

it into landfills. The air we breathe and the water we drink in Los Angeles County has literally improved thanks to his efforts.

I have had the pleasure of working with Supervisor Knabe on several occasions throughout my time in Congress. A navy veteran, Mr. Knabe has been a strong supporter for Veterans Resource fairs and Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day events. I have always been able to rely on his support, whether it was for the Congressional Art Competition or for an Annual Senior Fair in my district.

Supervisor Knabe will leave an indelible mark on Los Angeles County when he retires at the end of this term. I am forever thankful for the work Mr. Knabe accomplished, and I thank him for his tireless efforts on behalf of the people of Los Angeles County. He will truly be missed.

HONORING JIM RIDLEY

HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, the city of Nashville lost one of its finest citizens last week. Nashville Scene editor and Middle Tennessee native Jim Ridley was a true talent—an exceptionally gifted journalist and critic, a gracious and humble leader and a champion for our great city. Just as much as he was known in Music City and beyond for his matchless wit and intelligence, he was known for his generous spirit, his earnestness and his enormous heart.

Jim was widely respected for his work with the Scene, where he was a writer and editor for well over two decades—nearly since the publication's inception—and that respect brought him accolades and offers alike. But he never wanted to leave his beloved alt-weekly newspaper, or his beloved town.

Jim's passion for music and film is what drove our arts community to greater heights. His honesty and diligence shone a light for his fellow journalists and the city's leaders. His kindness, patience, guidance and love for his friends and family continue to set an example for what it means to be a truly good person, a truly good Nashvillian. Jim Ridley made our city better, and it will not be the same without him.

TRIBUTE TO JAYME FRY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jayme Fry for being named a 2016 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based

on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2016 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 640 business leaders and growing.

As First Vice President of West Bank, Jayme works tirelessly to build relationships with clients that will lead to continued business and growth within the company. She has been dedicated to improving her skills within the banking industry so that one day she can achieve the goals she has set for herself. Not only is Jayme a dedicated employee but she is also passionate about creating awareness for the ever increasing need for mental health services among young people in our state. Specifically, she dedicates her time and talents to Orchard Place, a Des Moines based non-profit that specializes in mental health services for children.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Jayme in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud her for utilizing her talents to better both her community and the great state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Jayme on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2016 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

HONORING MILDRETTE N. WHITE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Mildrette White, who is a remarkable Educator and Public Servant.

Born July 15, 1948, the second oldest of five children born to J. W. and Cora V. Netter in the small Delta town of Rosedale, MS. Mildrette attended elementary, junior high and high school in the West Bolivar County School District where her extracurricular activities included basketball, band, track and cheerleading. Because of her successful performance in track and the efforts of her high school coach, Willie McCoy, she was invited by the track coach at Tennessee State University in Nashville, TN, to participate in his summer training camp for high school girls during the summer of her junior and senior year of high school in hopes of getting a track scholarship. At that time, Tennessee State was the nearest University to her that had a women track program. None of the Colleges and Universities in Mississippi had women track programs. After she was rejected, basically because of her height and being from Mississippi, she thought her track career and her chance to go to college was over. The coach preferred taller girls and didn't particularly care for girls from Mississippi because of previous unpleasant experiences.

Mildrette later realized that being turned down by the coach was a blessing in disguise. The disappointment of not getting the scholarship she thought she deserved made her more determined to go to college because she did not want to spend the rest of her life chopping and picking cotton. Mildrette was also

able to take the skills and knowledge gained and come back to Mississippi and open the doors for other young girls to get a track scholarship to go to college, and still be blessed with what God had for her. Little did she know then, that she would become the first and only African American to represent the state of Mississippi in the Olympics, who attended a Historical Black College or University.

After graduating from high school in May, 1967, because of her faith in God, a positive attitude and help from a few people who believed in her, Mildrette entered Alcorn State University in the fall as a freshman on a Work Study Program where she was assigned to work in the gym. Growing up in the Mississippi Delta in the sixties wasn't easy and she was determined to get an education to make a better life for herself, her family and become a productive citizen in society.

