

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.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN J.  
AREIAS

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2016*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and achievements of John J. Areias who recently passed away at age 95. John was a wonderful father, grandfather, husband, dairyman, and friend, whose commitment to improving the San Joaquin Valley can be matched only by his depth of love toward those close to him.

Born on April 27, 1921 to Jess and Genevieve, John was a first generation Portuguese-American from Volta, California. His family moved from Portugal's Azores Islands to California to start their dairy operation. John's father put \$10 down on 640 acres of land in western Merced County, where John spent much of his youth learning how to be a dairyman alongside his eight siblings. He was the valedictorian of Volta elementary and graduated from Los Banos High School in 1940.

John had an insatiable hunger for community involvement, which began with his high school's student government and the Future Farmers of America (FFA). His leadership position in the FFA granted him many opportunities early on, one of which called on him to present cattle at the California State Fair. This is also where he would meet the love of his life, Mary, whom he married shortly thereafter. John and his brother Jess then moved on to begin their own dairy, which quickly became the first grade-A dairy in the Los Banos Dairy-men's Association. Eventually their dairy became one of the biggest and most successful in California, but they never lost sight of the role family should play in their business. John's children played the same part that he did when he was younger, lending a hand in

day-to-day dairy operations to support the family business.

John was also very politically active in Central California Democratic circles. Because he understood that coming from an immigrant family, as a first generation American, that as a part of citizenship it was important to be involved. He served as Chairman of the Merced County Democratic Central Committee and was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1960, where then Senator John F. Kennedy earned the nomination of his party as candidate for President of the United States. John was also a devout Catholic, serving as the Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus.

John is survived by his four children, Marcia, Lucia, Kathleen, and Rusty, all of whom left John immensely proud of their success. He is also succeeded by his five grandchildren, Evan, Nick, Bianca, Alexis and Austin.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleges to join me in memorializing the life of John J. Areias. His outstanding character as an entrepreneur, family man, and friend will be remembered fondly by those who knew him. He was a leader in California's agricultural community and a role model for the people of the San Joaquin Valley. His life is a testament to the immigrant's story, which is the strength of the American dream. I join John's family in honoring his life, love for our community, and our country.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2016*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday September 13, 2016, I was unable to vote on roll

call vote No. 502: Passage of H.R. 3590, the Halt Tax Increases on the Middle Class and Seniors Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2016*

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, on September 13, 2016, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

On roll call numbers 502, 501, 500, 499, and 498, I would have voted NO.

On roll call numbers 504 and 503, I would have voted YES.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2016*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, I was unable to cast my floor vote on roll call vote number 496. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "yes" on roll call vote number 496.

Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, I was unable to cast my floor vote on roll call vote number 508 (Rep. Boustany amendment). Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted "no" on roll call vote number 508.