

the fourth-largest Township in Montgomery County. And the Township ranks second in Montgomery County with just more than 1,500 acres of permanently preserved farmland. The major employers in the Township include Blommer Chocolate, the largest cocoa processor and ingredient chocolate supplier in North America, and Knoll Inc., a modern home and office furniture manufacturer.

The community will commemorate the Township's 275th anniversary on Saturday, September 17, 2016 during a day of activities in Camelot Park. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the residents, business owners and community leaders as Upper Hanover marks this memorable milestone.

IN MEMORY OF MARK VALENTE
III

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, when I was first elected in 2001, I am grateful Mark and Claudia Valente were among the first to give me and Roxanne counsel on service to the public. The following obituary is a fitting tribute to his service for American families. I especially appreciate his affection for Italian-American heritage with my son recently completing a three year tour in Italy with my three Italian-speaking grandchildren:

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Mark Valente III passed away in his home in Springfield, VA on August 3, 2016. Mark was born July 27, 1956, in Detroit, MI. He graduated in 1974 from University Liggett School, earned an accounting degree from his beloved Villanova University, class of 1978, then went on to earn a Law Degree from the University of Detroit School of Law.

Mark left Grosse Pointe in 1984 to work in the Office of Public Liaison at the White House under President Ronald Reagan. In 1986, he became the Director, Coalition Development Department at the Republican National Committee. In 1989 Mark worked as Director, in the Office of Congressional Relations, at the US Office of Personnel Management for President George H.W. Bush.

After leaving government service, Mark formed a Washington, DC based government relations firm, Valente & Associates, providing legislative analysis and government relations advice. He worked there until his death. Mark was elected to the Grosse Pointe Park city council at age 24, the youngest in the city's history and was the president of the Detroit Young Republicans during that time.

Most recently Mark, a proud grandson of Italian immigrants who emigrated from Abruzzo, Italy, served on the national board of the National Italian American Foundation where he held the leadership role as chairman of the Public Policy and Government Relations Committee and was a board member of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society. Also, he chaired the Board of the Center for Marketing and Public Policy Research at Villanova University School of Business.

Mark was a long-time supporter of the Baseball Hall of Fame (HOF) and a member of its Champions Program. He was a frequent

host of and participant in the HOF events in Washington, DC and other baseball cities. A member of the Detroit Athletic Club, Capitol Hill Club in Washington, DC, and Springfield Golf and Country Club in VA. Mark was a devoted Detroit Tigers fan and loved to play golf with his friends. He also was a coach and umpire for Little League and Grosse Pointe Park Babe Ruth league.

Mark is survived by his wife Claudia (Barker), mother Maria (Ballerini), father Marco Jr., brothers: JB, Richard, Dean, and brother-in-law Craig Barker, nieces and nephew and twelve godchildren. Mark was predeceased by his grandparents Ballerini and Valente.

A memorial service is planned at St. Clair of Montefalco Catholic Church, located at the corner of Mack Avenue and Outer Drive in Grosse Pointe Park on August 25th at 10:30 am. Visitation at 10 am. A second memorial service will be held on Wednesday, September 14th at 2:00 pm at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 313 2nd Street SE, Washington, DC. Followed by a reception at the Capitol Hill Club. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be directed to the scholarship being established in the name of Mark Valente III at Villanova University School of Business, ATTN: Clay Center at VSB, 800 E. Lancaster Avenue, Villanova, PA 19085.

THE RETIREMENT OF AIRPORT
DIRECTOR JOHN MARTIN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. John Martin upon his retirement as the Airport Director of San Francisco International Airport. Mr. Martin is leaving his position after 21 years at the helm, and after 36 years working in various capacities for the airport commission.

SFO is a rapidly expanding enterprise, directly or indirectly employing 45,000 people. John Martin is therefore in charge of a small city and one that links this nation with nations around the globe. His accomplishments reflect this global reach.

John piloted the airport through a \$2.4 billion expansion including the construction of a beautiful international terminal, the extension of the Bay Area's major rapid transit line—BART—into the terminal, and the creation of a self-guided tram line. He was instrumental in recruiting Virgin America to establish its headquarters in San Mateo County, bringing jobs at a time when the economy desperately needed an injection of investment. John Martin has also worked closely with my office to prove that a third-party contractor operating airport screening services can, if the contract is structured and supervised well, provide superior service to passengers.

All airport directors have dreams but when their construction projects go awry, some have nightmares as well. In contrast, John successfully undertook the largest public works project of the era. Terminal 2 was rebuilt and now serves as the launching point for Virgin America and American Airlines. The FAA has a new and beautiful tower at SFO, designed by John's staff and built, as is true of all work at the airport, using highly skilled union labor that

proves its value with every weld, hammer blow or polished surface.

