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HONORING MR. JOHN F.
TRENTACOSTA

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor John Trentacosta upon his retirement as President and CEO of Newtown Savings Bank in Newtown, Connecticut. For two decades, John has provided experienced and insightful leadership at Newtown Savings Bank, and his contributions have been crucial to guiding the institution through both successful and challenging economies.

John is a native of Bronx, New York, and completed his undergraduate degree at Manhattan College before going on to earn his Master of Business Administration at Iona College. He began working in finance in New York before moving with his wife Linda to Connecticut in 1988. Throughout his long and successful career in the financial industry, John has served in a number of leadership roles, such as Chief Financial Officer, for a variety of institutions. Following a decade of working at the Bank of New Haven, John joined Newtown Savings Bank as President and CEO in 1998. His experience and leadership have been instrumental in continuing the organization's success for the future.

In addition to his successful career, John has shared his time and expertise with a number of community and professional organizations in Connecticut. He currently serves on the Western Connecticut State University Foundation Board, and has previously been Director of Habitat for Humanity of New Haven and Chairperson of the Newtown Rotary Golf Fundraiser Event. John has also served as a board member of the Connecticut Society of CPAs' Educational Trust Fund, a member of the Connecticut Community Bankers Association's Executive Committee, and a member of the Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce board.

Mr. Speaker, in his two decades of leadership at Newtown Savings Bank, John Trentacosta has been a successful leader in Connecticut's financial services industry, and he has also been a true partner to our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN ROBERTS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Stephen Roberts of Des Moines, Iowa, for being named one of *dsm Magazine's* 2017 "Sages Over 70."

The "Sages Over 70" award honors community leaders who continue to serve as men-

tors and leaders when others have retired. Stephen, a senior shareholder in the Davis Brown law firm, was an early advocate for women at the firm which lead to the quick hiring of its first five female attorneys. Stephen is well-known for his past service as chairman and national committee member for the Republican Party of Iowa, and has also been active with the American Cancer Society for over 40 years. One of the many words of advice he gave to the magazine included to "give something back to the community. You'll get more out of it than what you put in."

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Stephen for being named a "Sage Over 70" by *dsm Magazine*, and applaud him for his service to his community. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Stephen for this outstanding achievement and in wishing him nothing but the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote today on the Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 2396 (Roll Call No. 681), I would have voted aye. The motion would require financial institutions found to have engaged in deceptive or fraudulent practices to continue to annually report their policies and practices regarding the disclosure of nonpublic, personal information.

Additionally, had I been present for the vote on H.R. 2396 (Roll Call No. 682), I would have voted no. This bill would ease the annual privacy notice requirements for financial institutions that share consumers' non-public personal information with nonaffiliated third party companies, weakening important consumer protections.

I'm deeply frustrated that the House has, yet again, decided to take up a measure intended to violate U.S. obligations under the Iran nuclear agreement. Though the nuclear agreement explicitly commits the United States to resuming the licensing of new commercial aircraft sales to Iran for civilian use, H.R. 4324 would impose additional certification requirements on the Treasury Department in order to carry out these current obligations.

Given Trump's clear disdain for having to take affirmative action to keep the agreement intact, this attempt by Congressional Republicans to force his administration to act further on the sale of commercial aircraft is shameful. Thus, had I been present for the vote on the Motion to Recommit H.R. 4324 (Roll Call No. 683), I would have voted aye. Had I been present for the vote on final passage of H.R. 4324 (Roll Call No. 684), I would have voted no.

RECOGNIZING THE RIVERDALE RAMS' GOLF TEAM FOR THEIR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Riverdale Rams' Golf Team for winning the state championship in the Class 1A tournament.

Riverdale won by six shots over Hillsboro. The boys played through gusty winds and occasional rain showers and witnessed their lead slip to a mere two shots, but held strong to pull out a victory. This title makes school history, both as the Rams' first-ever golf title and first-ever state team title. I congratulate the Rams on their outstanding victory in their Class 1A win—a testament to the impressive leadership provided by Coach Trent Groves and teammates Tyler Bussert and Anthony Ruthey.

