

IN HONOR OF AMBASSADOR F.
HADYN WILLIAMS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my dear friends of the WWII Memorial.

It is with deepest sympathy I am unable to attend the Celebration of Life Ceremony to honor Ambassador Hadyn Williams, a champion of liberty's legacy. With this regret, I send a few words to remember Ambassador Williams and all he did to create the centerpiece Memorial, which preserves rightful attention to the greatest generation.

Ambassador F. Hadyn Williams had a long and distinguished career in international development, diplomacy and public service, one that demonstrated a lifetime of integrity and a duty to country, which left a lasting legacy for future generations.

I had the honor to work closely with Ambassador Williams. Together, we along with other great champions implemented the idea of honoring the 16 million brave and dedicated men and women who served in World War II—over 400,000 of whom never came home to their loved ones—with a glorious memorial on the National Mall—America's front yard—between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. The five million people who visit the World War II Memorial every year owe a small debt of gratitude for Ambassador Williams' role in this tribute.

Ambassador Williams had a remarkable lifetime of achievements—with service in World War II; in academia at the University of California, Berkeley and Tufts University, as a student and then as a professor and administrator; as a public servant, serving as a deputy assistant secretary in the Defense Department under both Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy; as a diplomat as the longest-serving President of the Asia Foundation; and as Chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission's World War II Memorial Committee.

Ambassador Williams will be remembered for his service and devotion to others, his vision, his commitment, and his contribution to honor our World War II veterans and to preserve this lasting memory.

Ambassador Williams' memory will live on through the fruits of his achievements.

HONORING TERESA LEAL

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Teresa Leal, a passionate historian and activist and curator of the Pimeria Alta Historical Society Museum. Teresa passed away on May 1, 2016 in Nogales, Arizona at the place dearest to her, the museum at which she proudly worked for over 20 years.

Teresa's roots are every bit as eclectic as our nation as a whole, with lineage tracing back to Mexican, Chinese and Opatá native ancestors. Born in Navojoa, Sonora, she was raised in Tucson, Arizona, and attended Catalina High School. Teresa was only sixteen

years old when she joined the United Farm Workers to educate female cotton workers on the risks they faced at their jobs. As a young girl, her mother, Isabel Leal, was a chef to the United States Ambassador to the court of St. James in Great Britain, Lewis Douglas, who later became Teresa's friend and mentor. Growing up, Teresa was fortunate to meet important figures in the reconstruction of the post-World War II world like John McCloy, the postwar High Commissioner of Germany. After graduation she enrolled at the University of San Carlos in Guatemala where she studied social anthropology. Teresa later came back to Nogales, Sonora where she spent the rest of her life.

In 1986, Teresa founded the women's group known as Proyecto Comadres, where she addressed labor, environmental, and civil rights issues concerning women who labored at the "maquiladoras" in Nogales, Sonora. As the group's membership grew they expanded their efforts to include women who faced domestic violence and economic or family struggles. At the same time she served as a substitute teacher in Mexico. Teresa also worked with the Binational Health Council to examine health issues affecting both sides of the Nogales border, as well as the nongovernmental organization Gente de l'itot in Sonora, where she trained indigenous women as health educators throughout the Yaqui, Seri and Tohono tribes. Teresa was the grantee recipient from the Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice and also a member of the National Advisory Council for the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation.

Teresa was also a freelance journalist, working with La Voz Del Norte newspaper in Sonora from 1984–1989 and the Nogales International Newspaper, among several other publications. Teresa ended her career as the curator of Pimeria Alta Historical Society Museum, where family, friends, and colleagues remembered her as a selfless person committed to keeping local history alive.

Southern Arizona and the borderlands will miss Teresa Leal's passion, sense of justice, and love of her community. Teresa leaves a living legacy of leadership, empowerment, and a commitment to social and economic justice. This legacy will continue to make all of us better and our community a better place.

HONORING RAY SCARPELLI & RAY
CHEVROLET

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ray Chevrolet and their President, Ray Scarpelli, who are celebrating their 25th Anniversary of doing business in Fox Lake.

