

Prior to this assignment, Ms. Walker served as Assistant Director of Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery from August 2014. She completed the National Cemetery Administration's comprehensive, year-long Cemetery Director Intern Program in August 2014.

Jeny is a pillar of her community and has brought much peace and comfort to Veterans and their families in the entire Northeastern Tennessee region. She has led significant improvement and expansion efforts at the cemetery to include an expansion project that doubles the size of the cemetery and will provide an additional 50 years of gravesite availability for veterans and their families. She also led her team to a recent National Cemetery Administration Organizational Assessment and Improvement award for exemplary performance in key management and operational areas such as customer service, cemetery service, and access to information. Jeny's enduring legacy includes a book she published about Mountain Home National Cemetery entitled, *A Book of Heroes: Discover Their Story, Honor Their Sacrifice*. In her three years as the Cemetery Director at Mountain Home, Jeny was driven to serve veterans and their families. She was a VA ambassador in the community and was led by the principles of servant leadership. When several headstones and monuments were vandalized at Old Gray Cemetery in Knoxville, Jeny organized a group of employee volunteers to spend a Saturday afternoon to share their expertise and repair the broken monuments and reset the headstones. This is a testament to the special kind of person Jeny is.

I include in the RECORD a message Jeny wrote her colleagues upon retirement:

Long ago and far away, working in my first cemetery as an intern, I found this on a headstone. I've kept it and read it often because it eloquently states exactly what I feel: Remember me. Think of me. Love me as you do now. Essentially nothing changes by my leaving. If I were to ask anything of you, it's that you pray I will have more time than I think I do. More time with family. More time having fun. More time to live. Much love for each of you, Jeny.

I am grateful for Jeny's service to veterans and wish her peace. She is in my prayers and in the prayers of so many. I'd also like to thank the National Cemetery Administration for sharing Jeny's background.

HONORING ELMER JOSEPH "ALMO" LORENZI

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elmer Joseph "EJ" Lorenzi, an upstanding member of the Merced community, who has been recognized as "Man of the Year" for the 2018 Harvest of Hope by Catholic Charities of Merced.

EJ was born on May 18, 1931 at Mercy Hospital in Merced to Giuseppe and Rita Bernardi Lorenzi. Within a few, short years, it became clear that EJ was destined for an extraordinary life of serving others. His life-long dedication to service began at the age of 10, when EJ played the accordion for the United Service Organization to help raise money for war bonds.

From that moment, EJ's service and dedication to the Merced community never wavered. While he established himself as a mainstay in the business community, EJ's focus continued to be service. He has been a member of the 3rd degree and 4th degree Knights of Columbus Council 2384 for over six decades. He has served Merced with integrity and honor through the Merced City Chamber of Commerce, Merced Little League, and as Ambassador for the City Council of Merced.

EJ also served on many advisory boards in Merced County. EJ's tireless leadership as chairman of the advisory committee for Measure C was instrumental in passing the measure, which is expected to raise millions for the police and fire departments in Merced.

EJ has also been instrumental in restoring several historic buildings in Merced that were slated for destruction. Historic sites such as Bob Hart Square and Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, still stand today because of EJ's unwavering leadership.

EJ's service to his community has always been backed by his lovely family. EJ married his high school sweetheart Evelyn Weres in June of 1950. Together, EJ and Evelyn have five children, ten grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren, who will carry on the family's great legacy.

At the spry age of eighty-seven years old, EJ continues to serve his community however he can, guided by the same three principles that have followed him throughout his life: God family, and his Catholic faith.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the exceptional life of Elmer Joseph Lorenzi. I wish him and Catholic Charities of Merced the best as he is recognized for his contributions to our community.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF BRIDGETT "BIDDY" MASON

HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the extraordinary life of Bridgett "Biddy" Mason and to declare August 15, 2018 to be Biddy Mason Day in California's 44th Congressional District.

