

Mets and became an active member in the baseball community. Additionally, he has served as President of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay, President of the Greater Hyannis Chamber of Commerce, President of the John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum Foundation, a board member of the Visiting Nurse Association of Cape Cod, a board member of the Baybridge Clubhouse, and a board member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Even in his free time, Peter has devoted countless hours volunteering and helping those in need. He and Judy have deployed on several volunteer disaster assignments including to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, to Haiti after the earthquake, and New Jersey after Hurricane Sandy. Never one to rest, he is now training to become a Red Cross disaster volunteer as well. Further, Peter is the Warden of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and a Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone (SHINE) Counselor, where he helps seniors navigate the complexities of Medicare and health insurance.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Peter Scarafile for his dedication to the healthcare industry and the wellbeing of so many residents of Cape Cod. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking him for his work and wishing him all the best as he enjoys his deserved retirement.

DONALD C. SIEGEL

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Donald C. Siegel, an influential labor advocate for fair and equal working privileges for the American worker. Mister Siegel served 46 years with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and retired as Third District International Vice President for IBEW.

Brother Siegel is a native of West Reading, Pennsylvania across the Delaware River from my Congressional District in Southern New Jersey.

In 1973, Brother Siegel was initiated into IBEW's Reading Local 743 and was ultimately elected to the executive board. Donald Siegel's service would take him to Salt Lake City, Utah and San Jose, California, before returning to his home state of Pennsylvania where he would work at the Limerick Generating Station.

In 1989 Donald Siegel would ascend to the helm of Local 743, overseeing the merger of another local union that dramatically increased the Local's membership. Siegel would eventually assume the role of IBEW international representative before becoming IBEW's Third District International Vice President.

Throughout his career, Brother Siegel has a reputation for tackling the most difficult tasks with the best interests of hardworking men and women at heart.

As he reflects on his storied career, Donald Siegel acknowledges his proudest achievement as building the best staff in any trade union.

Retirement will not interrupt Donald Siegel's ardent advocacy for hardworking men and women. Brother Siegel's work continues with

the Team Pennsylvania Foundation and the Ben Franklin Technology Developmental Authority.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating Donald C. Siegel for his service and his devotion to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

HONORING HOLTEC

HON. THOMAS MACARTHUR

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. MACARTHUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important South Jersey business. Holtec International creates and manufactures custom-engineered equipment for energy companies and nuclear reactors. Holtec has been based in South Jersey for over 30 years ago and has a world-class manufacturing facility on the banks of the Delaware River.

Recently, Holtec opened up a new facility in Camden, New Jersey pledging to hire hundreds of people from the surrounding community. Holtec has shown it is invested in the future of the South Jersey community and its people by working with Camden County College to train welders and grow a highly-skilled work force from the local area.

Holtec's investment in Camden brings hope to a struggling city. South Jersey is better off because of Holtec's pledge to the community. One local laborer even said he had been waiting his whole life for this.

I'd also like to recognize the leadership of Holtec's President and CEO Dr. Kris Singh. None of this would be possible without him. Dr. Singh has led this company from its inception and helped it grow into the powerhouse it is today. Because of him, many South Jersey residents will have the opportunity to better their lives.

Mr. Speaker, companies like Holtec that are dedicated to their community should be commended. They help expand our economy, create jobs and improve the lives of so many Americans. I'm grateful for the impact Holtec is having on South Jersey. And I know many of my constituents feel the same way.

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR CLARENCE SEXTON

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, one of my constituents, Pastor Clarence Sexton, has provided years of exceptional service through his devotion to helping others grow in faith.

I want to extend congratulations to Pastor Sexton for reaching the 50th anniversary of his Christian ministry.

Since 1967, he has served others through his work as a pastor with several churches in Tennessee and even one in New Jersey.

He and his wife Evelyn married the same year that he began preaching. They have two sons, Shannon and Matt, and six grandchildren.

Pastor Sexton and his family have devoted the last 25 years of their lives to service at Temple Baptist Church, in my district, in Powell, Tennessee.

When the Sextons arrived at Temple Baptist, the church was averaging fewer than 500 people in attendance. Now, thousands attend weekly.

Using the principles and teachings of the Bible, Pastor Sexton also leads as the President and founder of Crown College, across from Temple Baptist.

