

CELEBRATING THE 25TH PAS-
TORAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE
FAITH CENTER MINISTRIES

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate The Faith Center Ministries as they celebrate their 25th anniversary. In 1985, the Fernandez family began a journey of faith that directed them to South Florida. Six years later in 1991, Pastors Henry and Carol Fernandez founded the Plantation Worship Center, later to be named The Faith Center Ministries. They began with 11 members in a school cafeteria, now they host over 10,000 members in the former Sunrise Musical Theater.

For 25 years, The Faith Center Ministries have empowered people to live a lifestyle of faith everyday. The church is dedicated to reaching the world of Jesus Christ by empowering the teachings of faith, hope, salvation and the proclamation that Jesus Christ is Lord, the Son of God the Father, and the Head of the church.

The Faith Center Ministries operates numerous social enterprises in order to train leaders, help believers discover their true purpose, and develop individual potential through spiritual maturity. To accomplish this, The Faith Center Ministries, under the leadership of Henry and Carol Fernandez, hosts bible studies, conferences, seminars, trainings, and educational development at the University of Fort Lauderdale and the Henry B. Fernandez Institute for Biblical Studies. The Faith Center Ministries provides a place where the hurting, depressed, frustrated, and confused can find love, acceptance, help, hope, forgiveness, guidance and encouragement.

Mr. Speaker, I want offer my most sincere congratulations and heartfelt gratitude to The Faith Center Ministries Pastors Henry and Carol Fernandez, their staff, and volunteers for all that they do each and every single day for our community. I am truly honored to call them my friends, and be their representative in Congress.

HONORING RICH CURTOLA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor one of Vallejo's greatest champions, Rich Curtola, upon his retirement from the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce.

A Vallejo native, Mr. Curtola has been a member of the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce since 1975 and is retiring after six years with the Chamber's leadership, including four as President and CEO. Rich has been instrumental in our community's economic recovery following the Great Recession of 2008 and has worked diligently to grow the Chamber's presence in our community. During his tenure as President and CEO, Rich has improved the Chamber's community relations, increased membership and secured a permanent home

for the Chamber. He also led the Chamber as it took on important community projects such as hosting the annual 4th of July parade.

Throughout his lifetime of service to our city, Mr. Curtola has drawn on his unwavering optimism in Vallejo's future to make our community a better place to live, work, start a business and raise a family. Mr. Curtola's legacy is one of unrivaled devotion and knowledge of the city we all love, so much so that the name Curtola has become synonymous with Vallejo.

Mr. Speaker, Rich Curtola has dedicated his time and expertise to serving our community and ensuring Vallejo's economic success. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today and extend our best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE BILL KRISTOFF

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Bill Kristoff as he retires from service on the West Sacramento City Council. As his wife Brenda, family, friends, and colleagues gather to celebrate his public career, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Kristoff for almost three decades as a public servant.

Mr. Kristoff served two years in the U.S. Army before receiving his Bachelor's degree at Sacramento State University. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service for almost four decades, retiring in 2002. Mr. Kristoff is the only original sitting member of the West Sacramento City Council, first elected in 1987. He also served for single-year terms as mayor in 1990, 1996, and 2001 and served as mayor pro tem in 2010.

As a lifelong West Sacramento resident, Mr. Kristoff has contributed to his city in many ways. His top priorities were flood protection, security of West Sacramento's levees, and the city's infrastructure generally. Mr. Kristoff represented the city on the West Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency Joint Powers Authority and the Regional Water Authority. During his tenure on the council, West Sacramento underwent notable additions, including the creation of the Bryte Bend Water Treatment Plant, River Walk Park, Raley Field and the River Cats, the widening of the Harbor Boulevard interchange, the Daniel C. Palamidessi Bridge, the West Sacramento City Hall, and the revitalization of West Capitol Avenue.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Bill Kristoff as he is celebrated for his service to the City of West Sacramento. I ask all my colleagues to join me in recognizing his outstanding work in providing the West Sacramento community with his invaluable services and contributions and wishing him the best in his retirement.

