

thrived. In this role, Mr. Caddell was responsible for establishing the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center after the city had purchased the space. He recalls this event as one of the brightest moments in his career.

In addition to his official role, Mr. Caddell demonstrated his commitment to Pinellas County through his service in various charitable organizations. He served as executive director for the group "Girls Inc." which focuses on programs for girls that enrich their studies in a variety of academic and professional fields. He also served the St. Petersburg Police Department as a Private Investigator and was an assistant to the publisher for Pinellas Park News.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize and thank Tim Caddell for his dedication to Pinellas County throughout his career. He will be truly missed for his innovative ideas and strong work ethic. I ask that this body join me in thanking Mr. Caddell for the work he did for our community and in wishing him all the best in his next chapter of his life.

PURPLE HEART DISTRICT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to California's Fifth Congressional District as home to recipients of the Purple Heart. So many of our residents have honorably served our nation in its time of need. As a reflection of Northern California's role in war efforts past and present and the deep personal sacrifice of so many of our residents, I stand to assert that California's Fifth Congressional District should be recognized as a "Purple Heart District."

The Purple Heart is one of the oldest and most recognized American military medals, awarded to service members who were killed or wounded by enemy action. In 1782, George Washington created the Badge of Military Merit to reward "any singularly meritorious action" displayed by a soldier, non-commissioned officer, or officer in the Continental Army. This award was intended to encourage gallantry and fidelity among soldiers. General Douglas MacArthur (then Army Chief of Staff) revived the award on February 22, 1932, the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth. Since its inception and through several wars and conflicts, the Purple Heart has been given to an estimated 1.8 million military members wounded or killed while serving our nation. I received my Purple Heart while serving in the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam.

California has a strong military tradition, home to many significant installations and countless remarkable individuals. Our district includes the former Mare Island Naval Shipyard—the first U.S. Navy base on the Pacific coast—and is adjacent to Travis Air Force Base, which handles more cargo and passengers than any other military air terminal in the United States. Many notable veterans have called our district home, including pioneering pilot and General of the Army and Air Force Henry "Hap" Arnold. Over 45,000 veterans currently reside in our district, including thousands from the wars in Iraq and Afghani-

stan, who are living with the wounds of war at higher rates than any other conflict in our history. I am honored to represent all of these valiant men and women.

Mr. Speaker, California has dispatched thousands of its sons and daughters to fight the enemy. Many have sacrificed their health, and many have sacrificed their lives. We will never forget their sacrifices and are grateful for the brave men and women who have been harmed defending our country and our freedom.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognition and appreciation of California's Purple Heart recipients past and present. Now, in the spirit of that appreciation, let it be known that California's Fifth Congressional District should be recognized as a "Purple Heart District."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call Number 269 for passage of H. Con. Res. 129, Roll Call Number 270 for passage of H.R. 4906, Roll Call Number 271 for passage of H.R. 4904, Roll Call Number 272 for passage of H.R. 1815 which took place Tuesday, June 7, 2016, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on Roll Call Number 269 for passage of H. Con. Res. 129, on Roll Call Number 270 for passage of H.R. 4906, on Roll Call Number 271 for passage of H.R. 4904, and on Roll Call Number 272 for passage of H.R. 1815.

TRIBUTE TO FLORIDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Florida Chamber of Commerce on their 100th anniversary and for their tireless efforts to secure Florida's future.

On April 29th, 1916, The Florida Chamber was founded to help support the Florida business community. At the time, many businesses were faltering and the agriculture industry, the state's leading economic source, was struggling with a cattle tick that was threatening livestock. The chamber was created with the goal of securing that state's future by preserving our vital agriculture industry and creating jobs and economic opportunities. Today, Florida's economic challenges have changed, but the Chamber's mission has always remained the same: securing Florida's economic future.

In the past 100 years, Florida has developed into an economic powerhouse with the support of the Florida Chamber of Commerce. Today, Florida's economy accounts for 1 in 12 jobs being created in the United States and independently the Floridian economy is the 18th largest market in the world. As the population continues to grow and diversify Florida's economy and population of roughly 19 million

residents to continue to enrich our nation's economy.

