

to helping others get out of their wheelchairs and continue to live their dreams.

In honor of his dedication and perseverance, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Sam Schmidt for his tremendous efforts to assist the disability community and encourage people to find their passion.

HONORING FRANK E. MARRA

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate one of my constituents who is larger than life itself, Mr. Frank E. Marra. I want to wish you the happiest of birthdays as you turn 100, just the latest amazing milestone in an amazing life.

The son of Italian immigrants, Frank, was the first of Arthur (Arturo) and Mary's (Carmelina) three sons born in New York City, just before the Armistice which ended World War I. Frank attended PS 57 Theodore Roosevelt High in the Bronx before answering the call to service. Frank would join the National Guard for a short period of time before enlisting in the U.S. Military in 1941.

As a member of the U.S. Army's 258th Field Artillery, Frank trained for several months in the United Kingdom before his deployment in Europe. Frank fought the Axis powers in Normandy, through Northern France, Belgium in Ardennes, at the Battle of the Bulge, in Lichtenstein, Austria, and Germany. It has been said that Frank was the first soldier to fire an artillery shell into Nazi Germany, as our forces pushed forward to victory.

Following WWII, Frank returned home, and married Cecilia Genovese, who had sent him care packages during his time in Europe. The two honeymooned across the country and settled in San Bruno, California. In late 1947, Frank and Cecilia returned to New York, and had their two sons, Albert, and Eugene. Frank and Cecilia had a remarkable romance, and were married an incredible 70 years, until Cecilia's passing 2 years ago at the age of 97.

Mr. Speaker, Frank Marra has lived quite a life. He saw the stock market crash of 1929, the resulting Great Depression, and served during World War II. He saw the Yankees greats such as Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio and Mickey Mantle play baseball, and witnessed the first men walk on the moon. He held down two jobs, which allowed him to send both his children to college and grad school, and he volunteered for many years at St. Bart's Church and the Jewish Home for the Blind. He danced with his wife at the weddings of two of his grandchildren and he has held in his arms three young great-grandchildren: Margaret, Cecilia, and Dominick. Frank Marra has experienced and achieved the American Dream, and his distinguished life deserves our honor and recognition. Happy birthday Frank, I wish you many more happy and healthy years to come.

OFFICER ADAM JOBBERS-MILLER

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Mr. FRANCIS ROONEY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Officer Adam Jobbers-Miller, who recently passed away at the age of 29.

Officer Jobbers-Miller spent his life placing service above self. From 2009 to 2015, Jobbers-Miller was a respected member of the Wayne Fire Department in Wayne, New Jersey. Then Fort Myers was fortunate enough to have Adam Jobbers-Miller join their team as a devoted officer of the law. As soon as he began his career with the Fort Myers Police Department, it was apparent to all those around him that Officer Jobbers-Miller would stop at nothing to protect and serve the people of Southwest Florida.

On Saturday, July 21st, Officer Jobbers-Miller responded to a call at a gas station in Fort Myers. An armed assailant at the gas station fired several shots at the FMPD officers, one of which struck Jobbers-Miller. He was immediately rushed to Lee Memorial Hospital, where he remained in critical condition until he passed away on July 30th. His passing brings great sorrow not only to the Fort Myers law enforcement community, but to our entire Southwest Florida community.

Every day, our officers and first responders put themselves in harm's way to ensure that the safety of all its citizens are protected. Officer Jobbers-Miller made the ultimate sacrifice to maintain this safety, and for that we are all immensely thankful.

In the face of certain danger, Adam Jobbers-Miller never hesitated to act in a truly heroic manner. His life of selfless service was tragically cut short, but his tireless dedication to the welfare of others will forever be remembered by all who were fortunate to know him. Kathleen and I extend our deepest condolences to Officer Jobbers-Miller's family, friends, and fellow officers.

HONORING ROBERT GHIRELLI

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement of a distinguished constituent of mine, Robert P. Ghirelli, of West Covina, CA. Mr. Ghirelli is retiring after almost four decades of public service to the citizens of Southern California. His career exemplifies the work of water quality professionals who every day advance the health of our nation's waters to provide economic, recreational, and environmental benefits to us all. He is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles with an undergraduate degree in bacteriology and a doctorate in environmental science and engineering, and he holds a master's degree in health science from California State University, Northridge.

