

everyone at the agency. SamTrans has provided important bus service throughout San Mateo County since it carried its first passengers on July 1, 1976.

SamTrans was formed through the consolidation of 11 separate city bus systems into a single countywide service. Since its beginning, SamTrans has provided bus service to several heavily populated employment centers on the San Francisco Peninsula. SamTrans also provides critical service to the rural coast of San Mateo County which is home to agricultural workers and many other residents who are dependent on the SamTrans bus system to get to work, school, and medical appointments.

SamTrans is also a leader in providing paratransit service for passengers with mobility impairments. In 1977, more than a decade before passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, SamTrans launched the Redi-Wheels program to provide on-demand, free transit service for passengers with disabilities. This innovative program now provides more than 1,000 trips per day.

In 1988, SamTrans was named the managing agency of a half-cent sales tax measure approved by San Mateo County voters for transportation projects. This sales tax was renewed in 2004 and will be in effect through 2033. Three years later, SamTrans joined with the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board to purchase the Caltrain right-of-way from San Francisco to San Jose and ensure that this regional commuter rail remained in service. SamTrans now serves as the managing agency for Caltrain which is the spine of our transit system on the Peninsula and serves over 55,000 passengers on an average weekday.

Today, SamTrans has a fleet of nearly 300 buses providing service to over 13 million riders per year. SamTrans operates on over 75 routes throughout San Mateo County, with service extended into parts of San Francisco and Palo Alto, and the District has continually improved and upgraded its service over the years to better align with demand.

My own experience with SamTrans dates back to my service on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors from 1982 to 1992. Throughout my tenure on the Board and in Congress, I'm proud to have worked closely with SamTrans to ensure residents of San Mateo County have access to safe, efficient transportation options that reduce congestion and improve mobility on the Peninsula.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House to join me in honoring SamTrans for 40 years of superb service to the people of San Mateo County.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LAVEEN  
ANNUAL COMMUNITY PARADE  
SPONSORED BY THE LAVEEN  
LIONS CLUB

**HON. RUBEN GALLEG0**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2016*

Mr. GALLEG0. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the leadership and volunteers who organize and staged the 16th Annual Laveen Community Parade.

Since its inception, the parade has been hosted annually by the Laveen Lions Club. The Laveen chapter was chartered on October

21, 1974, as a member of the largest community service organization in the world, Lions Clubs.

Lions Clubs bring together individuals devoted to making their communities a better place, regardless of race, religion, gender or language. As their motto, "We Serve," indicates, Lions Club members work tirelessly to support and assist those in need.

The 16th Annual Community Parade, which took place in February 2016, honored the agrarian heritage and diversity of the Laveen community. The parade featured local school clubs, horses and riders, community organizations and other officials and floats, including an award-winning float from the Arizona Submarine Veterans Perch Base.

Outside of the annual parade, the Laveen Lions Club engages in a variety of community service projects. This winter, members and volunteers sent over 1,000 Christmas cards to troops in Afghanistan to honor those who serve and protect us. The Lions Club also provided Christmas Baskets full of food and Christmas gifts to thirty-five families and six senior citizens in the community. In addition, they collected and donated 2,615 pounds of food and Christmas gifts for distribution by local food banks, faith-based centers and community organizations.

The Laveen Lions Club has long worked with local elementary and charter schools to conduct a vision and hearing screening program. Across ten local schools, Lions Club volunteers have provided service to more than 3,000 kindergarten, first, second, fourth, sixth grade and special needs students.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the leadership of Jeff Sprout, this year's Laveen Lions Club Parade Chairperson, as well as the many volunteers who successfully organized and staged the 16th Annual Laveen Community Parade and who are a consistent force for good in the local community.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA A. (PAT)  
ANDERSON—28TH CONGRES-  
SIONAL 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, Patricia A. (Pat) Anderson, of La Cañada Flintridge, California.

Born in Los Angeles, Pat attended West Athens Elementary School, George Washington School and local colleges.

Pat became President/CEO of the La Cañada Flintridge Chamber of Commerce and Community Association in 2003, a position she holds today. She oversees all aspects of the chamber, including annual events such as the Fiesta Days/Memorial Day Weekend festivities and parade, the chamber's internship program, and works closely with residents, businesses and city officials on local issues. Under her stellar leadership, both the business

and residential membership expanded, the chamber's revenues grew, and she was responsible for creating new programs such as the Chamber Ambassador program. Pat's professional organizations include memberships in the Southern California Chamber of Commerce Executives, Professional Women's Networking Group, California Contract Cities Association, California Chamber of Commerce, and the Los Angeles County BizFed, of which she is a Founding Member.