Starting with a small inventory of cars in 1991, Ray Chevrolet now has over 130 employees and is one of the top-selling auto dealerships in Illinois. They have won numerous customer service awards, including the 2016 Customer Satisfaction Award from DealerRater, a dealer review website.

Part of the success of their business has been the dealership's commitment to give back to the community. Each year, Ray Chev-

rolet partners with the USO of Illinois to put on a BBQ for the Troops event to thank our local service members and their families. I am proud to have been able to join Ray and his team for this program. Since 1991, they have also been supporting area high schools and new drivers by donating cars to their driver's education departments.

Ray has attributed Ray Chevrolet's success to their dedication to treating customers with respect, "the way you'd like to be treated." Their 25 years in business proves what small business owners across the 10th Congressional District of Illinois know to be true: customers stay loyal when you treat them with respect.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my sincere thanks to Ray, and the Ray Chevrolet team, for all they do for our local economy and our community.

IN HONOR OF LANCE CORPORAL
RICHARD PEREZ

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an American hero, Lance Corporal Richard G. Perez.

Lance Corporal Richard G. Perez, a constituent of the 29th District recently passed away on April 29th, 2016. I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Perez for many years now and am familiar with his courageous actions during the Vietnam War.

On the afternoon of February 7, 1967 Lance Corporal Perez's patrol was suddenly attacked by approximately 30 Viet Cong using grenades and small arms fire.

During the attack, Lance Corporal Perez took extraordinarily courageous action to stop the enemy threat against the left flank where he received several abdominal gunshot wounds. Despite his wounds he continued to fight on and encouraged his fellow marines to stop the attack.

His heroic actions on that day were an inspiration to all who observed him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps and United States Naval Service.

Lance Corporal Perez was awarded the Bronze Star for his actions on that day.

I offer my condolences to the family and friends of Richard Perez, his wife of 43 years Betty Jean Perez, his children Richard Jr., Carolina and Eloy and I offer the thanks of a grateful nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING ENERGY CODES AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the importance of building energy codes. As a member of the High Performance Building Caucus, I recognize the need to pursue cost effective means to promote energy efficiency.

American homes and commercial buildings consume 71 percent of our nation's electricity, 54 percent of its natural gas, and 42 percent of all its energy. The model residential and commercial building energy codes developed by the International Code Council and ASHRAE, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers, have the potential to benefit both consumers and the environment. The Department of Energy's Building Energy Codes Program participates in this process by researching, further developing, and implementing these codes. A study of this program by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory found that model energy codes saved consumers roughly \$44 billion and cut greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 3.9 billion metric tons over the past 20 years. In addition, the energy efficiency gained by updating building energy codes stands to stabilize the U.S. demand for electricity and decrease the need to construct more power plants.

The economic and environmental benefits of model building codes are also appreciated by homebuyers. According to a 2013 survey conducted by the National Association of Home Builders, 9 out of 10 Americans will pay 2 to 3 percent more for a new home with energy efficient features. Homeowners understand that having an energy efficient home reduces monthly utility bills and provides long-lasting savings. Additionally, many homebuyers are aware that energy efficient features make their homes quieter and more comfortable, while also raising their resale values.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear from all of the benefits gained from building energy codes that we should continue to support upgrading model codes, adopting the codes in state and local jurisdictions, and improving compliance. This will save Americans money, contribute to our nation's energy security, and help protect our environment.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEPTUNE HOSE COMPANY NO. 1

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Long Branch Fire Department's Neptune Hose Company No. 1 on the 150th anniversary of its founding. Neptune Hose Company No. 1 continues to live up to its motto "Semper Paratus" ("Always Ready") to ensure the safety of Long Branch residents and its dedication is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

The first organized fire company in Monmouth County, Neptune Hose Company No. 1, originally known as the Neptune Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, was founded by Dr. James O. Green in 1866. The name was changed in September 1877 to reflect Long Branch's new public water system and fire hydrants. Initially maintained by share and stock holders, the company chartered as Neptune Hose Company No. 1 on November 10, 1877. Over the years, the company was housed at different locations, finally settling at its current property in January 1906. It underwent renovations from 1974 until 1975 to update and

expand the structure and again in 2007 to repair and restore the second floor.