Most recently, Mr. Ghirelli has served as the Assistant General Manager at the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD), the third

largest clean water agency west of the Mississippi River. In this role, he has overseen the day-to-day operations of six hundred employees and a \$164 million annual operating budget that delivers water quality improvements to the regions rivers, streams, and coastal waters for the 2.6 million residents served by OCSD.

Prior to joining OCSD, Mr. Ghirelli had a distinguished role serving for 13 years as the Executive Director of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles/Ventura Region. He reported directly to a nine-member board of directors appointed by the California Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. In this position, he administered the region's clean water programs and the management of one hundred water quality professionals that ensured the approval of water and waste discharge permits, compliance with federal and state water quality mandates, and effective monitoring of water quality. Following the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Mr. Ghirelli entered the private sector to provide his expertise in demystifying the regulatory process and enhancing efficient and effective compliance with our state's water quality protection programs.

Mr. Ghirelli returned to the public sector in 1998 when he joined OCSD as its Director of Technical Services where his responsibilities included managing the District's environmental affairs and regulatory compliance programs, environmental laboratories, and industrial waste control programs.

Mr. Ghirelli has dedicated his life to advancing the professionalism of his vocation by actively participating in regional, state, and national public agencies and trade associations related to water quality, water resources, and utility management. He has served in the following organizations: Board of Directors of the San Gabriel River Watermaster; Board of Directors of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies; Member of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies; Valencia Heights Water Company, West Covina; Commissioner and Past President of the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project; Board Member and Past President of the Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works; Board Member of the National Water Research Institute; Board Member of the Southern California Salinity Coalition; Board Member of the Orange County Business Council; Member of the Science Advisory Panel of the American Association of Environmental Engineers and Scientists; Member of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies; Member of the American Public Works Association; Member of the Water Environment Federation; Member of the California Water Environment Association; and Member of the Executive Advisory Council of the Environmental Science & Engineering Program at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Mr. Ghirelli has been a leader in providing common sense solutions to waste water problems and delivering the highest level of water quality to the citizens of Southern California. He has also mentored the next generation of water professionals. After decades of dedicating his time to improving our water resources, I wish Mr. Ghirelli the best in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF
RALPH ARNOLD KUIPER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an extraordinary American, a true patriot, and a highly respected member of my congressional district, Ralph Arnold Kuiper.

Ralph Kuiper was born on March 29, 1939, in New Jersey, and grew up in a small town in Southern California. He graduated from Corona High School where he excelled in art, academics and sports, and went on to Stanford University where he studied Mechanical Engineering. He also earned a Master's degree and a Ph.D. from Stanford.

Ralph worked at Lockheed's New Products division where he served in management positions including Director of Research at Lockheed Technology Center. During his long career he mentored emerging engineers and high school students. After retirement, Ralph became a full time volunteer in the community, serving as a coach for children's sports, supporting the World Affairs Young Ambassadors Program and the Los Alto Youth Theatre. He was Chair of the Peninsula Chapter of the World Affairs Council for 13 years, and served 14 years on the Board of the Los Altos Stage Company. He and his wife travelled extensively and supported everything Stanford, especially the Freeman Spogli Institute, football and basketball.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in extending our sincerest condolences to Ralph Kuiper's wife, Carol, and to their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, and in doing so honor a great, good and gentle man who loved his country and served it with distinction. Ralph made our world better, and our country and our community stronger. How privileged I am to have known Ralph and represented him.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MAMIE
PINDER

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am humbled to honor the life of my dear friend and beloved member of our South Florida Community, Mamie Pinder.

Mamie passed away at the age of 79, leaving behind an amazing legacy of service to our community's children and families.

As a school teacher and prominent GOP political activist in South Florida, she worked tirelessly to advocate for the needs of others each and every day.

Mamie pioneered the Miami-Dade County program for English for Students of Other Languages, a program affording children the ability to learn English while in school.

Mamie's curriculum enriched the lives of so many children and their families, and I was honored to join her in her efforts to improve our community, one child at a time.

In addition to teaching in our schools, she served as a voice for the African American and female communities, at home and abroad.

Whether she was organizing an advocacy event, or spearheading the agenda for the Old Cutler Republican Woman's Club, Mamie's commitment to equality and fair rights remained steadfast.

