

HAPPY GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO HON. AND MRS. DAN AND MARTHA MICA

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues an occasion that marks the 50th wedding anniversary of two individuals who not only have committed their lives together in marriage but also in the service of our great nation.

The Honorable Daniel A. Mica served as a member of this Chamber, in the 96th and the four succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1979 through January 3, 1989) initially representing Florida's 11th and then subsequently, 14th District. Mr. Mica and his wife, Martha Fry Mica met while students at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida, and were married on August 12, 1967 at St. Jerome Catholic Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Mr. Mica's brother, John L. Mica, also a former member of this Chamber, served as the best man. Mr. Mica's friends, Richard McBride and John Sargent, served as groomsmen. Mrs. Mica's friend, Karen McClary Cakouros, served as the maid of honor, her sister, Mary Alice Fry, served as bridesmaid and her brother, Stephen Fry, served as lector.

As a result of their interest in public service, the newly-married couple began working together on the campaign of Honorable Paul G. Rogers. Mr. Mica later served as Chief of Staff to Mr. Rogers, and succeeded him, serving five terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, working tirelessly for Floridians and all Americans. Subsequently, Mr. Mica worked more than two decades in the world of advocacy and association management. Mrs. Mica, while raising four children, received her juris doctorate degree from George Mason University and co-founded a landscape design business. Over the years, they have given generously of their time by serving on the boards of non-profit charitable organizations and as members of their Catholic parish.

Now living in Alexandria, Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Mica continue to serve through their charitable work. They are proud parents and grandparents. The four children and five grandchildren are Christine Mica, of Alexandria, Virginia; Daniel A. "Andrew" Mica, Jr., his wife Elizabeth "Libby" Davies Mica, and their children Elin and Owen, of Belmont, Massachusetts; Caroline Mica Jolly, husband Frank Mosley Jolly, III, and their children Martha Jeanne, Gentry and Edward, of Alexandria, Virginia; and Paul Anthony Mica, of San Diego, California.

Born in Hannibal, Missouri, Martha Fry Mica is the daughter of Anna Marie Wagner Fry and Gentry Schultz Fry. Martha has six siblings, Susan Fry Lochrie, William Fry, Roger Fry, Stephen Fry, Mary Alice Fry, and Tracy Fry Rothaus.

Daniel Andrew Mica was born in Binghams, New York. He is the son of John Mica and Adeline Rose Resciniti Mica. Dan has three siblings John L. Mica, Adeline "Cookie" Mica Downing, and David R. Mica.

Admired and loved by their family and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Mica demonstrate tremendous generosity and love of country.

Therefore, I am pleased to congratulate them on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOHNNY MARINES

HON. TONY CÁRDENAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of Mr. Johnny Marines.

Mr. Marines is actively involved in the betterment of his community, the Los Angeles region, and in neighborhoods across our great nation.

Mr. Marines has been recognized by countless local leaders in both New York and California for his tremendous support to the community and dedication to assisting those in need.

Mr. Marines, a native of the Lower East Side of New York, has been a great force in the rise of the popular Latin American group, Aventura and more recently, bachata star, Romeo Santos.

Johnny Marines founded JME, a diversified entertainment and media company with ventures in integrating music, film, television and philanthropy.

Johnny has made it his mission to grow the number of opportunities for Latino musical artists to be successful and make an impact on the community that listens to these artists.

Before becoming involved in the music industry, Mr. Marines dedicated his life to protecting and serving New York City residents. He attended John Jay College School of Criminal Justice until he was recruited by the NYPD on August 30, 1993.

In March 1994, Johnny graduated from the New York Police Academy in the top 10 percent of his class. Mr. Marines was promoted to the rank of sergeant in March 2003, retiring with that rank in February 2009.

He has not forgotten his humble roots and the neighborhood that had a profound impact on his upbringing.

Mr. Marines has committed to dedicating his time and resources to give back to his community.

Mr. Marines has worked with elected officials and music groups to provide holiday dinners to needy families, ship food and supplies to struggling families in the Dominican Republic, and visit sick children in hospitals in an effort to lift their spirits.

Mr. Marines has led the way in helping others in California in the City and County of Los Angeles, focusing on assisting Angelenos with developmental disabilities.