His sacrifice, leadership, and Godly ways have helped make our community, state, and Nation better places.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you and my colleagues will join me in recognizing this milestone of service and dedication Pastor Sexton has reached.

PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 81ST REGIONAL SUPPORT COMMAND

HON. TREY GOWDY

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. GOWDY. Mr. Speaker, I included in the RECORD the following Proclamation in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the 81st Regional Support Command located at Fort Jackson, South Carolina:

Whereas, the 81st Division, National Army, was organized at Camp Jackson, South Carolina on August 25, 1917, comprised principally of drafted men from Tennessee and the Carolinas; and

Whereas, the men of the 81st Division served with distinction in the Lorraine and Meuse-Argonne campaigns of World War, and demobilized in June 1919; and

Whereas, the 81st Infantry Division reactivated in 1942 at Camp Rucker, Alabama for World War II service, with drafted men from every state in the United States, serving with distinction in the Palau and Philippine campaigns before inactivation in 1946; and

Whereas, the 81st Infantry Division formed part of the Army Reserve from 1941 to 1965, part of the strategic reserve which deterred the aggression of the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact; and

Whereas, from 1967 to 1995, the 81st Army Reserve Command (ARCOM) was command headquarters for 9,000 Army Reserve Soldiers in portions of six states, whose soldiers trained and served with merit in Vietnam, Desert Storm, Bosnia and Kosovo; and

Whereas, from 1995 to 2008, the 81st Regional Readiness Command and Support Command was command headquarters for all Army Reserve units in the southeastern United States, successfully mobilizing more than 28,000 Soldiers in the Global War on Terror; and

Whereas, in 2008 the 81st Regional Support Command returned to its birthplace of Fort Jackson, where it today provides facilities and services to Soldiers, Families and Civilians in the southeastern United States. Be it

Resolved, That we hereby recognize by this resolution the 100th Anniversary of the 81st Regional Support Command of the United States Army Reserve, and the selfless service

and sacrifices made by the citizen-soldiers within its ranks in the defense of our nation and our cherished freedoms and liberties, and pay homage to those citizen-soldiers upon this memorable occasion. Be it further

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Major General Arlan M. DeBleck, Commanding General of the 81st Regional Support Command, at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

**CONGRATULATING BOB
HENDERSON**

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bob Henderson on being elected Commander of the Illinois American Legion, the nation's largest wartime veteran's service organization.

Mr. Henderson grew up in Central Illinois and served in the United States Navy from 1961–1965. He has been a member of the American Legion since 1967. He became Post Commander in his hometown of Homer in 1977, and later Adjutant and Finance Officer in Urbana in 1998.

Having completed electrician training in the Navy, Mr. Henderson continued to work in the profession after his discharge until his retirement in 2005, when he became further involved in the American Legion. He served as Department Historian before being elected as District Commander in 2010 and was elected as Senior Vice Commander for the Illinois Department in 2016. Last year, he was elected to serve as the Commander for the Illinois Department for 2017–2018.

Mr. Henderson is a remarkable example of a dedicated public servant. I am proud of his accomplishments and thankful for his service to our country. It is an honor to represent him in the 13th District of Illinois.

Mr. Henderson will be a strong leader for the American Legion and I wish him the best in serving his fellow servicemembers.

**CONGRATULATING THE ARBOR
CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND**

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Arbor Creek Middle School Band of Lewisville Independent School District on being selected to perform in the 71st Annual Midwest Clinic International Band and Orchestra Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

The Arbor Creek Band, directed by Mr. Rylon Guidry, has been recognized as one of the premiere middle school band programs in the state of Texas. Among their numerous honors, Arbor Creek's band has won the Foundation for Music Education's Mark of Excellence: National Wind Band Honors Contest on three occasions, was first runner-up in the 2016–2017 Texas Music Educators Association's Honor Band State Contest, and receives the University Interscholastic League Sweepstakes Award on a yearly basis.

This December, the Arbor Creek Band will perform at the Midwest Clinic in Chicago as one of only four middle school bands across the world chosen as an official performance group. This incredible honor is a testament to the hard work and dedication of these students.