Mr. Speaker, as a former athlete, I understand how important this is to the young men, the coaches and the community. Their efforts and resilience should inspire us all.

HONORING THE LIFE OF COL.
WESLEY L. FOX, USMC (RET.)

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Col. Wes Fox. Col. Fox enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1950 at the start of the Korean War to begin his 43-year career. Wes served 16 years as a noncommissioned officer before commissioning as a second lieutenant and retiring as a colonel.

Col. Fox valiantly served the nation and became a recipient of the Medal of Honor for his actions in Vietnam. He led his men through heavy fire, even picking up the weapon of a Marine killed in action, to continue fighting the enemy. Col. Fox sustained severe injuries from shrapnel, continued to lead his Marines, and called in air support. After the battle was over, Fox refused medical treatment, set up and supervised a defensive perimeter, and remained until all the Marines were evacuated. According to his Medal of Honor citation, "his indomitable courage, inspiring initiative, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave personal danger inspired his Marines to such aggressive actions that they overcame all enemy resistance and destroyed a large bunker complex." Col. Fox retired from the Marines in 1993 with decorations including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

After retirement, Col Fox served as the Deputy Commandant of First Battalion in the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Tech. Col. Fox authored two books: "Marine Rifleman: Forty-Three Years in the Corps (Memories of War)" and "Six Essential Elements of Leadership: Marine Corps Wisdom from a Medal of Honor Recipient." I am honored to have known Wes and to have served as a witness to the countless lives he touched through his selfless service and leadership. He is survived by his wife,

Dottie; three daughters; four brothers; four sisters; and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me and countless others as we recognize the many contributions of Colonel Wesley L. Fox.

HONORING SUE SOUTHERN OF
HALEYVILLE, AL

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize the talents, achievements and dedication of Mrs. Sue Southern of Haleyville, Alabama on the occasion of her retirement as Municipal Court Clerk of the city of Haleyville, Alabama, which is in Alabama's 4th Congressional District.

Sue Southern began her career with Haleyville 29 years ago back in 1988 and since then has worked alongside numerous municipal judges, attorneys, mayors and members of the city council. I was fortunate to be one of those municipal judges during her time of service. I worked alongside of Sue in the mid-1990s as a young municipal judge for the city, having just graduated from law school a couple of years earlier.

As someone who worked alongside Sue for several years, I can say without a doubt, she always strove to make sure that every person who came through the court system was treated fairly and with dignity, yet she made sure the trains ran on time, as they say.

During her almost three decades as municipal court clerk, Sue has taken a particular interest in strengthening domestic violence laws in the state of Alabama. She has seen numerous cases come through the court system, of women who had nowhere to turn and no way to escape abusive relationships. Sue worked to change this and give a voice to countless women across Alabama.

Sue's family is also immeasurably important to her. She is married to David Southern and has two children, Brian Berry and Jason Berry. Sue also has four grandchildren: Blake, Madison, David and Katie.

Sue will be missed by those she has served for so many years, but I know she will continue to be active in her community. She has earned this retirement with her many years of dedication. I wish her all the best in her retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
SERVICE OF JOSEPH ALLEN
DUFFEL

HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Joseph Allen Duffel, prominent Bay Area builder and real estate developer and resident of Orinda.

Joe's sharp intellect and irreverent sense of humor were his signature traits. He founded Duffel Financial and Construction Company in 1954, which grew to become one of Northern California's most active real estate develop-

ment and building firms. His love of family, reverence for education, strong work ethic, and drive led him to many successes throughout his life. He continued to work as the active CEO of the company to the very end.

In addition to his career in building and development, Joe had a passion for politics. He ran for State Senator in 1966 against George Miller, Sr. That political involvement catapulted him into becoming the advance man for Ronald Reagan during his campaign for the presidency in 1968. He personally advanced Reagan's appearances at the state delegations in most of the southern states. He later served as a delegate to four Republican conventions and was appointed by Governor Deukmejian to the California Transportation Commission where he served for 12 years after being reappointed by Deukmejian and Governor Pete Wilson.