The primary goal of the Chamber has been to promote a business-friendly atmosphere in order to attract employees with highly specialized skills and continue to aid our economy. The Chamber has done that and more for Florida and our community of Pinellas as well. It has strengthened our agriculture industry, embraced the military and defense industry, promoted technology and innovation, advanced education, and strengthened our infrastructure.

Even though the main industries in our community and state are agriculture, tourism, and construction, the Chamber is helping ensure that we are looking towards a more diverse economy with life sciences and biotech, energy, international trade, and advanced manufacturing and space technologies. With our state ever increasing in population, we can feel secure that the Florida Chamber will continue to create jobs and opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank our Florida Chamber for maintaining their goal of nurturing and supporting business within Florida. I ask that this body join me in recognizing what the Florida Chamber has done for the Florida economy in the past 100 years and will continue to do in the future.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF PATRICK OROSZKO

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Patrick Oroszko of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Pat passed away on Sunday following a brave and inspirational battle with esophageal cancer. He was just 34 years old.

I first met Pat several years ago when he interned in my Washington, DC office. He was exceptional. He was whip smart and detailed oriented. Pat made you feel comfortable the moment you started talking to him. He was easy-going and unassuming, despite his height. And above all, he was kind.

Born and raised in Worcester, Pat graduated from St. John's High School in Shrewsbury where he excelled in basketball. He went on to receive degrees from Clark University and Anna Maria College.

It was at Clark University that Pat truly felt at home. While at Clark, he was a member of the school's basketball team which qualified for the postseason in all four of his years and made it to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division III tournament two years. He served as team captain his junior and senior years.

Most recently, Pat served as Director of Student Recruitment for Clark's Graduate School and, for the past seven years, as an Assistant Men's Basketball Coach.

And Clark is where Pat met the love of his life and best friend, Courtney.

Today, it's the Clark University basketball gymnasium—the Kneller Athletic Center—where family and friends will gather to celebrate his life. It was one of Pat's favorite places. And at his request, the gym will be set up just as it would be for a game day, with the bleachers pulled out, home and visitor benches, the scoring table and the scoreboard on.

Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my deepest sympathy to Pat's wife Courtney; his young children, Allison and Ryan; his parents, Charlie and Linda; his brother, Chris and all of his extended family and friends and the entire Clark University family.

Mr. Speaker, Pat Oroszko was a wonderful person who touched so many lives. And we're all going to miss him immensely.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for roll call vote 283 on Thursday, June 9, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call vote 283.

OPPOSITION TO H. CON. RES. 89 AND H. CON. RES. 112

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the two resolutions brought to the floor today, H. Con. Res. 89 and H. Con. Res. 112. These resolutions are a time-wasting distraction from the real work that this Congress should be doing—finding ways to invest in America, grow paychecks and create good jobs for the middle class and those struggling to get by.

The oil fee and carbon tax are two proposals to address the problem of climate change and, in the case of the oil fee, provide needed funds for infrastructure reform. While we can debate the merits of these particular approaches, at least they are efforts to take on real challenges facing our country and the world.

Instead, the majority simply wants to stick their heads in the sand and wish these challenges away. That may appease their Trump Tea Party base, but it represents a total lack of leadership.

And make no mistake, inaction on climate change does not just risk our future—it is costing us today. The increase in extreme weather events is hitting Americans in the pocketbook, through higher insurance rates and home repair costs, and this will only get worse from our failure to act. The greater harm is through the missed opportunity to create high-paying jobs for American workers. We can be the world's green-economy leader, supporting millions of new jobs in research and manufacturing in the process, but it requires Congress to act. Republicans would rather we sit on the sidelines while other countries seek the mantle of climate-change leader, and those countries reap the benefit of high-paying technology jobs that will come with it.

Now, we should have a discussion on the best ways to boost our economy by combating climate change, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, and finding ways to properly invest in our nation's infrastructure. In that vein, I've introduced the Healthy Climate and Family Se-

curity Act, a cap-and-dividend plan that would help us combat climate change and support economic growth and a thriving middle class. It boosts the purchasing power of families in Maryland and across the country while achieving the reductions in greenhouse gas emissions necessary to address the economic and health risks of climate change, using a market-based approach.

