

RECOGNIZING CHARLES
DUBBERLEY

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Charles Stanley Dubberley, Sr. who passed away on November 27th at the age of 82.

Mr. Dubberley was raised on a farm in Alabama, with his parents and two siblings, Ben and Beth.

When he was 22 years old, he married Judith Russell. Together, they raised five children, and passed on the hardworking, small town values they learned from their parents.

Mr. Dubberley demonstrated these values in his commitment to civil service. Beginning in 1955, he dedicated 37 years of his life to the United States Postal Service.

He moved up the ranks in the Postal Service until his hard work landed him the important position of Postmaster of Savannah.

Further, Mr. Dubberley served as the Chairman of Savannah's Postal Credit Union.

I am proud to recognize Mr. Dubberley's life today and his dedication to our community. He will certainly be missed.

HONORING CESAR LOPEZ

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cesar Lopez, whom I have named a 2016 Public Safety Hero of the Year for Napa County in California's 5th Congressional District. This award is given to exceptional members of our community who perform beyond their duty as a public servant.

A firefighter, paramedic and apparatus specialist with the City of Napa Fire Department, Mr. Lopez was born in Mexico and became a citizen of the United States in 1988. A graduate of Vintage High School, Mr. Lopez continued his education at Napa and Sonoma Colleges to receive his Firefighter 1 and 2 certification and Emergency Medical Technician 1A certification. Mr. Lopez then received his Paramedic training at the University of California, Davis.

In his job with the City of Napa, Mr. Lopez is known for his personal sacrifice, generosity and kindness. In addition to his service as a first responder, Mr. Lopez is active in his community as an athletic coach, mentor and First Aid and CPR instructor. His willingness to put himself in danger for the safety of others and his contagious humor make Mr. Lopez a valued team member at the City of Napa Fire Department.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. Lopez for his dedication to our community's safety. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that I honor him here today.

HONORING RON BREWER

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of "Young" Ron Brewer and congratulate him on his well deserved retirement.

A veteran of the airwaves for more than 40 years, Brewer's 26-year partnership with Paul Castronovo made him one of South Florida's most popular radio personalities. Their partnership is ending next week after Ron starts what he is calling an "extended vacation."

Ron Brewer started in radio as a teenager in his hometown of Annapolis, Maryland. After a stop in Virginia, he came to South Florida and made this area his home.

Paul and Young Ron's first meeting was over dinner. Ron's program director asked him to have dinner with Castronovo who was looking for a job. Pretty soon into their meal they had the entire room laughing. A partnership was born.

I was fortunate enough to join them live in studio many times to discuss the news of the day or an event in my Congressional district. One of my happiest birthday memories is when the guys had Steven Van Zandt from the E-Street band call into the show to sing me Happy Birthday.

While listeners got to hear Ron Brewer on the air every morning many don't know the ultimate family man he is off the air. Ron and his wife raised their two sons in South Florida and he spends all his free time with his family.

Ron's also been involved with many charities. For years he and Castronovo held a holiday food drive that's delivered more than 15 million pounds of food to those who needed it most.

Other charities that Ron donates his time to are kids in Distress, Women in Distress, Joe Dimaggio Children's Hospital, St. Jude's Hospital and the Sylvester Cancer Center at the University of Miami.

Ron Brewer will be missed by the millions who listened to him on the radio and morning radio in South Florida won't be quite the same.

Congratulations to Ron on his successful career and I wish him the best extended vacation ever.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN C.
LECHLEITER ON THE OCCASION
OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM ELI
LILLY AND COMPANY

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. John C. Lechleiter on the occasion of his retirement. Through his tenacious and determined leadership at Lilly's helm and through his compassionate engagement with our community, Dr. Lechleiter has brought about positive growth to our Hoosier home. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Dr. Lechleiter's dedication to our Hoosier community.