Whereas on August 15, 1818, Bridgett "Biddy" Mason was born into slavery in Hancock County Georgia.

Whereas at the age of 15, Biddy was given to the Smith family as a wedding present and moved from Mississippi to Utah, and eventually San Bernardino, California;

Whereas with the help of friends in California and despite challenges, Biddy Mason gained knowledge of her rights and fought to be freed from slavery;

Whereas 10 years after obtaining her freedom, Biddy Mason became a midwife, earning enough money to purchase her first piece of property on north Spring Street in Downtown Los Angeles where she served her community;

Whereas Biddy Mason became one of the first real estate moguls in Los Angeles and a stellar businesswoman;

Whereas in 1862 Biddy Mason, along with John Ballard, Jeremiah Redding, Charles

Owens, Louis Green, John Hall and Samuel Johns founded the historic First African Methodist Episcopal Church in her living room;

Whereas the date of August 15, 2018, marks the 200th Birthday of this remarkable woman; and

Now Therefore I declare and hereby recognize August 15, 2018 to be Bridgett "Biddy" Mason Day in the 44th Congressional District of California.

TRIBUTE TO LOUISE AND JOHN HART

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Louise and John Hart of Winterset, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Their lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa's values. As the years pass, may their love continue to grow even stronger and may they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many more years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60 years together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

SALUTING SPC. CLAUDIA BRODEUR FOR HER DEPLOY- MENT WITH THE U.S. ARMY RE- SERVES

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Spc. Claudia Brodeur as she deploys to Africa as a member of the United States Army Reserves.

Spc. Brodeur, well-known by her community as a cheerful manager at the Pearl Street Pub in Watertown, New York, is off to Africa for her deployment as a proud member of the U.S. Army Reserves. A true patriot dedicated to both her local community and to her country, Spc. Brodeur will join the Combined Joint Task Force—Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA). Under the CJTF-HOA, the United States works with its African partner nations to counter violent extremist organizations in East Africa, as well as build defense capability among its East African partners. Spc. Brodeur will support this important mission as a member of an attachment to the 403rd Civil Affairs Battalion in support of the Combined Task Force's mobilization and deployment efforts.

On behalf of New York's 21st district, I want to join Spc. Brodeur's family and friends in wishing her well in Africa, and extend my thanks for her dedicated service to the United States.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER SALARY HOME RULE
ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced the District of Columbia Chief Financial Officer Salary Home Rule Act. This bill would give the District of Columbia the authority to set the pay of the D.C. Chief Financial Officer (CFO). There is no reason the District should not have the authority to set the wage of a local official who is paid with local funds.

In 2013, Congress enacted a law that gave the District more authority to set the CFO's pay. However, Congress did not give D.C. full and complete authority over this local matter. This bill would give D.C. the authority to set the CFO's pay as it sees fit. The 2013 law amended the Home Rule Act to change the CFO's pay from a fixed rate of pay that was tied to a federal pay schedule to a maximum allowable pay, or ceiling, tied to a federal pay schedule. The ceiling was and is substantially higher than the fixed rate, but the CFO's pay is now \$1,000 below the maximum.

I introduced the 2013 bill after a D.C. CFO search committee indicated that the fixed rate of pay was not high enough to attract the best talent needed for this complex and demanding job. The responsibilities of the CFO, a position created by Congress, are unique in the United States. The CFO is extraordinarily powerful and independent. The District cannot obligate or expend funds without the CFO's approval, and the CFO can be terminated only "for cause." The District needs the authority to be able to pay the rate demanded by the market and necessary to retain and attract the best CFOs, especially since the District must compete with the private sector for highly qualified CFOs.

This is an important step to increase home rule for the District, and I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

TRIBUTE TO SUSIE AND TOM
ENARSON

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Susie and Tom Enarson of Villisca, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on June 29, 1958 at the Villisca United Methodist Church.