GOING FARVE, GOING DEEP . . .
MISSISSIPPI MAGIC SO VERY
SWEET

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Brett Favre who was inducted into The NFL's Hall of Fame this past summer. I include in the RECORD this poem penned in his honor by Albert Caswell.

Going Favre
Going deep
Mississippi Magic So Very Sweet
All in what our hearts choose to seek
How high will we reach
While, against all odds to slay The Grid Iron
God's and all their records to beat
But the greatest of all,
is but a World Championship to seek
While, in our hearts all our dreams we so keep
Because, on those fields of green only the
stoutest of all hearts can compete
And make it to the Hall of Fame as a dream
few of us will ever complete
Like the wild wild west,
Brett was like a gun slinger at high noon
who stood at his best
Who upon defenses such havoc would wreak
Who drew first and drew fast as touchdowns
he'd seek
As it was always high noon to defeat,
yea your up the creek
While, over the NFL such a large shadow
casting each week
And everyday with his heart of a child and
his smile to all hearts would speak
As it all began with a football in hand,
and his Father's Love helping his son to map
out his future plan.
And a mother behind him would stand
To build the foundation for all of his dreams,
as one day at Lambeau Field he'd proudly
wear that Packer green
As that number "4" one day would walk
through The Hall of Fame's door
Going Farve and Going Deep with his Mis-
sissippi Magic,
he went farther than all the others before
him had reached
Brett Favre, a gun slinger standing six foot
two
a good old boy from the south armed with a
cannon who threw
Like a country song his life was so true
And he could run like a stallion in the open
field too
Like a river boat gambler he threw with
such heat,
which made all of those defenses so weep
Beating you with his arm,
his feet,
his heart,
brain,
and soul so very deep
A leader among men who knew not defeat
An Iron Man with a 297 consecutive games as
that record he'd reach
Mr. MVP, Mr. All Pro,
from Southern Miss to NFL bliss,
bringing his heat one day to rise to the top
of the NFL's list
But his love of the game was what really to
his heart beseeched
But the greatest pass he'd complete,
was marring his high school sweetheart
Deanna so sweet
As a Warrior,
and a Fighter
a Come Back Kid who in the darkest of
games came back even brighter
Like Bart he too became a Starr,

to carry this his Packer Nation far
 To make them The Super Bowl Champs that
 they are
 Going Farve
 Going Deep
 armed with his Mississippi Magic which was
 so hard to beat
 This Southern Man with his Father's Love
 stayed strong to ever compete
 To the top of the NFL's game with his ac-
 tions did speak
 Brett, welcome to The Hall of Fame where
 only the greatest of greats history
 speaks
 Because Brett upon those fields of green you
 went Farve every week,
 as you went deep armed with your Mis-
 sissippi Magic to compete
 And Brett,
 you were the kind of man Lombardi would
 seek
 With the heart and soul of a champion and
 that Mississippi Magic so very sweet.

CANDY HOWARD NAMED
 PRESIDENT-ELECT OF TEPSPA

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Candy Howard of Pearland, TX for being named president-elect of the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA).

Candy will serve as Region 4 president-elect for TEPSPA, representing Pasadena ISD principals. She is currently the principal at South Belt Elementary School and was named Pasadena ISD's Elementary Principal of the Year in 2016. Throughout her 32 years with the Pasadena ISD, Candy has gone from teacher to assistant principal to becoming principal in 2009. She continues to inspire and educate her students and staff.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Candy Howard for becoming president-elect of TEPSPA. We're proud to have such a great leader and educator in Pearland.

TO RECOGNIZE AND PAY TRIBUTE
 TO DR. TAN SIU LIN FOR HIS
 GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS AND
 COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE
 NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Dr. Tan Siu Lin for his great achievements and community service to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dr. Tan Siu Lin is a self-made entrepreneur who was born in Quanzhou in China's Fujian Province in 1930;

In 1972, Dr. Tan moved to Guam with his wife, Lam Pek Kim and their children: Henry, Willie, Jerry, Raymond, Lily and Sunny, and established the family business Luen Thai Corporation, engaged in shipping and trading;

