

Fleet Marine Force Combat Officer, and many more titles, it is safe to say, LCDR McNew is an expert in Naval combat operations, quite possibly all over the world.

It is no surprise that McNew advanced ranks from E-1 to E-8 to O-4 between 1989 and 2015. He took part in 27 Operations, including Hurricanes Andrew and Katrina, Desert Fox, Desert Shield, and Desert Storm, Operations Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom, as well as the Piracy Patrols in Somalia, among many others.

His exemplary leadership, throughout the nearly 30 years of Naval service, has contributed greatly to the security of the United States, and our global community, as well as his fellow military brothers and sisters. It is an honor to recognize Lieutenant Commander Jerry McNew upon the occasion of his U.S. Navy retirement.

HONORING MICHAEL CIAFARDONI
OF THE 803RD TANK DESTROYER
BATTALION

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the passing of a great man from California's first district, Michael Ciafardoni, Sr., who died at the age of 94. Born in Nepezzano, Italy, Michael immigrated to America in 1939 and was soon called upon just a few years later to serve his new country in the Second World War.

Although he was not yet a United States citizen, he fulfilled his civic duty nonetheless and served in the U.S. Army in WWII as a member of the 803rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, Recon Company, as a heavy machine gunner. He was the last surviving member of his company. Along the way, Michael experienced all that the European Theatre had to offer. He earned five bronze battle stars for fighting in some of the most consequential battles of the war, including the Normandy Invasion and the Battle of the Bulge.

Despite this impressive record, Michael insisted his proudest wartime experience was not any of those major engagements, but rather, the liberation of a small town in Czechoslovakia near the end of the war. Jewish prisoners were being held in the town of Volary, where they awaited transfer to the Nazi concentration camp. Fortunately, Michael and his company got there first—and they liberated them. To the people of Volary, these men were heroes.

When the 803rd was leaving town a few days later, they were ambushed by German soldiers. Private Charles Havlat, riding in the tank directly in front of Michael, was caught in the crossfire. The Germans unconditionally surrendered merely hours later. Charles was the last soldier killed in Europe. To this day, the town holds an annual celebration to pay tribute to the American soldiers who risked their lives to free them, and to Charles Havlat, who made the ultimate sacrifice.

I'm told that Michael's one wish was to be honored for his wartime service in Europe. That is a wish that I could not be happier to fulfill right here on the House floor in the United States Capitol. Amazingly, Michael was

a war hero for a country that he wasn't even yet a citizen of. Thankfully, that didn't last long. In October of 1946, he earned U.S. citizenship for his exemplary service to his new country—his new home.

In 1960, he and his wife Micki moved to Southern California, before relocating to North San Juan in 1983 to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Like any true American, Michael was immensely proud to be here and ready to fight for his country without hesitation. Many people today could learn a lot from a guy like Michael. Before he died, he asked to see his Certificate of Naturalization, which brought a proud smile to his face.

The simple fact is, Michael was as American as any among us, and all who knew him were better off for it. He truly lived a life worth living and he made his family and his country proud. May he rest in peace. God Bless.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF TYSONS CORNER CENTER

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of Tysons Corner Center and to celebrate the opening of a new art exhibit which will showcase the journey this location has experienced over the last half-century. Truly, no area in the 11th Congressional District or in the Commonwealth of Virginia has had a more transformative impact on the regional or statewide economy than Tysons.

In the 1950's, Tysons Corner consisted of a single intersection and was surrounded by a few small stores and a fruit stand operated by William Tyson, for whom the area is named. It was a rural area; in fact, Fairfax County was considered the dairy capital of the Commonwealth of Virginia. However, this bucolic life was soon to be transformed when in 1962, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the construction of a new shopping center originally called Tysons Corner Shopping Center. At the time of its opening, Tysons Corner Center was the largest enclosed mall in the world, and to this day, remains the largest shopping mall in Virginia and in the Baltimore-Washington area. Today, Tysons Corner Center is one of the 10 largest malls in the United States and consists of more than 2.1 million square feet, 16 movie screens, and more than 300 retail stores, eateries, and restaurants. Even the most optimistic among us could not have foreseen what that decision would bring to Tysons, to Fairfax County and to Northern Virginia as a whole. It was the beginning of Tysons' transformation into the thriving urban center that it is today. Tysons has grown to become the economic engine of Fairfax County and by extension, of the entire state.

