

Class of 2020. While attending Delphos Jefferson High School in Delphos, Ohio, Trey was a member of the National Honor Society, an Honor Roll selection every quarter, earned the Best in Class Award for three consecutive years, and was ranked first in his class. He also served as a class officer.

Throughout high school, Trey was a member of his school's basketball team, earning various awards and becoming Delphos Jefferson High School's all-time leading scorer. I am confident that Trey will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Trey Smith on the offer of his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Trey will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL D.  
ANTONOVICH'S SERVICE TO THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, who has served the people of the County of Los Angeles and the State of California for over four decades.

Since 1980, Supervisor Antonovich has effectively represented the two million residents of Los Angeles County's 5th Supervisorial District, which includes all or part of the San Gabriel, San Fernando, Crescenta, Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys.

As a government and history teacher for the Los Angeles Unified School District in 1966, Mike credits his fifth grade teacher for the inspiration to enter public life. He entered the teaching profession as a government and history teacher for the Los Angeles Unified School District in 1966, and subsequently, he was elected to the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees in 1969. In 1972, he was elected to the California State Assembly, where he served three terms and rose to the rank of Republican Whip, before serving the County of Los Angeles.

His 36 years as a County Supervisor has been characterized by his dedication to public safety and support for foster children, seniors, veterans and the mentally ill. He has been a strong advocate for the environment, successfully preserving thousands of acres of open space and enhancing parks, trails and recreational programs and facilities. The Supervisor also serves on the Board of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Metrolink (Southern California Regional Rail Authority), Southern California Association of Governments, San Fernando Valley and San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, and the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

His experience and accomplishments have been recognized nationally. Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush appointed

Antonovich to numerous presidential committees and commissions, including the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, the U.S.-Japan Advisory Committee, the Commission on Privatization, and the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees.

His many significant accomplishments over the years include:

The High Intensity-Criminal Alien Apprehension and Prosecution Program, involving federal, state and local law enforcement collaborative efforts targeting repeat criminal illegal alien offenders which served as a prototype for future federal law enforcement programs;

The DISARM program which has seized over 10,000 weapons and \$700 million in illegal drugs and money from convicted felons on probation;

The construction of a state-of-the-art courthouse expanding access to justice for the residents of the Antelope Valley;

The Child Abduction Regional Emergency (CARE) Alert program, a model for the nationwide Amber Alert system;

State legislation extending foster care services for emancipated foster youth between the age of 18 and 21 and the Youth Self-Sufficiency Initiative providing housing, education and job training for emancipating foster youth;

The co-founding of the award-winning L.A. County High School for the Arts;

The Veterans Internship Program and the annual "Salute to Veterans" event providing programs and services to veterans and their families;

Laura's Law which provides treatment for the chronically homeless mentally ill;

The Quality and Productivity Commission to streamline government services and programs saving taxpayers more than \$4 billion;

The rebuilding of the Olive-View/UCLA Medical Center which had been destroyed by the 1971 Sylmar earthquake;

The development of the Gold Line rail system serving the San Gabriel Valley;

The expansion of the county's parks and trail system including the preservation of over 2,300 acres of open space;

The Pet Adoption program rescuing over 1,000 dogs, cats and other pets;

The restaurant and nursing home grading system protecting public health;

Successful economic development and job creation efforts including attracting international companies to the region.

Over the years, I have had the distinct honor of being able to work with Supervisor Antonovich to help our community and constituents in the Antelope Valley. His advice and counsel have been invaluable—whether offered in Washington or Los Angeles or from the back of a horse in chaps and cowboy hat during one of the famous Antonovich Trail Dusters Rides.

On behalf of the State of California, the County of Los Angeles, and our constituents, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for Supervisor Antonovich's commitment to public service and inestimable contributions as a member of the Board of Supervisors. As he completes his final Board term this year, I look forward to Mike's continuing contributions to our communities, and wish him, his wife Christine, and his children Michael and Mary, all the best in this next chapter of his life.

IN SUPPORT OF APRIL AS NATIONAL FINANCIAL CAPABILITY MONTH

**HON. BRAD SHERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 20, 2016*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join President Obama in recognizing April as National Financial Capability Month, and highlight the vital role that the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants or AICPA, state CPA societies, and CPAs across the country play in educating all Americans about their personal finances.