As he explained to me a few weeks ago during a security tour of the airport, fair wages and working conditions materially contribute to airport security. Instead of a revolving door of disgruntled employees, SFO is notable for trying to create a healthy atmosphere where people may earn their livings safely and with dignity. Indeed, there's an ordinance to assure a livable wage.

SFO will soon undertake \$4.3 billion in construction leading to a new four star hotel, the redevelopment of Terminal 1 and the boarding area of Terminal 3, and an extension of the AirTrain system. This 10 year capital improvement program will bring more than 36,000 construction jobs to San Mateo County.

The airport's finances are in excellent shape, in part because of John's dedication to earning extra money from passengers shopping at the airport's various shops. It is rumored that his retail managers have their own version of a biblical admonition: "It is easier for a rich man to pass through the eye of a needle than it is for an airport visitor to pass by a See's candy store."

John is a gifted public policy leader in the Bay Area, supporting California's high speed rail system to relieve pressure on his airport, advocating for mass transit throughout the Bay Area, and encouraging coordination between his airport and the other two major airports in our region. He was the founding president of the California Airports Council and served on the executive board of the Bay Area Council, a major public policy advocacy organization.

I was once walking through a terminal with him and he paused momentarily to pick up a piece of trash and tossed it into the wastebasket. A few steps later he noticed that a door wasn't working and phoned airport staff to have it dealt with immediately. Farmers are often noted for the pride that they take in tilling their own fields. John is an excellent farmer and rightfully proud of the field called San Francisco International Airport.

Mr. Speaker, we wish John Martin well in his next phase in life. Hopefully he will now have the time to travel and to reflect upon his public service. I feel privileged to have served with him and I submit, given all his outstanding contributions, that one of the terminals should be named after him. He deserves to be acknowledged and remembered for the accomplishments of his career that will endure beyond his own era at San Francisco International Airport.

HONORING MS. MARGARET
"MAGGIE" OWEN POOLE

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks to honor the life of Ms. Margaret "Maggie" Owen Poole, of Max Meadows, Virginia, who passed away on September 7, 2016. She was born November 22, 1932, daughter of the late William N. and Lula Metcalf Owen.

I was always impressed with Maggie's work ethic and energy. Elected in 2007 to the Wythe County Board of Supervisors, she

spent her life dedicating time and effort to her community. Maggie was the first to offer a helping hand to someone in need, and she put forth astounding effort in every task she undertook. In remarks at her funeral, it was said that folks “felt certain that she is up in Heaven reorganizing things.” This is a true reflection of how Maggie lived her life. She will be remembered for her generosity and hard work.

Maggie will also be remembered for her strong opinions, which she shared confidently without reservation. With Maggie, you never had to wonder where you stood. She was a woman of many interests; a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, an avid bridge player, and a substitute teacher at George Wythe High School for many years. Maggie was a strong advocate for Wythe County. From her efforts to pave dirt roads, to her devotion to the development of the industrial site Progress Park, she tirelessly supported creation of local jobs and the betterment of her community. In addition to her position on the Board of Supervisors, Maggie was active in the Wythe County Republican Party, a Wythe County Extension Volunteer, and the recipient of the Honorary FFA State Farmer Degree.

Maggie was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Stuart Poole and her grandson, Tom Poole. She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Jay and Shelly Poole of Richmond, VA, Owen Poole and Liz Verhalen of Kingsport, TN; daughter and son-in-law, Billie Jean and Kurt Elmer of Bedford, VA; four grandchildren, Mary Elmer of Raleigh, NC, Kate and Brandon Turner of Christiansburg, VA, Morgan Poole of Minneapolis, MN and Adele Poole of Kingsport, TN; two brothers, James E. Owen of Rural Retreat, VA, Calvin and Diane Owen of Wilmington, NC; brother-in-law, Charles R. Poole of Birmingham, AL; sister-in-law, Faye Poole of Moneta, VA; several nieces and nephews.

Maggie will be missed deeply by her family and loved ones. I know the Wythe County community will miss her hard work and numerous contributions. However, she will be remembered for the efforts she made to improve her community.

On behalf of those who had the pleasure of knowing her, we thank her for her tireless service.

HONORING JACOB WETTERLING

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, twenty-seven years ago, every parent's nightmare became a painful reality for Jerry and Patty Wetterling. On October 22, 1989, Jacob Erwin Wetterling was kidnapped while riding his bike in St. Joseph, Minnesota, and his abduction remained unsolved until last week.

