

Michael was employed by the Helendale Community Services District as a wastewater treatment plant operator. Previously, he served honorably in the United States Navy and obtained his bachelor's degree from San Diego State University after his time in the service. He also spent time as an employee for the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority some years ago.

Michael was well-known throughout the community of Helendale. He will be remembered for his friendly demeanor and willingness to volunteer his spare time as a youth soccer coach.

I would like to pass along my condolences to Michael's father, mother, and sister, who are undoubtedly in a tremendous amount of pain right now. His family is in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I ask that this body do the same in the memory of Michael Phillip Gouin.

HONORING HELENE MURTHA
DOOLEY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2016

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival in Eastchester has become one of the great social events in my district, drawing the entire community together every year in the spirit of camaraderie and fun. The celebration is just one of the reasons why Eastchester is such a tight knit community, and without the incredible volunteer efforts of this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal, Helene Murtha Dooley, it simply could not be done.

The oldest of four children, Helene was born in Queens and grew up on Long Island. She graduated from Fairfield University in 1985 with a BS in Business Management. Subsequently she started a career in banking at JP Morgan on Wall Street, where she met the love of her life and future husband, my good friend Joe Dooley. In 1992 the couple moved to Eastchester where they welcomed their two wonderful children, Brian and Caroline. In 1998 Helene left the business world and began work in the Eastchester School District as the librarian at Greenvale Elementary School. She has taught at all the schools in Eastchester, grades K through 12, and currently works at the middle school/high school library.

In 2001, the Dooley family joined the esteemed Eastchester Irish American Social Club. Helene has volunteered for the EIASC over the years at multiple social events including at various times on the Christmas Party Committee and organized the EIASC's Sash Presentation dinner. She has chaired the St. Patrick's Day Festival several times, served as Mistress of Ceremonies last year, and has even assisted Enda McIntyre as the Saint Patrick's Day Parade roving reporter.

Helene is also an active volunteer in the Eastchester community, serving as Treasurer for the Friends of the Eastchester Public Library, Board Member and Chairperson of the Eastchester Public Library Board, Member of the Neighborhood Association Board, and she has volunteered for the PTAs in all the Eastchester schools.

Helene has done it all, and I cannot think of a more deserving person to be named the 2016 St. Patrick's Day Grand Marshal. Congratulations to Helene on this honor.

TRIBUTE TO PAULEY PERRETTE—
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2016

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Pauley Perrette of Hollywood, California.

Pauley is an accomplished artist, writer, photographer, and civil rights activist. Her family is from Alabama. She was born in New Orleans and grew up in several southern states. After college where she studied Sociology, Psychology, and Criminal science, she spent time in New York City before moving to Los Angeles working steadily in film and television. She is best known for her portrayal of the beloved Abby Sciuto on the CBS Television Series NCIS, the Number 1 most watched television show in the world.

Pauley's incredible commitment to community is what sets her apart. She is known as a philanthropist and she works with over 30 charities including Project Angel Food, AIDS Project Los Angeles, the Trevor Project, LAFD Foundation, Habitat for Humanities, the Thirst Project, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, the Make a Wish Foundation, the Humane Society, People Assisting with the Homeless, the Los Angeles LGBT Center, Hope Gardens, the Amanda Foundation, the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association, and the Los Angeles Police Department Police Activities League, just to name a few.

Pauley inhabits both a national and local stage with ease. She joined efforts across the nation to bring justice for Alabama and Detroit child murder victims Shannon Paulk and Raven Jeffries. She can be found at National Night Out, an annual effort by the Los Angeles Police Department and Neighborhood Watch to bring together local residents and their police officers. She uses her voice to speak up for the most vulnerable in society, from children to our animal companions, from individuals faced with seemingly insurmountable odds to those fighting for civil rights for themselves and their communities.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Pauley Perrette, for her extraordinary service to the community.