National Financial Capability Month is a yearly reminder of how important it is to improve Americans' understanding of their personal finances. The Great Recession showed the need to support informed financial decision-making and help ensure economic security for all. Financial education is an essential component to making smart financial choices and protecting hard-earned income.

In May 2004, the CPA profession launched a unified financial literacy initiative: 360 Degrees of Financial Literacy. The effort brings together the AICPA, state CPA societies and individual CPAs to address a growing public issue: financial illiteracy. The program combines grassroots financial literacy efforts with free resources for the public and tools that CPAs can use at a local level to volunteer to educate Americans of all ages on financial topics. CPAs are deeply concerned about Americans' high financial illiteracy levels and are working to ensure they have tools and knowledge to make educated financial decisions. The initiative sends the message that financial education should be a lifelong endeavor—from encouraging children to save their allowance to helping adults plan for a secure retirement.

The AICPA National CPA Financial Literacy Commission is leading the CPA profession in a national effort to advance the financial literacy of Americans. Toward this end, this group works to increase awareness of the importance of financial literacy education, builds liaisons within the financial literacy community, and serves as media spokespeople.

Educating young adults about their finances is a difficult task. To help solve this problem, the AICPA recently launched a new financial literacy version of the Bank On It game for high school students. Bank On It is a free, online game. The financial literacy version covers topics students need to master to be money-savvy in the real world, such as balancing a checkbook, understanding credit scores and student loans, and even investing in a cool startup company. Game questions were reviewed by CPAs across the country, giving students have an opportunity to learn financial management skills in an engaging and positive way.

This year is the 10th anniversary of Feed The Pig, the AICPA's public service campaign with the Ad Council that provides Americans ages 25–34 with free tools and resources to make smart saving decisions. Over the past 10 years, millions of young adults have benefited from AICPA's free resources by creating and keeping personal financial goals. And the profession's leadership in this area is working. According to a new survey from the AICPA

and the Ad Council, one in three millennials (34 percent) ranked saving as their number one goal for the year—ahead of living a healthy lifestyle (20 percent), paying off debt (19 percent), and losing weight (14 percent). But while saving was a top priority, a majority of millennials attributed their lack of saving to impulse buying (65 percent).

Additionally, according to recent data from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, young people now have less debt overall than they did in 2003, even in the face of significant increases in college tuition since that time. But there is still much work to be done. The same Federal Reserve survey shows that debt held by borrowers between the ages of 50 and 80 increased almost 60 percent over the same time period.

We must ensure that everyone, from elementary school to older Americans, has the knowledge to make educated decisions about their finances. It is essential to restoring the faith in our financial system and keeping the American dream alive.

A.R. WILFLEY & SONS, INC.

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud A.R. Wilfley & Sons, Inc. for receiving the 2016 Commerce City Business on the Move Award.

The Business on the Move Award recognizes businesses bringing new employment, growth in sales or new capital investment to the city in the last year. This fifth-generation manufacturer of heavy duty centrifugal pumps for chemical and mineral processing has been in business for almost 100 years. In 2014, the company acquired a site in Commerce City with two buildings totaling 121,000 sq. ft. Extensive capital investments were made at the site and helped create 90 new manufacturing jobs. A.R. Wilfley & Sons also takes part in extensive community service work with the Boys and Girls Club and the George M. Wilfley Club, and looks forward to further developing their relationship with the Commerce City location.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the A.R. Wilfley & Sons, Inc. for this well-deserved recognition by Commerce City.

### WOMEN OF HISTORY—MARGARET UTINSKY

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there are some truly remarkable women in history. History helps us learn who we are, and where we came from. Margaret Utinsky is one such woman.

In the heat of an August summer of 1900 Margaret Utinsky was born in St. Louis, Missouri. 40 years later, World War Two broke out. When the Japanese invaded the Philippines on January 2nd, 1940 Margaret was serving as a volunteer nurse with the Red

Cross. As all strong women seem to do, she worked not only as a nurse, but also became the manager of the servicemen's canteen.

My mother, Dorrace Poe, served as a volunteer nurse with the Red Cross during World War Two in Temple, Texas. Nurses like my mother and Margaret were called upon by Congress in the 1905 congressional charter to "furnish volunteer aid to the sick and wounded of armies in time of war" and to "act in matters of voluntary relief and in accord with the military and naval authorities as a medium of communication between the people of the United States of America and their Army and Navy."

