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**HONORING RETIRING WESTERN
SPRINGS CHIEF OF POLICE PAMELA
CHURCH**

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Western Springs Chief of Police Pamela Church, who is retiring after 33 years of service in law enforcement.

Chief Church started out as physical education teacher in the Decatur School District. After seven years in education, she decided to switch careers and become a police officer in 1983. She started as a patrol officer for the Downers Grove Police Department where she developed an award-winning community oriented policing program. Chief Church spent more than 20 years serving and protecting the Downers Grove community and rose through the ranks to Deputy Chief.

In November 2005, Chief Church was hired as Chief of Police for the Western Springs Police Department. Upon becoming Chief, she became one of seven female police chiefs in the State of Illinois. Chief Church honorably protected the Western Springs community for over a decade.

In addition, Chief Church has been recognized by a variety of organizations for her exemplary efforts as Police Chief. In 2010, Church became the 50th president and first female president of the West Suburban Chiefs of Police Association, an honorable testament to her work outside of Western Springs and her dedication to law enforcement. She was also given the Illinois State Bar Association Law Enforcement Award in 2009, among countless other awards honoring her commitment to her community. Thanks to her work as Chief, she has made Western Springs a better and safer community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Chief of Police Pamela Church for all she has done in her years of service to her community and to congratulate her on her retirement. Her contributions have made an important impact in Western Springs and she will surely be missed.

HONORING SARA O'DONNELL

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Sara O'Donnell, founder and Executive Director of the Cancer Resource Center of Mendocino County, who is retiring after 21 years of service.

Sara O'Donnell grew up in rural central California, where she worked in the agricultural fields as a teenager and suffered the effects of exposure to pesticides. In 1990, after surviving a personal battle with breast cancer, Ms. O'Donnell set about establishing a resource to help individuals diagnosed with cancer. Five years later, in 1995, she and the founding board of directors opened the Cancer Resource Center of Mendocino County.

Over the following twenty years, the Cancer Resource Center has grown to serve more than 360 people annually. And, under Ms. O'Donnell's leadership, the Center has received grants and funding from the California Endowment, Avon Foundation, and hundreds of local community members.

Ms. O'Donnell's work has not only positively impacted the lives of countless individuals across Mendocino County, but she has shared her research and publications to provide assistance to underserved rural patients across the nation. Her volunteer service extends beyond the Cancer Resource Center. She is an advisory board member for Mendocino County Public Health and Mendocino County Health Insurance for All; she is on the board of directors for the Mendocino Coast Clinics; and she is an associate member of the Alliance for Rural Community Health.

Sara O'Donnell's legacy is one of dedicated service to rural health care and cancer prevention, and it is appropriate to express to her our deep appreciation for her long and exceptional career and her outstanding volunteer service, and to wish her well on her retirement.

**CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT
OF MR. GREG FARMER**

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of Mr. Greg Farmer, President and CEO of Colonial Farm Credit of Mechanicsville, Virginia.

Greg Farmer has been involved in agriculture for almost his entire life. From his education at the University of Maryland School of Agriculture to his first job in the poultry industry to his career at financial cooperative Farm Credit, he has worked tirelessly on behalf of farmers and their rural communities.

Mr. Farmer's lasting legacy and greatest impact has been his work at Colonial Farm Credit. He began his career as a loan officer in Farmville, Virginia working with poultry, tobacco, dairy, and cattle farmers during agriculture's difficult times in the 1980s. His efforts kept a lot of farmers in the field and working. These early experiences shaped his determination that the best way for Farm Credit to serve the community was to maintain strong credit standards in order to have the ability to be a steady resource for farmers in both good and bad times.

As Chief Credit Officer, he laid the groundwork to mold Colonial Farm Credit into the cooperative it is today. Respected and admired for his ability to understand credit policy and

apply it correctly, he set the standard by which loan officers make and underwrite loans today.