The consummate volunteer, Ms. Anderson's list of volunteer activities is extensive and varied. She was a member of the Palm Crest Elementary School PTA and the La Cañada High School Drama Boosters Club, civic clubs such as the La Cañada New Members Club and the Thursday Club, the La Cañada Flintridge City Incorporation Committee and was a volunteer instructor at the Braille Institute. Also, Pat is a Founding Member and is active in the Cañada Auxiliary of Professionals, and the O. Warren Hilgren Scholarship committee, is Past President and a current Board Member of the Paradise Valley Homeowners Association, and a Director of the La Cañada Flintridge Coordinating Council. In addition, Pat is a nearly-thirty year member of the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada, and a forty-five year member of the La Cañada Congregational Church, where she has served as a Sunday School Teacher, Music Committee Member and chaired several committees. For her civic and professional accomplishments, Ms. Anderson has received the Kiwanis Club of La Cañada's La Cañadan of the Year Award, the Les Tupper Community Service Award, Business Life Magazine's Woman Achiever 2012 Award, and was named Woman of the Year for the 44th Assembly District in 2010 by then-Assemblyman Anthony Portantino.

A forty-five year resident of La Cañada Flintridge, Pat and her late husband, Rev. Philip Longfellow Anderson, were married for twenty years before his passing in 2003, and have one daughter, Katherine.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Patricia A. (Pat) Anderson, for her extraordinary service to the community.

HONORING TROOPER SEAN  
CULLEN

**HON. THOMAS MacARTHUR**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2016*

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of fallen New Jersey State Trooper Sean Cullen of the Third Congressional District, and to express my sincerest condolences to his family and loved ones he has left behind, as well as to recognize his career of public service.

Sean Cullen was a standout athlete at Cinnaminson High School and All-American wrestler at Lycoming College in Pennsylvania, where he earned a degree in criminal justice. After he graduated college, Sean pursued a career in law enforcement, eventually becoming a New Jersey State Trooper. His first police job was in Sea Isle City, where he served as a Special Officer Class II. Sean dedicated five years to the Mount Holly Police Department and then served with the Westampton

Township Police Department before joining the New Jersey State Police. Sean was known by fellow officers for his upbeat and positive spirit, and his ability to overcome any obstacle in his way.

Trooper Cullen sacrificed precious time with his fiancée and son to protect and serve those in need. He was fatally struck by an oncoming vehicle while responding to an accident.

Mr. Speaker, the people of New Jersey's Third Congressional District are tremendously honored by the selfless dedication displayed by Sean Cullen. He was a true hero, who put his life in harm's way to protect and serve those in need. It is with a heavy heart that I rise before the United States House of Representatives to commemorate his career and life, and recognize the lasting legacy that he has left behind.

#### STEVEN LANTSBERGER RETIRES FROM THE CITY OF HESPERIA

#### HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2016*

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Steven Lantsberger who will be retiring from the City of Hesperia after 18 years of service. Mr. Lantsberger is the Director of the city's Economic Development Department.

Mr. Lantsberger has spent nearly 30 years in the fields of economic development and redevelopment. He spearheaded Hesperia's successful efforts to create an Enterprise Zone and Recycling Market Development Zone. His innovative thinking has led to the creation of thousands of jobs in northern and southern California.

Mr. Lantsberger holds numerous professional certifications, including Economic Development Finance Professional, Housing Development Finance Professional, and Real Estate Broker and Appraiser. I want to thank Mr. Lantsberger for his years of service to the City of Hesperia and its citizens. His contributions will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on the people he served. I wish him the best of luck as he enters the newest chapter of his life.

#### TRIBUTE TO LINDA S. PURA—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, Linda S. Pura, of Los Feliz, a unique neighborhood in Los Angeles, California.

Born in New Jersey, Linda attended Skidmore College and New Jersey City University for her registered nursing degree and teaching credential, and California State University, Northridge, where she obtained her Master's of Public Administration Degree.