Joe was also proud to have served in many capacities in business, community, and local political organizations. He served as president of the Orinda Rotary Club, president of the Bay Area Mortgage Association, and president of the Homebuilders Association of Northern California (formerly known as the B.I.A., or Building Industry Association of which Joe was a founding member). He served on the board of directors for California Symphony, and was a 40-year active member of The Family, a San Francisco social and charitable club. Joe and his wife, Jackie were longtime members of the Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church.

Joe was an inspiration and a friend. He was a stalwart in the Contra Costa community. He passed away on December 1, 2017 at the age of 94. Joe will be deeply missed.

TRIBUTE TO JIM COWNIE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jim Cownie of Des Moines, Iowa, for being named one of *dsm Magazine's* 2017 "Sages Over 70."

The "Sages Over 70" award honors community leaders who continue to serve as mentors and leaders when others have retired. After graduating from Notre Dame, Jim founded Heritage Communications which would become the ninth-largest cable TV operator in the country when he sold the company in 1987 and went into real estate development. Jim and his wife, Patty, have been longtime supporters of the United Way of Central Iowa and the Iowa State Fairgrounds. One of the many words of advice he offered to the magazine was to volunteer. "That's more important than money," he said. He continued, "We can't have a great city without great volunteers and philanthropists."

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize Jim for being named a "Sage Over 70" by *dsm Magazine*, and applaud him for his service to his community. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Jim for this outstanding achievement and in wishing him nothing but the best.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF EDWIN M. LEE, MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 14, 2017

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my fellow San Francisco Representative, JACKIE SPEIER, as well as my Congressional colleagues, Representatives BARBARA LEE, JUDY CHU, MADELINE BORDALLO, LOU CORREA, KEITH ELLISON, ANNA ESHOO, AL GREEN, JIMMY GOMEZ, COLLEEN HANABUSA, JARED HUFFMAN, RO KHANNA, RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY, TED LIEU, ALAN LOWENTHAL, MARK TAKANO, NORMA TORRES, GRACE MENG, STEPHANIE MURPHY, GRACE NAPOLITANO, ADAM SCHIFF, ERIC SWALWELL, JIM COSTA, and NYDIA VELÁZQUEZ, in great sorrow to pay tribute to a dear friend and an extraordinary leader: Mayor Edwin M. Lee, who died suddenly and tragically on December 12.

Ed Lee served as Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco with devotion and distinction. All who knew Ed understood him as a true gentleman of great warmth, positivity and kindness.

His passing is not only a tragic official loss for our city but also an immense personal loss for all who were fortunate enough to call him friend.

Even through our heartbreak, we think of the exceptional person Ed Lee was, and we smile.

Born the fourth of six children to hard-working Chinese immigrant parents of modest means, Ed was raised in public housing, and lost his father at the age of 15.

Ed excelled at academics, winning a scholarship to Bowdoin College in Maine, where he graduated summa cum laude in 1974. He then graduated Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley in 1978.

Ed began his career as a community organizer and civil rights lawyer fighting for fair housing and on behalf of immigrant communities.

He started his public service as director of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, going on to serve as Purchasing Manager, Director of Public Works and City Administrator.

Ed then served seven remarkable years as Mayor of San Francisco, an office he held with exceptional dignity and great effectiveness. He took pride in being the first Asian American Mayor of a city with such a rich and robust Asian American heritage.

Ed's firm commitment to equality made strong progress toward securing affordable housing and a living wage for all.

His unwavering belief in justice helped combat the moral crisis of homelessness in San Francisco, particularly for our veterans.

And his bold, hopeful vision for the future further secured San Francisco's role as a model city for the nation.

In all aspects of his life, Mayor Lee's first priority was always the people.

He fundamentally understood that the strength of a community is measured by its success in meeting the needs of all its people.

Mayor Lee's greatest source of joy was his beloved family. Our city owes a debt of gratitude to his wife Anita and his daughters