This straightforward approach served him well when he was chosen by the board of directors to be President and CEO in 2000. Since that time, the cooperative has grown in loan volume, become a standard in the industry for its excellent performance, and has become the lender of choice for farmers and foresters in eastern Virginia and southern Maryland.

In addition to leading a \$665 million lending institution employing 76 people, Greg has also found time to be an integral part of the community. He serves on both the board of Agriculture in the Classroom and as a consultant to the Colonial Agricultural Educational Foundation. He is a participant in many agricultural events and has been an active voice on Capitol Hill meeting Members of Congress as an advocate for the interests of the rural and agricultural communities.

Mr. Farmer is widely known as a man of great integrity, intelligence, and common sense and can be relied on to analyze problems and give a reasoned and researched response. He is also a great representative not only for Farm Credit, but for cooperatives and agriculture in general. He loves telling the cooperative story and also bragging about hard working farmers and their vital role in America.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize and congratulate Mr. Farmer on his distinguished career and I wish him all the best in this next chapter of life.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ARIZONA

HON. ANDY BIGGS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, this week, my home state of Arizona turned 105 years old. The Grand Canyon State is an incredible state in which to raise a family and earn a living.

There is so much to love about Arizona. We have over 300 days of sunshine; we enjoy the cool pines of Flagstaff and the rustic and historic towns of Prescott, Show Low, and Tombstone, which give perspective into Arizona's first days as a state; and we greatly benefit from the agriculture city Yuma.

Arizona's lakes, mountains, and skies provide countless activities throughout the year for natives and visitors alike. Arizona also enthusiastically hosts 15 Major League Baseball teams for Spring Training, Super Bowls, College Football playoff games, and the Waste Management Open, which many call the Greatest Show on Grass.

Most of all, I love the people of Arizona. Arizonans are diverse, patriotic, and fiercely independent. They bring so much talent and potential to our communities. I am deeply honored to serve my constituents in Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Sun Lakes, and Queen Creek.

After a long week in Washington, I cannot wait to step off the plane into the fresh, free air of Arizona. It is the greatest state in the union, and I will always be proud to call Arizona my home.

Happy Birthday, State 48.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF GRADUATING SENIOR BUFFALO STATE BENGALS MENS BASKETBALL PLAYERS, NICO McLEAN, JORDAN GLOVER, LEON MOISE, JORDAN CHATEAU AND LOVELL SMITH

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize five exceptional members of the senior class at Buffalo State College, Nico McLean, Jordan Glover, Leon Moise, Jordan Chateau and Lovell Smith. During their collegiate careers, these young men have proven to be talented and dedicated scholars and athletes. Their achievements on and off the court are worthy of praise and I congratulate them on the completion of their undergraduate degrees.

As members of the Buffalo State men's basketball team, these students are known as leaders among their peers and teammates. I commend these young men for their dedication to academics and athletics and congratulate them as their college careers come to a close.

Buffalo native and graduate from Amherst High School, Nico McLean plays Guard for Buffalo State. The senior currently majors in Computer Information's Systems.

Jordan Glover, a Buffalo native and graduate of St. Josephs Collegiate Institute majors in Communications. The senior plays Guard for Buffalo State and leads the team in steals.

Leon Moise, a Brooklyn native and graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School plays Forward at Buffalo State. The senior is currently studying Biology.

Bayside, New York native and graduate of Lowell High School, senior Jordan Chateau plays either Forward or Center for Buffalo State. Outside of basketball, he is majoring in Criminal Justice.

Lovell Smith, a senior Guard from Buffalo, New York, leads the team in games started. A graduate of McKinley High School, Smith is studying electrical engineering.