Linda's illustrious forty-two year career as a registered nurse, health care educator and nursing manager began at Bayonne Hospital in Bayonne, New Jersey. After moving to California, she was a critical care instructor for seventeen years at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, and then clinical manager of their blood donor facility, where she was responsible for blood donations and stem cell collection patient care. Linda provided, developed and coordinated educational programs and education needs assessments for over 400 primary care clinicians for the California Department of Health Care Services' Los Angeles County Cancer Detention Program, "Every Woman Counts." In addition, Mrs. Pura acted as the Consumer Representative for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) National Mammography Quality Assurance Advisory Committee, where she advised the FDA in the development of quality standards for mammography facilities and accrediting bodies, and developed procedures to monitor compliance with standards and mechanisms to investigate consumer complaints.

A tireless advocate for women's breast health, Linda co-founded the Susan G. Komen Los Angeles County affiliate, an organization that provides funding for breast cancer education and outreach, and breast health services in the Los Angeles County communities. Linda has participated in multiple aspects of the organization, including serving as Board President, Race for the Cure Chairperson, and on the Education and Grants Committees, and is currently a member of their speakers' bureau, their metastatic breast cancer committee and the Race for the Cure committee. One of Mrs. Pura's major achievements was the design and organization of breast cancer diagnostic centers funded by Susan G. Komen Los Angeles County for symptomatic women and men. For her efforts, Linda received the national organization's Jill Ireland Award for Volunteerism.

Linda and her husband, Marshall Pura, have been Los Feliz residents for almost fifty years. Married for nearly half a century, they have one daughter and two granddaughters.

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

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HENRIETTA LACKS

#### HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2016*

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to celebrate Mrs. Henrietta Lacks, whose family knew her as a phenomenal woman. Decades after her death, the world now knows her phenomenal life-giving contributions.

Mrs. Lacks could hardly have known the impact her life would have. She grew up humbly in rural Virginia, moving as a young mother with her husband Day to find opportunity in Baltimore. The Lacks family continued to grow until she received her fateful diagnosis. The doctors at Johns Hopkins attempted to treat her cervical cancer, but were unable to save her life.

Of course, that is not the end of the story. In fact, her story is still being told through her

immortal cells, the first to replicate indefinitely, providing clinicians with an invaluable resource for their medical research.

In her lifetime, Henrietta Lacks never witnessed a man land on the moon. She could have hardly imagined that her cells would travel in space to help determine the effects of zero gravity.

Mrs. Lacks died decades before the discovery of AIDS. And still, her cells have contributed to treatments for those living with HIV.

That is immortality. This woman, who gave so much to her family in life, continues to give in her death.

As we celebrate her contributions, we must also acknowledge that they were not freely given. As an African-American woman of few means, she was not afforded in life the respect that she deserved. Her cells were used without her knowledge or her consent.

In fact, Henrietta Lacks' family did not know that her cells had been cultivated until researchers contacted them 25 years after her death requesting additional genetic material.

How could they have known the lengths her cells had traveled? Or the fortunes they had made?

It is tragic that the gift that Henrietta Lacks gave the world was really not a gift at all.

Still, the Lacks family continues to give. They have not shared in the riches that the HeLa cells have made possible. But they have reclaimed their privacy rights, working in cooperation with the National Institutes of Health to control access to their family's genetic code. Today, their experience informs discussions of bioethics and patient consent.

Truly, there will never be another Henrietta Lacks. This phenomenal woman left a legacy of generosity and humility in her remarkable family. I am proud to introduce a resolution today in the House of Representatives to honor Mrs. Henrietta Lacks.

This Women's History Month, I am honored to recognize Mrs. Henrietta Lacks, her life, and her remarkable place in history. On behalf of a grateful nation, thank you to the Lacks family for the countless ways you have enriched our lives.

#### HONORING LILLIE KAY MITCHELL

#### HON. STEPHEN LEE FINCHER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 14, 2016*

Mr. FINCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lillie Kay Mitchell on being named the 2016 Germantown, Tennessee Lions Club Citizen of the Year. This award is indeed a fitting tribute for all the time and sacrifice that Ms. Mitchell has made on behalf of the people of Germantown and all of Shelby County, Tennessee.

After graduating from Leadership Germantown in 2004, Ms. Mitchell has become an active member of the Alumni Association, including serving as the organization's secretary in 2010. She has spearheaded multiple projects including the annual Neighborhood Association Seminar, thus putting her experience of founding the Neshoba North Neighborhood Association to practical use for the betterment of our community.

For the last 10 years, Ms. Mitchell has been a member of Germantown Public Safety Education Commission, including serving as Chair