As the U.S.S. *Washington* sailed off into the murky ocean waters, Utinsky stood resolved. She did not leave with the Army wives, ferried off to safety. Her husband returned to serve in Batann as a civil engineer, safe from harm. Utinsky is best known for her work with the Filipino resistance movement to provide medicine, food, and other items to aid Allied prisoners of war in the Philippines during World War II.

As the Japanese took the capital city of Manila, Margaret rushed off, hid in an abandoned apartment complex, and stocked it with food and medicine that she stole from the Army and Navy commissaries. For 10 weeks she hid out, desperate to save herself from the internment camps, teaching herself to type and listening to the radio.

Undiscovered after ten weeks in hiding, Utinsky ventured out and sought help from the priests at Malate Convent. Through her various contacts, she obtained false papers, creating the identity of Rena Utinsky, a Lithuanian nurse. (Lithuania was a nonbelligerent country under armed occupation by Nazi Germany.)

With her new identity she finally was able to find work in a Red Cross unit that was headed to Bataan. Upon her arrival she was able to help American Soldiers who were captured by the Japanese. While treating the soldiers, she found and concealed an American flag and documents describing spy activity. After witnessing the Bataan Death March, she resolved to do all that was in her power to aid those in need. She helped build a clandestine resistance network that provided food, medicine and money to those in the POW camps at Camp O'Donnell and then later at Cabanatuan prison camp. After learning of her husband's death in a prison camp she redoubled her efforts, determined to avenge her husband's death.

Suspected of aiding and saving prisoners, the Japanese arrested her. She was subjected to 32 days of torture at Fort Santiago prison. She survived daily beatings, was hung with her arms tied behind her back and was sexually assaulted. Cold bloodily, five Filipinos were beheaded directly in front of her cell. On another night, an American soldier was tied to her cell gate and beaten to death, his body disintegrating as they beat him. She then was confined to a dungeon cell, starved and malnourished for four days. Not once did she reveal her true identity.

She was finally released after signing a statement attesting to her good treatment. Utinsky spent six weeks in a hospital recovering from a multitude of injuries. The doctors wanted to amputate her gangrenous leg, but she refused, terrified that she would reveal secrets while under anesthesia. The hospital was full of Japanese spies. She directed the

surgeons to remove the gangrenous flesh without any type of anesthesia. Despite not having fully recovered, she left the hospital and escaped to the Bataan Peninsula. She continued to serve as a nurse with the Philippine Commonwealth troops, moving from camp to camp until liberation in February 1945.

When the Allies arrived, Utinsky was taken through the Japanese lines to the Americans. She had lost 45 pounds and an inch in height. Her hair had turned solid white and she appeared to have aged 25 years. Within a few days she wrote for the Americans a list from memory, of soldiers she knew had been tortured, the names of the torturers and the names of collaborators and spies.

In 1946, Utinsky was awarded the Medal of Freedom for her heroic actions, defending the lives of Americans abroad. Strong women like Utinsky are the backbone of America. They fought valiantly against those who seek to kill, destroy, and harm our men. They are unsung heroes of the Second World War.

And that is just the way it is.

### TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH LAIRD

### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Elizabeth Laird, fondly known as Fort Hood's beloved "Hug Lady." While she became an angel late last year, the impact she had on our soldiers will live on.

It all began in 2003, when Elizabeth volunteered with the Salvation Army to shake the hands of deploying soldiers. One day, instead of a handshake, Elizabeth received a hug from a soldier. From that moment on, her handshakes became hugs, and the "Fort Hood Hug Lady" was born. Over the next thirteen years, she would go on to hug over 500,000 servicemen and women as they deployed from and returned to Fort Hood.

Without fail, Elizabeth would be there upon the soldiers' deployments and later for their homecomings, often waiting at the airport in the middle of the night for their arrival. Elizabeth became a beloved figure to these American soldiers as they shipped out for deployment. Her simple gesture of a hug provided them with comfort and a powerful reminder of what they are fighting for.

She described hugging as something the Lord guided her to do. Along with her hugs, Elizabeth handed out cards etched with the stirring words from Psalm 91: "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty . . . you will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day." How reassuring these sentiments must have been to our brave warriors venturing forth to defend freedom. All who've been blessed by Elizabeth's presence know that these words weren't a meaningless expression but a deep and lasting creed that was the guiding force of her life.

When she became bedridden due to breast cancer, many of the soldiers came to visit her in the hospital to return the gesture and show their appreciation. Sadly, Elizabeth Laird passed away on Christmas Eve of last year,