Susie and Tom's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

HONORING CAPTAIN JOSEPH O.
QUINTANA

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Joseph O. Quintana of the United States Navy, who is retiring this month after a distinguished 25 year career. Captain Quintana has spent the last quarter century serving our country in a variety of reserve and active duty leadership roles in the logistics, fuels, and transportation fields.

Captain Quintana received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of New Mexico in 1983. He went on to receive a Master of Science degree in Leadership from the University of Texas at El Paso. Captain Quintana earned his commission through the Navy's Direct Commissioning Officer Program in 1993 and completed the Basic Qualification Course at the Navy Supply Corps School in 1995.

From 2005 to 2006, Captain Quintana served in Kuwait and Iraq as Charlie Company Commander for Navy Customs Battalion Papa. In 2007, he served as Interim Fuels Officer at FLC Pearl Harbor, responding to a large fuel spill. From 2008 to 2011, Captain Quintana became the only Navy Officer ever assigned as Command Inspector General of Joint Task Force North at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. He then served with the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan from 2012 to 2013, where he was Officer-in-Charge of the In-Transit Visibility Cell. In this role, he was tasked with transporting over \$2 billion worth of vehicles and ammunition to locations throughout Afghanistan.

Captain Quintana's distinguished career has earned him a multitude of honors including the Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Captain Joseph O. Quintana on his well-deserved retirement and thank him for his career of distinguished service to our country.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HEALTH
CENTER WEEK TO CELEBRATE
THE LEGACY OF AMERICA'S
HEALTH CENTERS AND RECOG-
NIZE THEIR VITAL ROLE IN
SHAPING THE PAST, PRESENT,
AND FUTURE OF AMERICA'S
HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

HON. NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, Whereas for over 50 years, community health centers have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care in our Nation's underserved communities, delivering value to, and having a significant impact on, America's health care system;

Whereas as the country's largest primary care network, health centers are the health care home for 27,000,000 Americans in over 10,000 communities across the Nation, and 1 in every 12 people in the United States gets his or her care in a health center;

Whereas health centers are a critical element of the health system, serving both rural and urban populations, and often providing the only accessible and dependable source of primary care in their communities;

Whereas nationwide, health centers serve 1 in every 6 residents of rural areas; Whereas every day, health centers develop new approaches to integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care, including oral health, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services, to meet the needs and challenges of their communities;

Whereas health centers are governed by patient-majority boards, ensuring that the patients of each health center are engaged in their own health care decisions;

Whereas health centers are locally owned and operated small businesses that serve as critical economic engines, helping to power local economies by generating \$45,600,000,000 in economic impact in some of the country's most economically deprived communities;

Whereas health centers nationally employ more than 200,000 people, including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and certified nurse midwives who work as part of multidisciplinary clinical teams designed to treat the whole patient;

Whereas the health center model continues to prove an effective means of overcoming barriers to health care access, including geography, income, and insurance status, and in doing so, improves health care outcomes and reduces health care system costs;

Whereas health centers reduce overall costs of care by helping manage patients' chronic conditions, which keeps them out of costlier health care settings like hospital emergency rooms;

Whereas health centers are on the frontlines of emerging health care crises, providing access to care for our Nation's veterans, addressing the opioid epidemic, and responding to public health threats in the wake of natural disasters;

Whereas National Health Center Week is an annual celebration that will be held from August 12, 2018, through August 18, 2018;

Whereas National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize America's nearly 1,400 health center organizations with over 10,400 service delivery sites, their dedicated staff, board members, patients, and all those responsible for their continued success and growth since the first health centers opened their doors more than 50 years ago; and

Whereas during National Health Center Week, we celebrate the legacy of America's health centers, and their vital role in shaping the past, present, and future of America's health care system.

Now Therefore that the House of Representatives recognizes the week of August 12–18th as National Health Center Week; and

Encourages all Americans to take part in this week by visiting their local health center and celebrating the important partnership between America's health centers and the communities they serve.