

## HONORING FRANK SCHUCHAT

**HON. JARED POLIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 13, 2017*

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a departed Colorado expert in and asset to wise trade relations.

Frank Schuchat ("Shook-It") sat on the U.S. Commerce Department's Rocky Mountain District Export Council. He provided myself and other members, of the Congress news and local perspective on trade policy. His perspective will be missed.

A graduate in history at the University of Colorado and with a law degree from Georgetown, Frank was counsel in the U.S. International Trade Commission and a clerk on the DC Court of Appeals. After that he honed his legal craft in firms both in Washington and Denver. This is where he learned that words matter in trade relations.

An eager globe trotter, Frank developed respect and admiration for citizens abroad. He was a kind and friendly traveler, a global mensch.

With that attitude, in 1997 he was named as honorary counsel to Belgium. Through that position he facilitated a greater understanding of trans-Atlantic partnerships and, most importantly, crafted beer. He did his best to enlighten beer brewers and consumers.

But Frank was at his personal best as a successful stand-up comic. Fluent in Dutch, he could deliver political satire in two languages. He knew that words matter here too.

Even in his memorial he shows his true colors, asking that donations be sent to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

In short, Frank Schuchat displayed deep intellect, a conscience for others.

## IN HONOR OF ELLEN GRUNEWALD

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent, Ellen Grunewald, who will be departing from her role in Loudoun County after nearly thirty years of dedicated service to our community and to congratulate her on receiving a Resolution of Appreciation from the County Administrator, Tim Hemstreet. As the Director of Family Services, Ms. Grunewald oversaw a plethora of the county's programs, and her work ethic and exemplary demeanor will certainly be missed.

Ms. Grunewald began her career of service to Loudoun County as an Assistant Director of Social Services in 1989. Throughout the course of her entire career with the county office, she watched Loudoun County flourish and transform into one of the most affluent and prosperous counties in America. She held a variety of positions and had many responsibilities, including serving as the Coordinator of the Young Parents Network and as a Supervisor of the Emergency and Supportive Services Unit. Her ability to wear many hats and serve in various capacities positioned her well to eventually become the Director of Family Services in 2010.

As the Director of Family Services, Ms. Grunewald oversaw programs that provided assistance with food, housing, finance, and other needs to those living in poverty. This type of casework can be difficult and often very disheartening, but over the past 6 years she kept a strong, positive attitude and was able to help hundreds of families in Loudoun County. She also started new initiatives, such as the Family Engagement Process, in which she was able to help divert 62 children from placement in foster care. Ms. Grunewald went above and beyond in her role, and she will certainly be missed.

On behalf of the entire Tenth District, I thank Ms. Grunewald for her dedicated career of service to Loudoun County. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing a truly commendable public servant. I wish her and her family all of the best in their future endeavors.

## HONORING GLEN O. KLIPPENSTEIN

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 13, 2017*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I pause to honor a constituent of Missouri's 6th Congressional District and someone I am especially proud to call my friend, Glen O. Klippenstein, upon being honored with the Jay B. Dillingham Award for Agricultural Leadership and Excellence by the Agribusiness Council of Kansas City.

Glen was born in Canada and grew up working on the family cattle operation. His family emigrated to Pennsylvania when he was 11, and it was there that he would attend Penn State University and turn down a job running former President Dwight D. Eisenhower's farm outside Gettysburg.

He and a friend would later move to Missouri and establish GlenKirk Farms. GlenKirk became one of the premier cattle operations in the nation, selling over 7,000 bulls and 7,500 females across all 50 states and internationally in 22 countries and earning a place in the Hereford Heritage Hall of Fame. Glen would later serve in the Missouri state legislature in both the Senate and the House of Representatives. Glen is a tireless worker who is dedicated to aiding the agricultural community, serving as the two-term chairman of the National Beef Promotion and Research Board; as chairman of the American Polled Hereford Association; as director of the National Cattleman's Association; as member and vice chairman of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Board; and as the CEO of the American Chianina Association.

Mr. Speaker, I could list many more organizations that Glen has guided and worked with over his very distinguished lifetime. However, I ask that you join me, Glen's wife Linda, their children Brian, Brett, Noel, and Ivan, their grandchildren and the agricultural community in congratulating Glen O. Klippenstein on this accomplishment and wishing him God's blessings in the years to come.

## HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. DRAGO CVITANOVICH

**HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 13, 2017*

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Drago Cvitanovich, co-founder of Drago's Seafood Restaurant, who passed away on February 4, 2017 at the age of 94.