"MY GOLD STAR," A POEM
WRITTEN BY DEBB CLAY

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, as Americans and free people we must always

remember the sacrifices made by those our country sends into harm's way. Their courage and sacrifice allows us to live in a safer world. It is equally fitting that we also remember and consider those who are left behind—their wives, husbands, children and parents. And so I submit a poem entitled "My Gold Star" written by Debb Clay, a retired teacher with 40 years' service to our youth:

I took the road "less traveled" and arrived upon a shore
Where sunlight danced on surface currents—
opening a door
To memories of you and me—our feet upon the sand
And how our voices filled the air as your touch filled my hand.
You were just a little child but even then you knew
That giving of yourself was all that you were meant to do,
And day by day you walked the path that led you toward the day
You'd place your country and its worth ahead of "Self" and say,
"I'll go and serve and do my part to keep my homeland free,
When others tread a different path it matters not to me,
For this I know and will profess to all who choose to hear,
Our country needs us all to serve and that is why I'm here."
I stand alone now on that shore, as sorrow fills my brow
A mix of tears and smiles collide with thoughts of then and now,
Yet as I witness warmth and sparkle from the water's skin,
The silent streams upon my face with brilliant light begin
To fill my heart, the air, this place with who you really are
And what you did and why you had to venture out so far,
So now I'm left without you here—my grief I try to hide
But what I can show is my "star"—it shines as does my pride.

TRIBUTE TO RIVERSIDE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2016

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of the 100th Anniversary of Riverside City College as well as the 25th Anniversary of both Moreno Valley College and Norco College. I have had the honor of representing these world-class community colleges for the majority of my term in Congress and am proud to commemorate today's milestones.

Riverside Junior College was founded on this date in 1916, becoming California's seventh community college. In 1964, voters approved the creation of the Riverside Community College District and elected its five member Board. The Board took on an ambitious effort to expand the college in an effort to meet the needs of a fast-growing student body. In 1991, the Riverside Community College District worked with local and state officials to open new campuses in Moreno Valley and Norco. These campuses opened new doors to educational achievement for students across the Inland Empire.

In 2010, each of the District's three campuses were officially recognized as separate colleges, making Moreno Valley College and Norco College the 111th and 112th community colleges in our state. Together, the three colleges make up the Riverside Community College District.

Serving upwards of 50,000 students annually, Riverside Community College District is by far the largest educational institution in the Inland Empire. It has educational centers throughout the region, including the Ben Clark Training Center, the Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties, the Innovative Learning Center, Rubidoux Annex, and the Culinary Academy. The District awards nearly \$600,000 in scholarships to students each year and its hundreds of thousands of graduates have made significant contributions in science, business, art, education, politics, and medicine.

Supported by the four pillars of—student excellence; academic excellence; community excellence; and workforce excellence, the District and colleges advance our region's economic growth through quality career technical training and services. Their strong focus on continuous workforce development, business attraction, retention and development have helped bring our community through tough recessions and now leave us better prepared for the economy of tomorrow.

Congratulations Riverside City College, Moreno Valley College, and Norco College. It has been my great pleasure to represent you, your faculty and staff, and especially your students. You make the Inland Empire proud.

TRIBUTE TO JANET DIEL—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2016

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Janet Diel, of Burbank, California.

Janet Diel is a dedicated volunteer who has committed endless hours of service to a variety of organizations. She has been a member of the Burbank Coordinating Council for nearly three decades, currently serving as President, Co-Chair of the Holiday Basket Program and Chair of the Campership Program. Every year, through their partnership with community members and organizations, the Burbank Coordinating Council provides holiday baskets to hundreds of families whose children participate in the free or reduced cost lunch programs in Burbank schools. This program matches needy families in the community with organizations and families that want to adopt them by providing presents for their children and food for the holidays. Through the Campership Program, needy children between the ages of 8 and 18 are given the opportunity to attend a week of resident or day-camp in the summer.