In 1982 he moved to Saipan, and set up the island's first garment factory in 1983. Since then, the garment business became the largest private sector employer in the CNMI. In 1991, he formed Tan Holdings Corporation in the CNMI that further grew to become a global business portfolio with staff of more than 45,000 in various diversified companies;

He founded within the group of companies, Luen Thai Holdings Ltd. which is listed in the Hong Kong Stock Exchange since July 2004;

In 2002, he formed the Tan Siu Lin Foundation for his philanthropy works in the CNMI, as he repeatedly reminded his family that "I want to provide educational and sports opportunities for the underprivileged so they can help themselves become productive and responsible citizens and in turn, they can then help others who need help as I hope the good deed can be passed on so that the community will benefit." Dr. Tan with his noble commitment to uplift the quality of life in the CNMI and through his foundation, kindly contributed to the CNMI, its people, its community and its businesses with generous sponsorships and donations for school improvements, scholarships, sports activities and tournaments, cultural events, youth development programs, social welfare, and relief work;

Please join me as I recognize and pay tribute to the great achievements and community service of Dr. Tan Siu Lin. Un Dangkulo Na Si Yu'us Manse Dr. Tan for your exceptional commitment to the Northern Marianas and the Micronesia Region.

RECOGNIZING CHRIS JOHNSON AS
 THE HURLBURT AIR FORCE AS-
 SOCIATION CHAPTER 398 MIDDLE
 SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR
 2016

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Mr. Chris Johnson as the Hurlburt Air Force Association (AFA) Chapter 398 Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2016. Mr. Johnson was selected for all that he does to motivate and inspire his students to learn more about science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) education; I am pleased to honor his outstanding educational achievements.

As an educator at Sims Middle School, Mr. Johnson strives to make lasting impressions on his students. During his three years at Sims Middle, he has created an innovative learning environment that captivates his students, motivating them to learn, build, test, and rebuild projects as they utilize the scientific method to meet their goals. These important life lessons allow his students to understand and put into practice key concepts for their continued success. His dedicated service to shaping the minds of our Nation's youth is invaluable.

In order to foster an innovative learning experience, Mr. Johnson provides his students with loose parameters for their experiments, forcing them to think outside the box to solve the problem at hand. His classroom is known throughout Sims Middle school for being exciting and engaging. He guides his students

through interactive science experiments that reinforce educational concepts and deepen their curiosity to learn.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives I am pleased to congratulate Mr. Johnson on this well-earned achievement, and I thank him for his commitment to service and dedication to the Northwest Florida community. My wife Vicki joins me in wishing Mr. Johnson all the best for continued success.

ALL WE HOLD DEAR: IN HONOR OF
 VETERAN'S DAY AND ALL THE
 MEN AND WOMEN OF THE
 ARMED FORCES AND THEIR
 FAMILIES

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of all of the men and women of The Armed Forces and their families who have served and serve this day, with a poetic tribute by Albert Carey Caswell.

All we hold dear
 On this day to all hearts beckons here
 In this home of the brave and land of the free
 so very clear
 The most blessed gift of freedom that we all
 so endear
 Letting us live our lives in peace so all with-
 out fear
 While, they stand on that wall
 While, they answer the call
 Marching out into harm's way standing tall
 As we stand back in awe
 Living and dying for us one and all
 And all they hold dear
 When, in hearts of gold such brilliance ap-
 pears
 Kneeling next to a Fallen Brother or Sister
 In Arms as comes the tears
 As half a world away a child in the still of
 the night cries out in tears
 As they give all for all of us here
 and all they hold dear
 When such magnificence appears
 Are the ones who come home with such
 heartache they own
 With the scars of war which will not leave
 them alone
 Stand without arms and legs all in a PTS
 haze
 Thank them today while out on your way
 Take the time to thank them of all you hold
 dear
 Bought and paid for by all of them so here
 And their service to our Nation which brings
 the angels to tears
 For all we hold dear
 Say prayer, give thanks, and shed a tear to
 The Armed Forces and their families
 here
 For all you hold dear
 On this Veteran's Day here.

HONORING CHOCO GONZALEZ
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HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 14, 2016

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Choco