Mr. Marines has established himself as a leader and a charitable American utilizing his talents to create unique opportunities for all ages to thrive and impact the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Johnny Marines and applauding his contributions and philanthropic endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE 2017 VETERAN COMMENDATION RECIPIENTS

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KINZINGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of the 2017 Congressional Veteran Commendation from the 16th District of Illinois.

The eight veterans receiving this commendation represent the best of the brave men and women who serve our country. These veterans answered their country's call during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. As a veteran myself, it is incredibly humbling to not only represent these heroes in Congress, but also to have the opportunity to honor them for their patriotism and sacrifices on behalf of our nation.

After their military service to our country, these veterans came home to serve their communities. They are civic leaders, active citizens, and many continue to serve their military brothers and sisters through veteran service organizations. Although their mission has changed since returning to civilian life, their leadership and tenacity remains steadfast.

It is truly an honor to recognize the recipients of the 2017 Congressional Veteran Commendation: Sergeant David S. Buennemeyer of Marseilles, IL; Private First Class William J. Butzen of Ottawa, IL; Captain Thomas M. Craig of Streator, IL; Chief Petty Officer Irving F. DeWald of Coal City, IL; Chief Warrant Officer Four John "Jack" A. Leininger of Marseilles, IL; Master Sergeant Ashley "Dave" C. Davis of Rockford, IL; Sergeant Kelly Frey of Kankakee, IL; Sergeant Steven M. Huettemann of Morris, IL; Staff Sergeant Wm. Walter Lochbaum of Streator, IL; Sergeant Alan D. Love of Morris, IL; Petty Officer Third Class James A. Rissman of Sheridan, IL; Petty Officer Third Class Robert T. Rogers of Morris, IL; Specialist Four Randal E. Rosengren of Ottawa, IL; Sergeant Eric W. Sampson of Morris, IL; and Airman Third Class Timothy K. Stratton of Poplar Grove, IL.

Again, I am truly honored to be able to recognize these distinguished veterans from my district. I thank and acknowledge not only their service and sacrifice but also that of their families and loved ones. The recipients of this commendation serve as the embodiment of both military and civil service, and it is my hope they will inspire the next generation of great American leaders.

HONORING CAPTAIN TODD FLANNERY'S TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY AND HIS HONORABLE RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Captain Todd Flannery on his retirement from the United States Navy after 28 years of faithful service to our country. An esteemed and respected

member of the U.S. Navy, Captain Flannery most recently served as the Director of the Navy's U.S. House of Representatives Liaison Office. In this capacity, he oversaw and led countless congressional and staff delegations to naval installations throughout the United States and the world. These trips helped members and their staffs achieve a greater understanding of the issues facing our Navy and its sailors from all over the world.

CAPT Flannery's distinguished career began at the United States Naval Academy where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science. He would later go on to earn his "wings of gold" and qualify as a Naval Aviator in 1990. CAPT Flannery accumulated 2,770 flight hours in the SH-3H, SH-60F, HH-60H, MH-60S, and the MH-53E. He commanded the 2515th Naval Air Ambulance Detachment, Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron FIFTEEN, Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron FIFTEEN, and Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Atlantic.

On shore duty, CAPT Flannery completed high-profile jobs within the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff's office, Flag Aide to the Director of Air Warfare, and as a community detailee at the Navy's Personnel Command.

CAPT Flannery's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (with individual action), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards including one Combat Distinguishing Device), Army Commendation Medal and other personal, campaign, and service ribbons.

As CAPT Flannery embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, the outstanding contributions he has made to the United States Navy. I would like to send him my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE
DAMON J. KEITH FOR HIS PIONEERING LEGAL CAREER

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Damon J. Keith for his outstanding legal career. For the past fifty years, Judge Keith has served the United States with distinction as a member of the federal judiciary.