Similarly, last year I introduced the GROW AMERICA Act, a bill which would boost infrastructure spending and help pay for it by closing the egregious inversions loophole which allows corporations to shift their tax obligations onto hard-working Americans just by changing their mailing address. My Democratic colleagues have many other thoughtful ideas on how we can address these important issues.

But today's resolutions are not a thoughtful discussion on addressing climate change or funding our infrastructure—in the text of these resolutions, the terms "climate change" and "infrastructure" are nowhere to be seen. In fact, these resolutions are a waste of time meant to appease the Trump Tea Party base. The American people need us to do our job, so let's get to the real work of creating broadly shared prosperity. I urge my colleagues to vote no.

TRIBUTE TO PRINCIPAL MICHAEL FEENEY

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Principal Michael Feeney for his efforts in improving one of our local schools, Oldsmar Elementary. On May 17th 2016, Mr. Feeney received an award from the Oldsmar City Council for his exemplary work.

Mr. Feeney began his career in education at Oldsmar Elementary as a teacher, but soon after starting he realized that school administration was his calling. He assumed the role of Assistant Principal for two years and was promoted to Principal for another four years. Under Mr. Feeney's guidance, Oldsmar Elementary has gone from a "C" to an "A" grade school and his efforts have changed the lives of so many children and families throughout our community.

Although Mr. Feeney will be leaving Oldsmar Elementary to serve at another school, his dedication to excellence and commitment to his students has left a lasting legacy at Oldsmar Elementary. I ask that this body join me in recognizing Mr. Feeney's accomplishments and wish him the best of luck as he begins the next chapter of his life.

IN MEMORY OF HELEN CHÁVEZ

HON. TONY CÁRDENAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to honor the life and legacy of Helen Chávez, who passed away on Monday, June 6, 2016. Helen was a civil rights icon in her own right, and the widow of one of my heroes, César Chávez.

Throughout her life, Helen Chávez faced many challenges, yet she had a fierce determination and always kept moving forward.

When she was just 12 years old, Helen's father passed away. In order to help her mother support her five siblings, Helen began working in the California fields. Later, Helen went on to meet the love of her life, César, and became a caring mother to their eight children in East Los Angeles. However, it was her passion for César's initiative to bring justice to farm workers that inspired her to return to Delano to work in the fields.

Helen devoted her life to civil rights by bringing awareness to the cause. She inspired people to join the initiative to fight for farmworker rights. Helen and César formed the United Farmworkers Union where Helen worked tirelessly running the credit union put in place for the workers. And when times were tough, Helen did not back down. She turned to her faith for words of encouragement. She never gave up.

With Helen's encouragement and unconditional support, César went on to inspire a labor movement of farmworkers that would go on to level the playing field in the conflict over the right to form a union. This led to the most powerful and significant alliance between unions and communities in the modern day labor movement.

It is clear that Helen was more than a mother and a wife. She had an essential part in the accomplishments of her husband. Helen Chávez is one of this country's greatest advocates. She helped bring human rights to the forefront. Her quiet resiliency drove the heart of this movement.

As the son of farmworkers from the Central Valley, her work and César's initiative have made it possible for me to become a Congressman. The outcome of my life and the lives of millions of Americans who come from farmworkers and families in the labor industry are forever changed because of their fearless pursuit of justice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the life of Helen Chávez. Her legacy is a testament to the greatness that is these United States of America.

HONORING MS. FIONA BULLOCK

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Fiona Bullock for her 26 years of service as an educator and institutional leader at Pacific Union College.

Ms. Bullock completed her Bachelor of Arts in Social Work at Pacific Union College in 1983, before going on to earn her Master's of Social Welfare at the University of California, Berkeley in 1990.

After completing her degree, Ms. Bullock spent 26 years in the Social Work Program at her alma mater, Pacific Union College. During her time at Pacific Union College she has held positions including Associate Professor, Field Supervisor, Forum Sponsor, and Program Director. Ms. Bullock has also contributed to the field of social work through her research and the numerous articles she has authored. Throughout her career, Ms. Bullock dedicated