The following musicians will represent Arbor Creek Middle School this December at the 71st Annual Midwest Clinic: Bailey Arrington, Ana Jones, Veronica Juarez, Larissa Kim, Nandita Kumar, Nancy Liu, Kaitlin Lutz, Hannah Mathai, Suhani Rana, Phil Tran, D'Marco DeLeon, Lillian Mulupi, Makayla Newell, Reagan Reasonover, Skylar Bohlman, Caroline Burrow, Tatum Gray, Olivia McClenaghan, Tessa Boyce, George Cardozo.

Dana Gingrey, Sarah Hurtado, Caeli Hwang, Brianna Kirkman, Marissa Kouba, Michelle Lee, Jestin Sifonte, Sean Simpson, Kamarion Hooks, Logan Stewart, Jaden Coleman, Spencer Griffin, Natalie Helmick, Aaron Martinez, Leia Phillips, Aditya Subramaniam, Gavin Dirks, Aden Robinson, Aidan Roark, Barrett Adams.

Richard Boudreau, Andrew Degan, Parker Guerry, Casey Ivanoff, Kaili Mancha, Joseph Miller, Lela Oliveira, Lily Rainey, Eloy Trevino, David Vazquez, Joel Weber, Ian Wright, Srushti S. Agashe, Weslyn Brown, Christopher Calltharp, Elayna Felder, Hudson Marr, Jamie Pina, Brendan Schmidt, Michelle Waida, Chance Akin, Ian Boggs.

Dylan Castillo, Malik Hamza, Aidan Lester, Jayden Mitchell, Matthew Mussell, Lance Wood, Garrett Baker, Trevor Hoffman, Grace McClenaghan, Adam Ronderos, Lucas Wittrup, Ryan Alonzo, Zachary Schroer, Neel Vavilapalli, Kyler Beck, Lauren Bond, Trace Downey, Parker Freeburg, Nhat-Tam Nguyen, Colby Petty, Alexander Walters, Ethan Watson, and Esther Yoo.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize these outstanding young musicians and congratulate them on this monumental achievement. I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating the Arbor Creek Middle School Band on its selection to perform in the 71st Annual Midwest Clinic International Band and Orchestra Conference.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF
BATTALION CHIEF GARY HELMING**

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Los Padres National Forest Santa Lucia Ranger District Battalion Chief Gary Helming. Chief Helming lost his life on August 31, 2017 while returning home from fighting a wildfire in the Sierra National Forest in Mariposa County.

I am deeply saddened to have learned of Chief Helming's death. After courageously serving as a firefighter for more than 20 years with the United States Forest Service, this is a heavy loss for our community and the many lives he touched.

His valiant work and leadership as an emergency first responder in Santa Barbara County is among the finest in the county and he was recognized as the Santa Maria Elks Lodge Firefighter of the Year.

Firefighters, like Gary Helming, are selfless heroes who put their lives on the front lines to protect our communities.

I had the honor of meeting Chief Helming this past July when he loaned me his boots and we toured the damage done by the Alamo and Whittier fires in the Central Coast. It was a true privilege to see firsthand Chief Helming's service and dedication to his community.

In addition to his service with the U.S. Forest Service, Gary Helming was a beloved father, husband and friend. At 47 years old, he is survived by his wife, Andrea, and their three children, Riley, Walker, and Nalani. His service and sacrifice to his community will not be forgotten.

**ASSISTANT CHIEF TIMOTHY W.
TOMPKINS RETIRES FROM THE
CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding law enforcement career of Timothy W. Tompkins, who will retire from his position as the Assistant Chief of Protective Services Division for the California Highway Patrol on September 30, 2017. Born and raised in Minnesota, Assistant Chief Tompkins graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy in 1989.

Assistant Chief Tompkins served in a variety of capacities during his career, including Field Training Officer, Drug Recognition Expert, Special Response Team Commander, and member of the Governor's Protective Detail. Most notable for me was the time he spent as the Area Commander for the Morongo Basin, a region that I call home. Assistant Chief Tompkins was an integral part of our community and represented the highest values of the California Highway Patrol.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I would like to thank Assistant Chief Tompkins for his 29 years of service to the citizens of California. His professionalism and dedication to the profession of law enforcement reflects great credit upon himself and the California Highway Patrol.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for votes Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on Roll Call votes 439 and 440.

**HONORING JENNIFER LOUISE
STENGER MARINACE**

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jennifer Louise Stenger