Neptune Hose Company No. 1 was one of the three fire companies, along with Oceanic Fire Engine Company No. 1 and the Atlantic Fire Engine and Hook and Ladder Company No. 2, to organize the Long Branch Fire Department on November 2, 1878. Since the inception of the department, sixteen members of Neptune Hose Company No. 1 have served as Chief.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the 150th anniversary of Neptune Hose Company No. 1 and thanking its members for upholding the duty to serve and protect the community.

GORDON CENTRAL MARCHING BAND

HON. TOM GRAVES

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Gordon Central High School Blue Wave Marching Band on being selected to perform in the 2016 National Memorial Day Parade.

The Blue Wave Marching Band was established in 1985 and has a long tradition of superior performances which have taken them all across our great country.

This year the Blue Wave Band will be marching in honor of Lance Corporal Cody Kristopher Warren, a saxophone player and drum major for the Blue Wave Band who joined the Marines upon graduation.

In 2006, Cody made the ultimate sacrifice for his country while serving in Iraq.

I am proud and excited that the Blue Wave Marching Band is performing in his honor in this year's National Memorial Day Parade.

I wish them the best of luck as they bring a piece of Georgia to our nation's capital.

RECOGNIZING ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church is celebrating 50 years of faithful service to the people of the Central Bucks County and Warrington area. Congratulations. This is a milestone for a church that has at its heart, faith and spirituality and a mission to fulfill the needs of all congregants. Devoted church leaders and pastors have overseen this spiritual task throughout St. Paul's 50-year history and continue on this same path, today. Since 1966, the church has grown to include more than one generation of faithful Christian families who care about each other and their neighbors. And for your 50 years of spiritual guidance, we extend our heartiest congratulations on this Golden Jubilee with sincere wishes for continued growth and service in the coming years.

PEARLAND ISD PARAPROFESSIONALS OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the following paraprofessionals of Pearland Independent School District for being named Paraprofessionals of the Year.

Each school year, principals, teachers and staff members are recognized by the school district with various awards as a reflection of their hard work and dedication to their students and the school as a whole. This year 23 paraprofessionals were awarded with the title "Paraprofessionals of the Year": Tara Randall from Carlestone Elementary, Julie Putnam from Challenger Elementary, Sharleen Escobar from Cockrell Elementary, Jacob Chavarria from C.J. Harris Elementary, Laura Lemmon from Lawhon Elementary, Sherry Schluntz from Magnolia Elementary, Tara Pitre from Massey Ranch Elementary, Suzan Kimball from Rustic Oak Elementary, Kim Phillips from Shadycrest Elementary, Lawonza Hampton from Silvercrest Elementary, Mindy Bitner from Silverlake Elementary, Christine Coleman from Alexander Middle School, Kenneth Martin II from Jamison Middle School, Reginald Mitchell from Rogers Middle School, Aurelia Montes from Sablatura Middle School, Deborah Cooks from Berry Miller Junior High, Beth Powell from Pearland Junior High East, Armando Torres from Pearland Junior High South, Maria Salais from Pearland Junior High West, Rebecca Moreno from Dawson High School, April Shecterle from Pearland High School, Jure Mejia from Turner College and Career High School, and Maria Fogarty from the PACE Center. These paraprofessionals go above and beyond to inspire their students and create a supportive educational environment. We are grateful for their commitment to education and providing a safe, inspirational learning environment for our students.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to these dedicated Pearland paraprofessionals for being named Paraprofessionals of the Year. We thank them for all that they do.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE DOG MEAT FESTIVAL IN YULIN, GUANGXI ZHUANG AUTONOMOUS REGION, CHINA, AND URGING THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO END THE DOG MEAT TRADE

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a very important resolution condemning the dog meat festival in Yulin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China, and urging the Chinese Government to end their dog meat trade.

The Dog Meat Festival begins on June 21st. More than 10,000 dogs are reported to be captured, transported in cages under horrific conditions, and slaughtered every year for this