I was a judge in Houston, Texas where many of my cases involved horrific abuse of children. I clearly remember the day of Jacob's abduction, and I also recall and honor the work of his parents, Patty and Jerry, that literally changed how we view child protection in America.

Patty Wetterling became a fierce advocate for child safety, and her heroic efforts led to the creation of sex offender registries in all 50

states and here in DC. Patty and Jerry founded the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center to educate and assist families and communities to address and prevent the exploitation of children.

When Jacob's remains were found earlier this month, the shock to America—and to countless advocates who work to help child victims and survivors—was profound. Our hearts ached for Jacob's family. And then our hearts were truly inspired by their response, and their challenge, to us all.

Patty Wetterling has said of Jacob, “He's taught us all how to live, how to love, how to be fair and how to be kind.” Last week, she encouraged us all to emulate Jacob Wetterling's too-brief life by simply doing #11forJacob:

1. Be fair
2. Be kind
3. Be understanding
4. Be honest
5. Be thankful
6. Be a good sport
7. Be a good friend
8. Be joyful
9. Be generous
10. Be gentle with others
11. Be positive

If we ALL practiced #11forJacob on a daily basis, our Nation—and our communities and homes and schools—would be a much better place to live. Jacob and his family inspire us to just do and be better.

As the Co-Founder and Chair of the U.S. Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus, I honor Jacob Wetterling by encouraging you to honor the legacy of his life. And that's just the way it is.

HONORING DIMITRIS “JD” FOTOPOULOS

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge and honor the life of Franklin Firefighter, Dimitris “JD” Fotopoulos, who passed away while serving as a missionary in Honduras.

Dimitris was a Michigan native who transferred to Tennessee. He began working with the Franklin Fire Department in 2007. During his time with the department, Fotopoulos was awarded a Unit Citation for Valorous Conduct in 2010 after the heroic rescue of a woman from a home engulfed in flames. He also earned three Phoenix Awards for saving the lives of three individuals in cardiac arrest. Dimitris will forever be remembered as a hero to those he served and worked with.

We are thankful to Dimitris “JD” Fotopoulos for his service to the City of Franklin and the Seventh District of Tennessee. His life and legacy will serve as testament to many and will bring inspiration to all who decide to become public servants.

HONORING THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY AT SETON HOSPITAL

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 15, 2016

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Daughters of Charity Health System as it turns over ownership of Seton Hospital in Daly City to Integrity Healthcare and Blue Mountain Capital Management. The Daughters leave Seton having contributed mightily to the health care of 1.5 million residents in San Francisco and San Mateo counties. Hundreds of thousands of patients have come through the doors of Seton since 1986, when the Daughters assumed responsibility for the hospital.

Seton Hospital Daly City began its existence as Mary's Help Hospital in San Francisco in 1912. As of 2011, with 357 licensed beds, 1,500 staff, over 400 physicians, 4,800 surgical cases and 28,000 emergency visits annually, Seton Hospital was mission central for medical care in northern San Mateo County. During this time, the Daughters of Charity worked aggressively to meet their mission of providing care for the poor, as evidenced by the annual \$30 million of community benefit that the hospital offered. Nearly \$50 million of care was offered to the elderly.

Mr. Speaker, the hospital is a Gold Certified Stroke Center and in 2013 received awards from the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California for reducing deaths from sepsis. Among its key services are cardiovascular, oncology, and orthopedics. Its coastal hospital, Seton Coastside, provides 116 skilled nursing facility beds for our elderly. Even as the recession took its toll on the finances of Seton and the Daughters, the institution persevered. Children were born, broken bones were set, cancer went into remission, blood clots were cleared so that hearts began to beat normally again, and hope was reborn each day at Seton Hospital in Daly City. The physicians and staff of this wonderful institution are beloved, and justifiably so.

It is not easy to operate a modern American hospital. Our Medicare rates impose strict financial discipline and our Medicaid program offers reimbursements that are an insult to our nation's conscience. We hope that health insurance for more persons will improve access to health care and ultimately boost health outcomes.

Mr. Speaker, after many decades of service in the north county and on the coast, the Daughters of Charity have decided to transition the administration to a different organization. In our community, the Daughters have acted with integrity and been resourceful despite the odds. Now, as the Daughters of Charity transition from ownership of Seton they will leave the community knowing that they served us exceptionally well. We thank the Daughters of Charity for seeing a purpose for their organization in serving San Francisco and San Mateo counties. Their hilltop temple to modern medicine will now be operated by someone else, but their dedication to our lives and to our families will be remembered and honored for years to come.