Balancing the responsibilities demanded of student athletes is a true challenge, and each of these students handled the test with dignity and grace. As an alumnus of Buffalo State, I will be proud to call them fellow alumni.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing my colleagues to join me in recognizing these extraordinary Buffalo State Bengals and in congratulating them as they obtain their undergraduate degrees. Their dedication and drive will propel them to success, and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE MILITARY
SERVICE OF ROBERT
LUKENBAUGH

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank a great man for his military service,

Robert Lukenbaugh. Mr. Lukenbaugh is a 92-year-old veteran of both World War II and the Korean War. After graduating high school in 1943, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

After basic training in San Diego, he shipped out to the Pacific Theatre on a transport ship stopping at Pearl Harbor before heading to Midway. He later returned to the Naval Hospital at Pearl Harbor to receive treatment for a broken leg. He left active duty in the Marines in 1946, but remained in the Reserves. He married his wife, the former Mary Etta that same year. In 1950, he was called back into the Marines to train troops going to Korea at Camp Pendleton. Mr. Lukenbaugh was honorably discharged in 1951 from the Marines and moved back to Oklahoma with his wife.

Mr. Lukenbaugh worked for Union Equity Cooperative Exchange for 50 years, 15 of which were in Oklahoma. In 1965, he and his wife moved to Deer Park, Texas where he continued working for Union Equity Cooperative Exchange for 35 more years. After retiring, the couple remained in Deer Park where they attend Deer Park United Methodist Church.

It is a tremendous honor to represent Mr. Lukenbaugh in the U.S. Congress and I thank him for his selfless military service to this great nation.

A TRIBUTE TO TIM ALBRECHT

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Tim Albrecht for being named a 2017 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines Area that are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious honor based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2017 class of Forty Under 40 honorees will join an impressive roster of 680 past business leaders and growing.

Tim is known for his solid reputation, strong work ethic and positive attitude. After years of honing his craft on numerous political campaigns, and four years serving as Communications Director to Governor Terry Branstad, Tim set out on his own in 2016 to establish Albrecht Public Relations. Additionally, Tim is a partner and co-founder of the bipartisan polling firm RABA Research. Tim lives in West Des Moines with his wife Josie, 31/2-year-old son Davis, and baby daughter Avery.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Tim in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud him for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great

state of Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Tim on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2017 Forty Under 40 class a long and successful career.

HONORING CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER JILL SILVA

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2017

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor Stanislaus County Chief Probation Officer, Jill Silva, who has announced her retirement after more than 27 years of service.

Chief Silva graduated from California State University, Fresno in 1986 with a Degree in Social Work. After graduation, she began her career as a Probation Aid with Fresno County Probation Department, served as a Mental Health Worker with Kings View Behavioral Health Systems, and then came to work with Stanislaus County in Adult Protective Services.

In April of 1989, Chief Silva started her career with Stanislaus County Probation Department as a Deputy Probation Officer assigned to the Juvenile Intake and Investigation Unit. She also worked with the Adult Supervision and the Juvenile Supervision Unit.

In 1996, she was promoted to Deputy Probation Officer III, as well as continuing to work with the Juvenile Intake Unit. She was then promoted to Supervising Probation Officer in 1999 and was assigned to the Juvenile Division's Community Partnerships Unit.

Chief Silva's excellent work ethic in public service was noticed as she continued to receive multiple promotions. In 2001, she was promoted to Manager III and then received another promotion in November of 2002 to Chief Deputy Probation Officer. In June 2007, she transferred to the Institutional Services Division and her position was reclassified as the Assistant Chief Probation in 2009.

Throughout her career, Chief Silva has served on various committees, including the Stanislaus County Children's Council, Stanislaus County Child Abuse Prevention Council, and the Stanislaus County Methamphetamine Task Force. She is also a member of the California Probation, Parole and Correctional Association (CPPCA), California Association of Probation Services Administrators (CAPSA), California Association of Probation Institution Administrators (CAPIA), and the Stanislaus County Peace Officers Association.

Chief Silva assumed the role of Acting Chief Probation Officer in December 2011, and on May 5, 2012, she was appointed Chief Probation Officer of the Stanislaus County Probation Department.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and commending the outstanding contributions made to Stanislaus County by Chief Jill Silva as we wish her continued success in her retirement.