Mr. Cvitanovich was born in 1922 in Yugoslavia, now Croatia, and fled the communist rule of his homeland after World War II. He fled to Germany and worked as a civilian employee of the United States Army. Later, Mr. Cvitanovich moved to Canada and worked for a lumber company. In the spring of 1958, he took a trip to New Orleans to visit family and experience his first Mardi Gras. It was there that he met Ms. Klara Buconic, a fellow Croatian, who was also visiting her family. Three weeks later, they were married in Buras, Louisiana.

The first Drago's restaurant in New Orleans was in Lakeview, but it was not named for Mr. Cvitanovich. It was owned by his sister, Gloria, who named it after her husband, Drago Batinich. Mr. Cvitanovich would work for nine years at his sister's restaurant and two years with Acme Oyster House in the French Quarter. In 1969, Drago and Klara Cvitanovich opened their restaurant in Metairie's Fat City neighborhood. Since that time, Drago's Seafood Restaurant has grown to three locations and more than 450 employees.

Mr. Cvitanovich cultivated relationships with hundreds of other Yugoslav immigrants who had settled in south Louisiana and made their living in the fishing, shrimp and oyster industry. Mr. Cvitanovich's restaurant became popular for the quality of its seafood.

In 1995, Mr. Cvitanovich served as the king of Metairie's Argus parade on Mardi Gras. In 2013, Drago and Klara Cvitanovich were inducted into the Louisiana Restaurant Association Hall of Fame. In 2014, Drago and Klara Cvitanovich received the Ella Brennan Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Orleans Hospitality Foundation also created an award honoring his legacy, the Drago Cvitanovich Award for Outstanding Philanthropy by an Entrepreneur.

Mr. Cvitanovich's wife preceded him in death. His survivors include his two sons Tommy and Dr. Gerry Cvitanovich and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Drago Cvitanovich, a beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

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**HON. ZOE LOFGREN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 13, 2017*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor my friend, Don Polden, who has received Santa Clara University School of Law's 2017 Edwin J. Owens Award.

In his nearly forty years in legal education, Don has trained a generation of young lawyers in the classroom and as Dean of the University of Memphis Law School and later as Dean at Santa Clara University School of Law.

At Santa Clara, Don developed curriculum for leadership education and fostered the growth of clinical programs. He secured the gift to launch the Katherine & George Alexander Community Law Center, which offers free legal services for consumer, labor, and immigration issues. During his tenure, Santa Clara Law became nationally recognized for its Intellectual Property law curriculum.

Don's twenty years as law school Dean ended in 2013, but he continues his work on leadership education at the Center for Creative Leadership.

Returning to the classroom has offered Don the opportunity to explore his areas of expertise, antitrust and federal and state labor law. He continues to serve in the American Law Institute's College of Labor and Employment Lawyers in addition to serving as chair of the Advisory Board of the Institute of Sports Law and Ethics. Don has written extensively on the topic of labor law, from authoring a law school textbook to providing commentary in the Huffington Post about how the emerging sharing economy tests conventional labor classifications.

Not your ordinary legal educator, Don can also be described as a legal thespian for his role in the 1997 film *Legal Commentator*.

Please join me in recognizing Don for his decades of service to his students and for receiving the 2017 Edwin J. Owens Award.

IN RECOGNITION OF TOM  
ALEXANDER

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

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*Monday, March 13, 2017*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge my friend and colleague Tom Alexander for his nearly 40 years of dedicated service to our country and the constituents of Virginia's 10th Congressional District. After decades of exemplary service, Tom has decided to enter into a well-deserved retirement.

Fresh out of college, Tom had a desire to serve the United States and enlisted in the Marine Corps. Following his honorable discharge in 1979, Tom worked on President Reagan's White House staff where he received a White House Service Commendation from President Reagan on January 25, 1984. After leaving the White House, Tom graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law and became an Assistant City Attorney for Kansas City, Missouri in 1987. In 1992, Tom decided to return to the federal government and began down a path which led

him from the Department of Labor, to the Legislative and Executive Branches of government, and even served in the U.S. Embassies in Ukraine and Malawi.

In 2014, Tom joined the office of my predecessor and mentor, Congressman Frank Wolf. His outstanding work made it clear that he would be an excellent member of my staff, and I am grateful that he agreed to join my office. His work with my constituents, particularly on immigration issues, has helped countless residents in Virginia's 10th Congressional District. I regularly hear from constituents about the lengths to which Tom went to help them and solve their problems, whatever they may be. Tom is someone who keeps a smile on his face throughout the day and inspires us all with his constant positive attitude. Virginia's 10th District has benefited greatly from Tom's tireless work ethic, something that I hear often as I travel throughout our communities and meet with constituents.

While I am sad to see Tom go, I am grateful for his service to our country and proud to call him a friend.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that my colleagues rise and join me in thanking Tom Alexander for his service. I wish him, his wife Patricia, and his children Shane, Aidan, and Shannon all the happiness in the world, and the best of luck in the years to come.