

leaders in the African-American community by being actively involved in more than a dozen associations. Her most distinct honor was being the President of the Pinellas County High School Principals Association and the minority member for the Florida Association of School Administrators. She currently is a member of the Florida A&M University Alumni Association and has been an active member of the Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, having had longest active membership at 70 plus years.

Ms. Shorter was an unabashed environmentalist. Her heroic commitment to environmentalism made an unforgettable mark on the Tampa Bay community. Tampa Bay is a better and more beautiful place to live thanks to her efforts.

Ms. Shorter has selflessly dedicated her life to our community and the children of Tampa Bay. Countless students and young professionals have benefited from her immeasurable efforts and unabashed enthusiasm. Her commitment will always be remembered and appreciated. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Tampa Bay community, I am proud to recognize Barbara Shorter for her lifelong exemplary service to the State of Florida.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT
OF VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER,
MIKE LAMBARIA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of Veterans Service Officer, Mike Lambaria of Atascosa County, Texas. He has proudly served the people of Atascosa County for nearly 10 years.

Mike Lambaria was born on October 4th, 1944 to Mike Lambaria Sr. and Ruth Lambaria. After graduating from Pleasanton High School, he attended the University of Kansas and graduated with a degree in Business Administration and a minor in History. After college, Mr. Lambaria joined the U.S. Army and courageously served his country in Vietnam. He received multiple awards for his service, including: Army Good Conduct Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Expert Infantryman Badge.

Following his retirement from the Military in 1985, Mike worked as a military liaison with McDonnell Douglas until 1988. In 1989, he worked in Saudi Arabia as an advisor for logistics and combat. He returned home in 1992, becoming a teacher and coach at Poteet High School until 2006. After his tenure with Poteet High School, Mike began his career as a Veterans Service Officer for the Atascosa County Veterans Services Office. Mike was known to go above and beyond in his duties. He would drive veterans to their appointments, then come back, see veterans in the office, and help them submit claims. He also assisted homeless veterans in finding places to stay and worked with local churches and organizations to get homeless veterans food and clothing. Mike has even provided

monetary assistance to homeless veterans with funds out of his own pocket.

Beyond his dedication to his work, Mike is an active member of the community, serving on the Atascosa County Historical Commission, Atascosa County Crime Stoppers Board, Atascosa County Healthcare Center Board, and the Chairman for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program. In addition to his exemplary career as a public servant, Mike Lambaria is a committed husband to Anita Lambaria. Together they have three sons: Scott Michael, Craig Anthony and John, as well as eight grandchildren. According to Mr. Lambaria, he could not have accomplished the past 25 years of success without the support and love of his wife.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize Mike Lambaria, a decorated war hero, a devoted Veterans Service Officer to Atascosa County, and a loving family man.

HONORING SENIOR CORPS WEEK
AND THE SERVICE OF OLDER
AMERICANS

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of national Senior Corps Week.

Older Americans bring a lifetime of skills and experience as parents, workers, and citizens that can be tapped to meet challenges in our communities.

For more than four decades Senior Corps, and its three programs—RSVP, Senior Companions, and Foster Grandparents—have proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans age 55 and over in meeting national and community needs.

Each year Senior Corps provides opportunities for nearly 330,000 older Americans across the nation, including approximately 435 in Southern Arizona, to serve their communities. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to young Arizonans who have special needs. Senior Companions help homebound Arizona seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols for local police departments, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 130 groups across Arizona.

Senior Corps volunteers last year provided more than 96.2 million hours of service, helping to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system, protect our environment, provide independent living services, and contribute to our public safety.

Senior Corps volunteers build a capacity of organizations and communities by serving through more than 65,000 nonprofit, community, educational, and faith-based community groups nationwide.

At a time of mounting social needs and growing interest in service by older Americans, there is an unprecedented opportunity to harness the talents of 55-plus volunteers to address community challenges.

Service by older Americans helps volunteers by keeping them active, healthy, and engaged,

helps our communities by solving local problems, and helps our nation by saving taxpayer dollars, reducing healthcare costs, and strengthening our democracy.

The sixth annual Senior Corps Week, taking place May 16–20, 2016, is a time to thank Senior Corps volunteers for their service and recognize their positive impact and value to our communities and nation.