Although born in Louisville, Kentucky, Dr. Lechleiter has lived and worked in Indiana for decades. He joined Eli Lilly in 1979 as a senior organic chemist in process research and development after earning his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Xavier University and his master's and doctoral degrees in organic chemistry from Harvard University. He became head of the process research and development department in 1982, and in 1984, he began serving as director of pharmaceutical product development for the Lilly Research Centre Limited in Windlesham, England. He later held roles in project management, regulatory affairs, product development, and pharma operations. Dr. Lechleiter was named President and COO of Eli Lilly in 2005, was named CEO in 2008 and was subsequently appointed Chairman of the board in 2009. In his eight years as CEO, Dr. Lechleiter has demonstrated key strategic leadership abilities and tireless efforts to ensure the growth and success of one of Indiana's largest employers. His outstanding leadership was not only good for Lilly and Indiana's economy but also for the economic well-being of so many families in our community. His unwavering commitment to Lilly's mission to make medicines that help people live longer, healthier, and lead more active lives, as well as the commitment to make significant contributions to humanity by improving global health in the 21st century, has supported the flourishing biosciences industry and Indiana STEM jobs. Under Dr. Lechleiter's leadership, Lilly has helped make Indiana a leading state, number two in the nation, in the life sciences exports.

Since the company's inception more than 140 years ago, Lilly has been devoted to discovering, developing, and improving new and better pharmaceuticals. Under Dr. Lechleiter's leadership, Lilly continued to achieve its vision of contributing to humanity and improving modern healthcare. Headquartered in Indianapolis, Eli Lilly and Company has had a positive impact throughout the state of Indiana. The Eli Lilly and Company Foundation, created in 1968, is dedicated to improving the lives of those lacking the resources to obtain quality healthcare and strengthening education in math and science for underserved students. The Lilly Foundation has given more than \$15.7 million to Indiana organizations, and Lilly employees have given more than \$19.6 million to charitable organizations. Lilly does \$819 million in business with over 700 Indiana vendors. Lilly employees work to create an impact on the world by discovering and creating life-changing medicines; improving the understanding and management of disease, and giving back to communities through philanthropy and volunteerism. This philosophy of giving and commitment to the community has been carried down through management from Colonel Eli Lilly to Dr. Lechleiter. And Dr. Lechleiter's own personal dedication to charitable work and emphasis on sustainable giving has greatly improved our community's long term growth and development.

Under his leadership, Eli Lilly has shown progress year after year in diversity initiatives and through his insistence to make diversity of his scientific workforce a priority, Lilly climbed DiversityInc's Top 50 list. Lilly's corporate philosophy rests on the belief that the employees are the company's most valuable assets. Indeed Dr. Lechleiter's dedication to this principle has made an impact through the Lilly

community, he is known for his enthusiasm to take on any problem none too small for his attention. His friends, his colleagues, and our community have benefited from his sincere regard for his employees, his hands on approach to sustainable giving, and dedicated community involvement.

Dr. Lechleiter's passion for, and dedication to, the biosciences industry clearly shows in his award winning work throughout the years. In 2014, he was named as the August M. Watanabe Life Sciences Champion of the Year for his vital support as one of the original organizers of the Indiana Biosciences Research Institute. BioCrossroads presents the Watanabe Award annually to an individual or organization that has facilitated the development and promotion of Indiana's life sciences. Dr. Lechleiter stated the importance of bringing together industry and research universities in a new, industry-led research institute that would bring entrepreneurial success as well as world-class talent to Indiana. His efforts to engage all sectors across the broader community have pushed Indiana forward to become a national leader in the biosciences industry.

Additionally, he was awarded the inaugural Global Health Partner Award from Project HOPE in 2012, and he received the 2015 International Citizen of the Year Award from the International Center of Indianapolis, Indiana. John and his wife Sarah have just recently been named as the winner of the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee's 2016 Charles L. Whistler Award. This annual award recognizes individuals who, outside the regular duties of their chosen professions have brought together the public and private sectors for civic improvement in Indianapolis. This award recognizes the great commitment John and Sarah have made to early childhood education and their dedication to helping the advancement of our young people through early education. He has received Honorary Doctorates from Marian University, the University of Indianapolis, the National University of Ireland, Indiana University, Franklin College, and Purdue University.

In addition to his work at Lilly, Dr. Lechleiter is also a member of multiple boards and councils. Dr. Lechleiter is a member of the American Chemical Society and Business Roundtable. He is chairman of the U.S.—Japan Business Council, United Way Worldwide, and the United Way of Central Indiana, the Central Indiana Community Foundation, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, and the Indiana Repertory Theater. He also serves on the boards of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, PhRMA, the Chemical Heritage Foundation, the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership, Nike, Inc., and Ford Motor Company.