Alcorn's men track coach took a chance and gave Mildrette the opportunity to prove herself. She finally earned a track scholarship by training and traveling with the men's track team to other states and competing in individual events only. During the process she qualified for the 1968 Nationals and Olympic trials. That was the beginning of a long and successful collegiate track career. She received numerous accolades, honors and awards to include: three time All-SWAC and All NAIA; AAU International Track Team that competed in Norway and Poland; U.S. Olympic Track and Field team (68,72); Gold medal winner, 4X100 meter relay, Mexico City Summer Olympics (68); U.S. European Track and Field Tour; Held the third best 100-meter time in the world (68) and selected Female of the year, 100% Wrong Club of Atlanta (69).

The experience, education, exposure and extensive travel, (nationally and internationally) received while attending Alcorn, prepared Mildrette to be successful in her careers as an athlete, classroom teacher, track coach and athletic director. After graduating from Alcorn in May, 1972 with honors and a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical Education, Mildrette began a twenty-eight year teaching and coaching career in the state of Mississippi. Some of the honors and accomplishments achieved were: Delta Valley Conference Coach of the year five times; U.S. Southeast Region High School Coach of the year (79); Six District Titles; two South State Titles; Two Big Eight Eastern Zone Titles; and District Five Coach of the Year (88). During her coaching career, a number of Mildrette athletes were able to earn track scholarships to go to college.

Other educational accomplishments include: Master of Science-Health Physical Education, Athletic Administration/Coaching and Biological Science Alcorn State University (1981), Continuing Education and Secondary Administration/Supervision courses (1997–2000) Delta State University.

During her Athletic, Teaching and Coaching careers, other honors received include: Alcorn State Hall of Honors (1992), SWAC Hall of Fame (1995), Alcorn State Athletic Hall of Fame (1996), Rosedale-West Bolivar High School Hall of Fame (1998), Bob Hayes Track Hall of Fame (2001), Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame (2003), and Clarksdale/Coahoma Sports Hall of Fame (2013).

After retiring from teaching and coaching in 2002, Mildrette served as Athletic Director of

the Tutwiler Community Education Center for six years. A key part of the mission was to make a difference in the community in which they served. Some of the organizations and community involvements she currently participates in are: President of the Mass Choir and Hospitality Ministry of the Greater Pleasant Grove Church, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Alcorn State University National Alumni, ASU Athletic Club, Montgomery-Carroll-Grenada County ASU Alumni Chapter, Grenada Smile Team, Grenada Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Committee member and the Finch-Henry Job Corps Center Community Relations Council.

Mildrette is the mother of two children and is the grandmother of two. She is currently married to her college sweetheart, Willie White. After thirty-eight years of separation, they reconnected in 2006 and married in 2008. In addition to enjoying their retirement, traveling and spending time with the grandchildren, Mildrette and husband are still busy giving back to the community in their current hometown of Grenada, Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an Educator and Public Servant, Ms. Mildrette White, for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

CELEBRATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DENVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 80th Anniversary of the Denville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary located in Morris County, New Jersey.

The Ladies Auxiliary emerged in 1936 as the result of the continued expansion of the Denville Volunteer Fire Department, which was originally conceived and founded in 1926. Since its creation, the Ladies Auxiliary has served a crucial role in assisting the Denville Volunteer Fire Department in its mission to protect and serve citizens of Denville and surrounding communities.

The original role of the women was to provide refreshments to firefighters at the scene. However, one of the Ladies Auxiliary's most important contributions to the developing department was their dedication to fundraising. The women hosted raffles, parties, and even canvassed door-to-door in an effort to help the department pay for equipment and improvements.

A particular incident in the 1980s is a testament to the importance of the Ladies Auxiliary in serving not just the department, but the citizens they swore to protect. The department had recently rescued several dozen motorists trapped on the highway during a vicious snowstorm, and opted to house them at one of the department member's houses. The Ladies Auxiliary fed and cared for these individuals over the two-day period where they were housed, and nursed back to health.