HONORING HENRY CHAPMAN MERCER
AND THE MERCER MUSEUM

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Henry Chapman Mercer and the importance of the Mercer Museum.

Bucks County's agricultural history is preserved in the 100-year-old Mercer Museum, thanks to the foresight of Henry Chapman Mercer. The noted historian, scholar and archaeologist collected and preserved outmoded materials of daily life believing they would be lost forever in the rush of the Industrial Revolution. Mr. Mercer gathered and displayed more than 30,000 hand tools and even boats and horse-drawn carriages at the museum he would design and build in Doylestown, Bucks County. More than 50 Early American trades are represented, including blacksmithing, shoemaking, farming, printing, cider making and needlework crafts, some items hanging from the ceiling. All are organized and housed in an imposing museum built over a three-year period entirely of concrete. Through the decades, this National Historic Landmark has advanced in the management of its collections and also in meeting contemporary museum standards. Today, the museum and its new wing offer dozens of programs for all ages. For a century, the Mercer Museum stands out as a place where Bucks County's past is honored along with the memory of an extraordinary man—Henry Chapman Mercer.

CONGRATULATING MACY MORGAN,
ON BEING NAMED THE 2016 REGION 4
GOLD ALL-AROUND CHAMPION AND WINNING HER
AGE DIVISION AT THE XCEL MISSOURI
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ozark, Missouri, gymnast Macy Morgan, on recently winning her age division at the XCEL Missouri State Championships and being named the 2016 Region 4 Gold All-around Champion in the face of great life obstacles.

Macy is an 11-year-old girl who has already conquered more adversity in her life than most people will ever face. Diagnosed at only 8 months old with a form of kidney cancer, Macy had to fight for her life in a situation that most families couldn't imagine. Despite this adversity, Macy fought her cancer into remission

with an indomitably cheerful outlook. Furthermore, Macy has volunteered and given back to patients at St. Jude's Children's Hospital, the same health providers that cared for her illness.

Macy is now one of the best young gymnasts in the state of Missouri. Her athletic abilities are known state wide, and she has won numerous medals for her skill. She is regarded as a natural gymnast, and her coaches speculate that she one day may represent the United States in the Olympic Games.

Mr. Speaker, Macy Morgan is truly a remarkable young woman and her success in overcoming adversity is impressive on its own merits. But her working to become an elite gymnast is all the more praiseworthy and inspiring to other young people in Missouri's Seventh Congressional District. I would ask that my colleagues join me in expressing both our congratulations and deep admiration for Macy and her achievements.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JUDGMENT OF PARIS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th anniversary of the Judgment of Paris wine tasting competition, an event that brought global esteem to the California wine community.

On May 24, 1976, a who's-who of French wine and food influencers gathered for a blind tasting of Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay wines at the Paris InterContinental Hotel organized by wine merchant Steven Spurrier.

Mr. Spurrier selected the finest California vintages at the time. He included Cabernet Sauvignon from Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Ridge Vineyards Monte Bello, Heitz Wine Cellars, Clos du Val Winery, Mayacamas Vineyards, and Freemark Abbey Winery.

In the white wine category, Mr. Spurrier chose Chardonnay from Chateau Montelena Winery, Chalone Vineyard, Spring Mountain Vineyard, Freemark Abbey Winery, Veedercrest Vineyards, and David Bruce Winery.

When the experts' scores were tallied, two wines from California's Napa Valley—the 1973 Chateau Montelena Winery Chardonnay by winemaker Miljenko "Mike" Grgich and the Stag's Leap Wine Cellars 1973 Cabernet Sauvignon made by Warren Winiarski—came out on top, forever changing the way the world views American wine.

George Taber documented this consequential decision in a TIME magazine article, "Modern Living: Judgment of Paris." The resulting coverage of the Judgment of Paris created an immediate and positive impact on the world of wine, and inspired among experts, consumers, and the trade a new appreciation for California wines.

The Napa Valley is now recognized internationally as the vanguard of the American wine business. The California wine community now adds \$61.5 billion to the state's economy and \$121.8 billion to the United States economy. The wine community supports 330,000

jobs in the state and brings more than 21 million visitors to California wine regions annually. Wine is now produced in all fifty of the United States, and enjoyed at ever increasing levels by consumers throughout the country.

Mr. Speaker, it is fitting and proper that we recognize and honor the historical significance of the 40th anniversary of this event, as well as the impact of the California victory on the world of wine and the United States wine industry as a whole.