During his time at Lilly, Dr. Lechleiter upheld and expanded Lilly's devotion to producing high-quality pharmaceuticals and giving back to the community. Lilly employs more than 11,000 people in the state of Indiana and more than 42,000 people across the globe. Lilly medicines serve countless doctors and more importantly patients around the world. Through Dr. Lechleiter's guidance and resolute leadership, great good has been done for the people of Indiana and the larger world. On behalf of the citizens of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Dr. Lechleiter on his outstanding career at Eli Lilly and Company and wish all the best to him and

his wife Sarah and their children Andrew, Daniel and Elizabeth and their families as they start the next exciting chapter their lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF BEN VEREEN'S FIRST ANNUAL WELLNESS THROUGH THE ARTS SACRAMENTO ESSAY AWARDS

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ben Vereen's First Annual Wellness through the Arts Sacramento Essay Awards at California State University, Sacramento on April 30th, 2016. The evening gathering is the inaugural event for Ben Vereen's new Sacramento chapter of Wellness through the Arts. Mr. Vereen created Wellness through the Arts for young people who are struggling with B.O.L.D. (Bullying, Obesity, Low Self-Esteem, and Diabetes), inviting them to embrace the performing arts as a means to a healthier lifestyle.

It is a great pleasure to welcome Ben Vereen and his program, Wellness through the Arts, to Sacramento. Ben Vereen is not only a legend and idol for many in the performing arts world, but he continues to use his platform to give back to communities in big ways. Bringing Wellness through the Arts to Sacramento will empower our region's students through art and positively impact them for the rest of their lives, no matter what they choose to do in life. Art enriches our lives in so many ways and Ben Vereen is making sure that students in Sacramento have greater access to those incredible benefits that art can have on our overall health and wellbeing.

As part of Wellness through the Arts, students from local high schools have taken part in an essay competition titled "My Best Day," about how the arts have helped them address health issues. I am excited about the accomplishments of each of the finalists of this competition: Alanna Serrato and Dylan Curry from C.K. McClatchy High School, Brendan Orellana, Danniell Urena, Darius Wilson, Dylan Achermann, Joseph Weldon, and Kate Brugger from Natomas Charter School, and Brian Thao and Joseph Gonsolis from Luther Burbank High School.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate the students on their success in the competition and to welcome Ben Vereen's outstanding organization to our community. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the hard work of these students and Ben Vereen and his program that promotes healthier lifestyles for students by empowering them through performance and art.

CONGRATULATING LEONARD MARTIN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF CARROLLTON, TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Leonard Martin, City Manager

of the City of Carrollton, on his upcoming retirement after 15 years of outstanding service.

Leonard Martin has worked in city management for over four decades, serving in six cities, across four states. He began his career as a management analyst in Wichita Falls, before moving on to positions in Arkansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Over time, he has earned a reputation among his peers and council members as a leader and an innovator with a sincere commitment to good government.

Leonard was appointed City Manager of Carrollton in August 2001. From the beginning, he fostered a culture of managed competition. Dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents, he worked with local leaders and community members to set ambitious goals and cut waste, challenging city departments to find more efficient ways to serve the people of Carrollton.

His sustained commitment to high quality and affordable services led to incredible growth in the city over the past 15 years, including the expansion of the Dallas Area Rapid Transport system in Carrollton and the establishment of a multi-jurisdictional Public Safety radio system and regional dispatch center. These projects have had a tremendous impact on the lives of residents, transforming the downtown area and providing quicker emergency response times.

Under Leonard's tenure, the City of Carrollton has also developed a state-wide reputation for government transparency. Earlier this year, Carrollton became the first Texas municipality to receive commendation from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts as part of the new Transparency Star program. As a direct result of Leonard's efforts to increase accountability and openness, Carrollton has earned Transparency Stars in the areas of Traditional Finances, Economic Development, Debt Obligations, and Public Pensions—the most of any municipality in the state.

Among his many achievements, Leonard has been recognized as City Manager of the Year in both Oklahoma and Missouri, and in 2014 he was awarded the William J. Pitstick Regional Excellence Award from the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize Leonard and his many years of exceptional service to the City of Carrollton. His leadership will be greatly missed. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Leonard Martin on his retirement.

HONORING THE DELBERT DAY CANCER INSTITUTE

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the opening of the Delbert Day Cancer Institute at Phelps County Regional Medical Center.

The nationally accredited Delbert Day Cancer Institute will provide comprehensive cancer treatment care to residents of south central Missouri and its surrounding areas. The center will directly improve access to life saving and live extending services. I am proud to know