She was a courageous conservative woman who never ceased to put the needs of others before her own, and her determination to better the lives of those around her was an inspiration to us all.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize this upstanding woman, and I am confident that her memory will live on through all those she knew.

Mamie Pinder was loved by so many and I join her family and friends in celebrating the life of this teacher and patriot.

God Speed, Mi Amiga my friend.

TRIBUTE TO DELORES HADDEN
SMITH

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of service led by the late Delores Hadden Smith. Delores, fondly known as "Dee" was a resident of Gowanus Houses and always looking for a way to give back to the community she cherished.

For 44 years, Delores served as an educator in the New York City public school system. Her passion for teaching was contagious, as she was adored by her students and recognized for the "Who's Who Among American Teachers" national honor.

Delores was also active in public service outside the classroom. By engaging with Parent Teacher Association boards, South Brooklyn Colony House board, Community Board 6, Gowanus Old Times Day Committee and many others, she coordinated local events, much to the delight of her fellow community members. In 2010, she was honored with an Honorary PhD in Humanities from Cathedral Theological Seminary.

Described by those who loved her as someone who brightened every room she filled, Delores' memory will be cherished forever. A faithful member of the Bethel Baptist, she taught Sunday School, Youth Choir and more.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Delores Hadden Smith and her family for her lifetime of hard work, joy and service.

CELEBRATING BEA LUMPKIN: 100
YEARS OF FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE
AND INSPIRING GENERATIONS OF ACTIVISTS

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, Beatrice Shapiro Lumpkin came roaring into the world in 1918 in New York City, the daughter of Russian immigrants. An activist for social justice from her earliest days, Bea credits her

parents with teaching her the importance of collective action in the face of social injustice, a principle that has guided her life.

In the 1930s, Bea threw herself feet first into the social and political struggles transforming the nation during the Great Depression. She attended rallies and stood on street corners denouncing Hitler and the wave of fascism gripping Europe. She participated in the 1930 National Hunger Protest that saw one million unemployed people descend on their state capitols demanding relief. Bea joined the fight for unemployment insurance and Social Security—all before she graduated from high school in 1934.

Bea enrolled in Hunter College, a free college for women where she studied chemistry. At just 18, she took time off from school to accept the challenge of organizing New York's laundry workers, a campaign that resulted in 30,000 people (mostly women) organized under the newly-formed Congress of Industrial Organization (CIO).

Bea moved to Buffalo in 1942 where she married and had two children, Carl and Jeanleah. She and her husband amicably divorced and Bea went to work for Western Electric. Bea still found time to organize a Wallace for President Committee in support of Progressive Party Candidate Henry Wallace's bid for the presidency. At a fundraiser for Wallace, Bea met her partner and the love of her life Frank Lumpkin. As an interracial couple, they encountered many hard looks and racial slurs.

The two married in 1949 and moved to Gary, Indiana, where they had two more children, Paul and John. Bea and Frank were an impressive team. When they discovered that the septic tanks in their predominantly African-American neighborhood had contaminated the water wells, they organized their neighbors and launched a seven-year battle that won them safe drinking water.

In 1962, Bea and Frank moved to Chicago, where for decades they were involved in every civil rights struggle—and there were many. They joined the fight for fair housing, against lynching, and against segregation.

Bea began her career in education at age 47 when she became a Chicago Public School teacher. She later became an assistant math professor at Malcolm X College, publishing numerous groundbreaking books on the multicultural roots of mathematics and science. To this day, she is an active member of the Chicago Teachers Union, never missing a rally, always fighting for the rights of teachers and their students who deserve a quality education.

In 1983, Harold Washington, former Illinois State Senator and U.S. Congressman, ignited the hopes and dreams of Chicagoans across the city when he ran for and won election as mayor. Bea and Frank were on the frontline of the campaign and remained committed supporters throughout his administration.

That same year, the Republican Governor of Illinois proposed a budget that slashed funding for basic human needs. Bea and Frank responded to the call to join the Crisis March to Springfield. They walked 200 miles to the state Capitol with a group organized by Illinois Public Action, stopping for meetings in small towns, talking to the media as they went, and being met for the last mile by more than one thousand supporters. The Governor capitulated and the cuts were restored. As the