Judge Keith began his career on the bench in 1967, when he was nominated by President Lyndon Johnson to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. During his time with the Eastern District, Judge Keith distinguished himself as an ardent defender of the Constitution, prohibiting President Nixon's warrantless wiretapping initiatives and eventually being named Chief Judge of the District Court. As a result of his distinguished service with the Court, President Carter nominated Judge Keith to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in 1977, where he has served since his confirmation. Throughout his career, Judge Keith's decisions have played a critical role in shaping the legal landscape. He helped end the Bush

administration's practice of conducting post-9/11 deportation hearings in secret and create a more just and equal society by helping to desegregate public schools and combat systemic racism. He has also inspired a new generation of legal scholars who share his commitment to justice and the principles of the Constitution.

Judge Keith has received widespread acclaim for his service in the federal judiciary and his civil rights record. In 1997, he was the recipient of the Edward J. Devitt Distinguished Service to Justice Award, the highest honor available to the federal judiciary. He has also received the Spingarn Medal from the NAACP for outstanding achievement, as well as over 40 honorary degrees from institutes of higher education. Judge Keith was known for his commitment to equality for all during his time in public service, and his decisions continue to play a major role in shaping the nation's legal discourse. His work has impacted countless lives, and I wish him well as he retires after an extraordinary and impactful career.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Judge Damon J. Keith for his groundbreaking legal career. He has provided exceptional service to our country throughout his career as a federal judge.

TRIBUTE TO ZANE HEHNKE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Zane Hehnke of Winterset, Iowa, for receiving the 2017 National Federation of Independent Business Young Entrepreneur Award.

Zane is the founder and owner of Inspired Finds, an interior design company that focuses on designing and creating accents using vintage and antique items. He understands the important role that small businesses and entrepreneurs like him play in the United States economy. The innovation and determination Zane has displayed is a true testament to his entrepreneurial spirit.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent leaders like Zane in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize him today for receiving this esteemed designation. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him on receiving this award, and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

RECOGNIZING MR. DOUGLAS
HARBOUR

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Douglas Harbour for his service in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and for his work to create the Tri-State 9/11 Tribute Foundation. This organization was established to instill in our nation's youth a sense of national pride by honoring those who have

dedicated their lives to protecting all Americans. I believe that our nation's men and women in uniform are America's greatest assets. They have made incredible sacrifices for our country and deserve our utmost support and aid for their service.

Mr. Harbour created The Tri-State 9/11 Tribute Foundation in 2012 to honor our nation's First Responders and Military personnel both living and deceased. Since its founding, a memorial project has been initiated and the annual Tri-State 9/11 Tribute event is held each fall to recognize exemplary public servants. Mr. Harbour is the organization's sitting President and donates his time to ensure these men and women receive the utmost admiration and gratitude for their service. It is the heroic bravery and incredible sacrifices made by America's First Responders and men and women in uniform that have helped secure the freedoms we as Americans hold dear.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than the one we owe our First Responders and military men and women. They and their families should be commended. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes and gratitude to Mr. Harbour for his creation of the Tri-State 9/11 Tribute Foundation to honor America's great service men and women.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Harbour for his accomplishments.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN
CLEMENT BUDD

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 27, 2017

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a former aviator, war hero, and Huey helicopter pilot in Vietnam, John Clement Budd. He was my Uncle Jack. I remember his stories of the war—they were captivating. Growing up, I remember me and my brother putting on his old helmet and pretending we were flying. Later we didn't have to pretend. My oldest brother and I became civilian pilots, and my middle brother flew for the Army and the Air Force. The Budd family are fliers, Mr. Speaker, and my uncle was part of starting that proud tradition.

In 1965, he flew over the infamous Ia Drang Valley in Vietnam, known as the "Valley of Death," where he medevaced soldiers wounded by enemy fire. He pulled an A-6 Avenger pilot out of the line of fire at Ia Drang, after three other helicopters had been shot down in the attempt. He used to say that it was the only time he had ever been kissed by a colonel.

Jack was also an exceptional mind and tactician—the tactical doctrine he and his fellows developed in the skies over Vietnam was used in the Armed Forces until the 2003 invasion of Iraq. So Jack also left a lasting imprint on the way we fight wars.

Mr. Speaker, many Americans were not even born when the Berlin Wall came down, and Eastern Europe was freed from the cold grip of international Communism. Even more were not alive to witness the crucible that Vietnam was for our country. I am unbelievably proud that my uncle was there, on the front lines of that struggle.

His courage there is among the millions of stories of service and sacrifice in the tapestry