To recognize the 40th anniversary of the Judgment of Paris, Rep. DUNCAN HUNTER and I, House Leadership from both sides of the aisle, and the entire California delegation will submit the following language as a resolution:

Whereas forty years ago in Paris, a number of leading French wine experts were invited by Wine Merchant Stephen Spurrier to blind taste some of the greatest wines of France and California;

Whereas those prestigious experts chose the 1973 Chateau Montelena Winery Napa Valley Chardonnay by winemaker Miljenko "Mike" Grgich as the finest white wine in the tasting;

Whereas those same experts chose the 1973 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars S.L.V. Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon made by Warren Winiarski as the finest red wine in the tasting;

Whereas the resulting story by journalist George Taber found widespread distribution throughout the press, notably in TIME magazine, as "The Shot Heard Round the World";

Whereas this attention created an immediate, positive impact on the world of wine, and created among experts, consumers and the trade a new and enthusiastic appreciation for California wines;

Whereas wine is now produced in all fifty of the United States, and enjoyed at ever increasing levels by consumers throughout the country;

Whereas the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History exhibits the winning bottles in its permanent collections (the 1973 Chateau Montelena Winery Chardonnay and the 1973 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars S.L.V. Cabernet Sauvignon), and has included those bottles in their selection of remarkable objects in the book *The Smithsonian's History of America in 101 Objects* by Richard Kurin;

Whereas the Napa Valley is now recognized internationally as a vanguard of the United States wine business and contributes more than \$162 billion to the nation's economy.

Resolved, That the U.S. House of Representatives recognizes and honors the historical significance of the 40th Anniversary of the Judgment of Paris, and the impact of the California victory at the 1976 Paris Tasting on the world of wine and the American wine industry as a whole.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, due to a conflict, I unavoidably missed the following votes on May 13, 2016.

Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

On roll call No. 190, I would have voted "nay" (May 13) (On Ordering the Previous Question for Providing for consideration of the bill (S. 524) the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016).

On roll call No. 191, I would have voted "nay" (May 13) (On Agreeing to the Resolution for Providing for consideration of the bill (S. 524) the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016).

On roll call No. 192, I would have voted "yea" (May 13) (On Approving the Journal).

On roll call No. 193, I would have voted "yea" (May 13) (On Passage of S. 524, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016).

IN HONOR OF THE HONORABLE JEROME E. GAFF, U.S. ARMY, VIETNAM 1969–1970

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2016

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jerome Edward Gaff, May 30, 1946, in recognition of his outstanding service to the United States Army.

Jerry is the son of John M. and Dorothy A. Gaff who raised Jerry in Chelsea, MA. Jerry grew up alongside his brothers Harold, Jack, Tom, and sister, Loretta. Jerry and his family relocated to Everett MA, where he made his residence from 1950–1969. He graduated from Everett High School in 1964, and soon after, began working at General Edwards Inn Restaurant in the Point of Pines Section of Revere with his brothers and sisters. He was drafted into the U.S. Army on April 19, 1969, where he served his tour of duty in Vietnam from September 1969 to November 1970.

While serving in the Army, he served with the 1st Infantry Division (Big Red One) Sept. 1969 to Mar. 1970 and the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Black Horse) Mar. 1970 to Nov. 1970. He was stationed at the U.S. Army base located in Lai Khe, northwest of Saigon. During his time in the Army he was active in the major battle of the Cambodian Incursion from May to June, 1970. He received several medals for his Army service including: National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. Although Jerry is a decorated veteran of the Vietnam Conflict he seldom spoke of his distinguished military career, and upon returning stateside focused his attention to raising his family, but never forgot those who served with him, and stills serves as an advocate for all veterans today.

When he returned from the war, he continued to work at the General Edwards Inn. He attended college before and after the war, studying education and Spanish. In 1972, he was married and had four daughters, Nancy 42, Shannon 41, Lauren 39 and Marybeth 38. Jerry and his family moved to Sandown, NH in the summer of 1978, just prior to the opening of his restaurant The Village Square Inn, located in Hampstead, NH. Jerry was owner/chef at the restaurant through the early 90's. He continued to be a well-respected chef in the southern New Hampshire area until his recent retirement. In his retirement, Jerry enjoys