In addition to her work with the Burbank Coordinating Council, Janet finds time to volun-

teer for several other organizations including the Burbank Tournament of Roses Association, serving as the City Liaison for more than 28 years, the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, the City of Burbank's Advisory Council on Disabilities, the Burbank Domestic Violence Task Force, the Burbank Human Relations Council, Relay For Life, and the Burbank Transportation Commission, where she has been a member for more than 22 years and is currently serving as Vice Chair. She is also a member of the Burbank Nonprofit Coalition, the Burbank Unified School District School Facilities Oversight Committee, and the Burbank/Los Angeles Kindertransport Association, where she also serves as the Program Director, and annually speaks at Burbank middle schools to bring Holocaust awareness to young people.

Janet has been the recipient of several awards, including the Burbank Council PTA's prestigious Golden Oak Service Award in 2010. She has been married to her husband, Henry Diel, for 35 years, they have five children, and one grandson.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Janet Diel, for her extraordinary service to the community.

HONORING DR. JOSEPH F. SHELEY

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2016

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Dr. Joseph F. Sheley, President of the California State University, Stanislaus, to thank him for his leadership and dedication to the academic advancement of the Central Valley. President Sheley announced he will be retiring on July 1, 2016.

On June 11, 2012, Dr. Joseph Sheley joined California State University, Stanislaus, as the interim president. Less than a year later, on May 22, 2013, he was appointed president of the University by the California State University Board of Trustees.

Dr. Sheley graduated from Sacramento State College in 1969, and earned his bachelor's degree in social sciences. In 1971, Dr. Sheley completed his Master's in sociology. He later attained his Doctorate in sociology from the University of Massachusetts in 1975.

In the fall of 1975, Dr. Sheley began working at Tulane University in New Orleans as part of the sociology faculty. He continued his career at Tulane University for the 21 years thereafter. During those 21 years, between 1985 and 1991, Dr. Sheley served as the chair of Tulane's Department of Sociology. Dr. Sheley returned to Sacramento State in 1996, and served as the Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies.

In 2005, Dr. Sheley became the Executive Vice President at California State University, Sacramento, and served as the university's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs from 2006 to 2012. He was recognized for his commitment and dedication to his alma mater and to the collegiate system by being awarded the Sacramento State's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Sheley is a visionary leader who worked diligently to build strong relationships between

the university and the Central Valley. President Sheley has led California State University, Stanislaus, to extraordinary accomplishments including recognition by Money magazine as the nation's top public university for assisting students in exceeding expectations. In addition, National Public Radio ranked California State University, Stanislaus, as the fifth school in the nation to enhance the upward mobility of its students.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending Dr. Joseph F. Sheley, President of the California State University, Stanislaus, for his numerous years of unwavering leadership, many accomplishments, and selfless service to the higher education of our community.

VICTOR VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2016

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Victor Valley High School alumni, students, and staff on the 100th anniversary of their school. This Saturday, hundreds of current and former Jackrabbits will take part in a special ceremony to commemorate this momentous occasion.

Founded as a one-room school house in 1915, Victor Valley High School has since grown to become known as the Victor Valley Union High School District. This district serves over 9,600 students and boasts Boston Red Sox owner John Henry and mixed martial arts legend Dan Henderson among its alumni.

I want to commend the Victor Valley Union High School district on this remarkable achievement. The service they provide to students in the Victor Valley is invaluable and I look forward to another 100 years of success.

TRIBUTE TO JAMIE KEYSER THOMAS—28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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Jamie is currently a Program Manager of Los Angeles Community Engagement, which is part of the Citizenship division of The Walt Disney Company, where she helps produce and execute community outreach programs in the areas of creativity, compassion, and conservation in the greater Los Angeles region, particularly in the City of Burbank. In addition, Jamie runs Disney VoluntEARS, a program which provides Disneyland Resort cast members with opportunities to give back to the community through volunteer service. She