The Ladies Auxiliary is a critical facet of the central department, and the time and dedica-

tion of these women is an invaluable resource to Denville's ability to serve the entire township. The department undoubtedly appreciates the energy female members of the community have invested in the Ladies Auxiliary and the department itself.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Denville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary as they celebrate 80 years of unwavering and unselfish service.

RECOGNIZING ROGER RAICHE

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Roger Raiche for his distinguished environmental stewardship. Since 1981, Mr. Raiche has dedicated his time to researching and preserving the unique ecological zone and natural landscape of The Cedars in Sonoma County.

In the 1980s, Mr. Raiche was the first scientist to bring the importance of The Cedars to the attention of the Bureau of Land Management. His research and documentation of the rare plants and ecology of the site were an important step in establishing it as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern and led to the discovery of several new plant species found nowhere else on Earth. Many institutions have been provided access to these important lands through his hospitality and volunteer work.

Over the last 35 years, Mr. Raiche has led efforts to preserve additional parts of The Cedars. He has invested his personal resources to protecting the 500-acre Main Canyon parcel and volunteered his time to build trails, guide tours, and work towards public acquisition. Mr. Raiche personally reactivated a science program on these lands that had been inaccessible for 30 years and which had been the site of some very early and important work on geology and plate tectonics.

During his involvement at The Cedars, Roger Raiche has made an invaluable contribution to the natural history of California and the preservation of the unique environment of The Cedars, and it is fitting to recognize this legacy.

HONORING CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Clackamas Community College (CCC) as it celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Founded in 1966, with 93 part-time students taking classes at Gladstone High School and 600 more added by the end of the first school year, CCC has since grown to serving over 35,000 students across three distinct campuses and two extension sites. Throughout its development, CCC has remained committed to its values, a student-centered focus, and a collective decision-making process that drives its mission.

Since 1966, students have become accustomed to a dedicated faculty and a friendly atmosphere focused on their personal growth. CCC provides a unique learning experience whether a student attends to complete a transfer degree to a four-year public university at an affordable cost, wants to take Community Education classes, is seeking an Adult High School Diploma, or is at the school to pursue a degree or certificate in one of the more than 80 career and technical programs offered. These include the expanding fields of renewable energy, medical assistance and digital multimedia communication. For the past 50 years, the college has prided itself on equipping students with the relevant job training and skills to apply toward real world, high-demand careers and family wage jobs.

In the last 50 years, thanks to the strong leadership of its current and past presidents and Boards of Education and an open, collaborative spirit behind its decisions, CCC has thrived. In preparation for ringing in 50 years of service, the Board launched the Imagine Clackamas project, a two-year community engagement process designed to identify what the community valued and needed from the college in the present and into the future. The resulting bond measure is enabling CCC to make great strides toward meeting those needs by updating and expanding classrooms and labs and by modernizing equipment. With this energy and momentum at 50 years, I am excited to discover what goals and heights the college will reach in the next half century.

I am honored to be the representative of Clackamas Community College and I congratulate the college on its 50th anniversary.

IN MEMORY OF MR. DON WARKENTIN

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of Don Warkentin, former President of West Hills College Lemoore, who sadly passed away on February 1, 2016.

Mr. Warkentin was born in Reedley, California on November 15, 1946 to Vern and Doris Warkentin. After his graduation from Reedley High School, he went on to study at Reedley College and later California State University, Chico. At the outbreak of the Vietnam War, Mr. Warkentin enlisted as a Lieutenant in the United States Army and eventually rose to the rank of Captain, receiving two Purple Hearts in the process. After his service to our country, he married the love of his life Betty. Together, they had two children, Brooke and Steven.

Mr. Warkentin's long career in education began in 1973 when he accepted a position as a biology teacher for Lemoore High School. Mr. Warkentin also served as a football and baseball coach, athletic director, and principal of the continuation school for adults wishing to complete their education. In 1986, he began work as an Associate Dean at West Hills College Kings County Center, known today as West Hills College Lemoore, and his commitment to the institution continued until his retirement, just months prior to his passing.