president of the Republic of Poland. I offer my sincerest gratitude for his presence at the dedication on September 18, 2016 and for representing today's Polish citizens who steadfastly honor the memory of those who sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom they enjoy today.

IN RECOGNITION OF JIM O'DONNELL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Jim O'Donnell who has been a pediatrician with Kaiser Permanente for 35 years. For the last 16 years he served in a vital leadership role as Physician-in-Chief at the Redwood City Medical Center. Jim is everything a patient can hope for in a physician. He is brilliant, warm, funny, and up to date on the latest research and technology. In addition to his pediatric caseload, Dr. O'Donnell cared for my parents and I could not have imagined a more skilled physician to offer care to them.

Dr. O'Donnell is a visionary. He led the negotiations and planning for the new Redwood City hospital that opened in December 2014. At the ribbon cutting, Kaiser CEO Bernard Tyson noted that he was initially skeptical of the proposal for a new hospital. Now I ask everyone to imagine a poker game between Jim O'Donnell and Bernard Tyson. Let me assure you that it was never an even match. Jim bluffed many times, and eventually Bernard Tyson was forced to fold. South County Kaiser patients won the pot, and it was quite lucrative—perhaps a bit costly for Mr. Tyson—but the hospital is truly amazing.

In addition to its ultra-modern equipment, the hospital offers green architecture and a

soothing environment filled with warm colors and beautiful artwork. The hospital is also a designated stroke center. The American Heart Association and American Stroke Association have awarded it the "Get With The Guidelines Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award" for providing patients with the best possible care. U.S. News & World Report named it a high performing hospital for neuroscience.

Planning a new hospital and seeing patients wasn't enough, and thus Jim was also instrumental in opening the San Mateo Medical Offices in 2011. He is always looking for new and creative ways to improve care for patients. Jim O'Donnell is Kaiser's Johnny Appleseed of clinic and hospital construction. I suspect that his name is well known by Kaiser's capital allocation committee, and most likely because Jim is as prudent with Kaiser's construction dollars as he is with the health of his patients.

Dr. O'Donnell grew up in a small farming community in Iowa. His interest in public service and his honing of great people skills began early when he worked in his father's general store. He developed a deep fascination with science. Combining those three ingredients naturally led him to medicine. He received his medical degree from the University of Iowa, College of Medicine in Iowa City. He completed his medical internship and residency at the University of Michigan Hospitals in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is also a 1998 graduate of the Kenan Flagler School of Business Advanced Leadership Program at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

The reason he chose pediatrics is obvious. He loves children. His awe watching young children grow up and his passion to help them develop into productive and healthy adolescents are palpable.

After he finished his residency in 1980, Jim moved to the Bay Area. He chose Kaiser Permanente because he liked its preventative focus and its integrated model of care. We are immensely fortunate that Jim settled here and made Redwood City his home with his husband, Michael, and he says his most joyful experience in life is time with his two daughters, Emma and Audie.

For 15 years, Jim O'Donnell has served on Redwood City 2020, a partnership among the City of Redwood City, the elementary and high school districts, San Mateo County, Stanford University, the Sequoia Healthcare District and Kaiser Permanente designed to support the success of all youth and families and to engage and strengthen the community. Jim's strategic thinking, problem-solving ability and passion have benefited everyone in that partnership and our community at large. In his well-deserved retirement, Jim will enjoy more time with his family and finally have more time to read, hike, cook and take advantage of our great Bay Area restaurants.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Dr. Jim O'Donnell, a top-notch doctor, devoted family man, and extraordinary human being who I am very fortunate to call my good friend. While he is leaving Kaiser Permanente, he leaves behind a first-class hospital with a world-class medical team. His vision for a healthy Redwood City has come alive under his stewardship. His child—the hospital—and the staff that animate the child will now say farewell to their father, but the lessons learned from Jim's instruction will save lives for decades yet to come.

HONORING EL CONCILIO

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge and honor El Concilio, the Council for the Spanish Speaking, for their participation in the Sixteenth Annual Binational Health Week, taking place this October.

Since October 2001, El Concilio has led the Binational Health Week of Stanislaus County in a collaborative effort with a number of partner organizations, including the Tzu Chi Foundation and the Health Initiative of the Americas. This unprecedented effort is overseen by multi-agency taskforces, and conducts health promotion and education activities for the Latino population in the United States. To date, over 1,000,000 people in our country have benefited from the health care activities provided during the Binational Health Week.

Binational Health Week represents an international effort between the United States, Mexico, Canada, Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Uruguay and Peru to improve the quality of life for members of underserved populations by expanding their access to health care, increasing their health insurance coverage, and addressing their unmet health needs.

The Health Initiative of the Americas, and the consular network here in the United States, are coordinating the Sixteenth Annual Binational Health Week. Activities throughout the country will be centered on the communities that have a high level of need for accessible health care.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending El Concilio upon their efforts to improve public health for the Latino community by participating in the Sixteenth Annual Binational Health Week.

COMMEMORATING THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY OF UPPER HANOVER TOWNSHIP

HON. RYAN A. COSTELLO

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the residents, businesses and Board of Supervisors of Upper Hanover Township as they celebrate 275 years as a municipality in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Settled by German-speaking immigrants seeking religious tolerance and economic opportunity, Upper Hanover Township was formally incorporated in 1741. During the Township's early years, agriculture thrived thanks to the rich soil and skilled German farmers. The building construction industry blossomed as a result of an abundance of granite boulders mined from the Hosensack Hills and easily-accessible water from the Perkiomen Creek, which powered five gristmills and four sawmills.

Today, more than 7,100 people call Upper Hanover Township home. At just over 21 square miles, Upper Hanover is geographically