This transformation continues through to today and will continue for decades into the future. Following the success of Tysons Corner Center, the area surrounding the mall began attracting large businesses and employers. Sadly, the infrastructure and overall planning to manage this unprecedented growth lagged far behind. In 2011, there were

105,000 jobs in Tysons, but only 17,000 residents.

Recognizing the tremendous growth that was underway and the challenges it created, I convened a task force as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to develop a plan to harness that transformative energy and direct it towards the creation of a new, transit-oriented development and thriving urban community. The Comprehensive Plan that we developed calls for 200,000 jobs and 100,000 permanent residents and a key element of this plan was the creation of the Silver Line, which would finally deliver a permanent rail link between our area's major international airport and downtown Washington, D.C. Phase 1 of this project was completed in 2014 and the ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the new Metro station for Tysons Corner Center.

Another focus of the Tysons plan, in addition to encouraging transit-oriented development, was a renewed focus on public art in this urban space. I am therefore very pleased that Tysons Corner Center has elected to install an art exhibit featuring local artists to celebrate this golden anniversary. The work begun by Tysons Corner Center fifty years ago continues to this day and I trust that this location will remain a fixture of Fairfax County and of Northern Virginia for another half-century.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in once again congratulating Tysons Corner Center on its 50th anniversary and in extending my thanks to those visionaries, developers, planners, and their partners in the public and private sectors who have worked so diligently to make the success of the last fifty years possible. I also wish to thank the Macerich Corporation and the Lerner Group, who have been steadfast and invaluable partners throughout the development process. I thank them for their immense contributions to our community and wish them continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF ACI
SOLUTIONS

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commendation of ACI Solutions on their recognition as a 2018 Top 100 Minority Business Enterprise by the Capital Region Minority Supplier Development Council. ACI Solutions is a managed IT services provider and network security firm with a US headquarters based in Arlington, Virginia.

The Top 100 MBE awards recognize the accomplishments of minority entrepreneurs in the Capital Region that energize the region's economy through innovation and commitment. I am pleased to congratulate ACI Solutions CEO Nasra Abdi and her team on their receipt of this award and applaud them in their efforts as leaders in cyber security services, business IT support, managed services and unified communications.

This award demonstrates ACI Solutions' dedication to excellence in IT services, and also recognizes the efforts of the ACI team in pursuing the American dream. They have worked hard, overcome obstacles and stand

today as fixtures in the Capital Area for making important contributions to commerce and serving their clients well.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing ACI Solutions' dedicated efforts as a Minority Business Enterprise, and their excellence in their field. An admirable example of leadership and devotion, and an outstanding cornerstone of our community, I commend ACI Solutions on their accomplishments and wish them further success as they continue to serve our area. On behalf of America's First District, we say congratulations.

RECOGNIZING STATE
REPRESENTATIVE TIM BROWN

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of a good friend, and tremendous public servant, State Representative Tim Brown, who was severely injured in a recent motorcycle crash.

I had the pleasure of getting to know Doc Brown, a retired emergency room physician, during our time in the Indiana General Assembly.

I know firsthand that Doc Brown is a wise and humble man with a great sense of humor and the common sense to never take himself, or his important work, too seriously.

He's represented Hoosiers in the House since 1994 and, as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, he is a big reason why our state's fiscal health has become a model for the rest of the country.

But more than that, Doc Brown is good man who has dedicated his life to serving his fellow Hoosiers with kindness and compassion.

My family and I, along with all Hoosiers, continue to keep Doc Brown in our prayers and wish him a safe and speedy recovery.

RECOGNIZING THE BURKE CENTRE
CONSERVANCY BOARD OF
TRUSTEES 500TH MEETING

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Burke Centre Conservancy Board of Trustees on the occasion of their 500th meeting. Incorporated in June 1976, the Burke Centre Conservancy manages this planned community of 5,862 residences divided into five neighborhoods of 65 clusters. All told, Burke Centre sits on approximately 1,700 acres and includes more than 30 miles of paths, 6 ponds and one lake, 6 community centers, 5 pools, tennis courts, and a baseball field. There is truly something for everyone at Burke Centre. I always look forward to attending the premier Burke Centre event—the annual Burke Centre Festival—which is hosted by the Conservancy and celebrated its 40th anniversary last year.

The history of Burke Centre can be traced back to the 1700's. It has fallen to the leadership of the Board of Trustees to balance this

rich history with the development of a thriving community, always taking into consideration environmental preservation and enhanced amenities for Burke Centre residents. As someone who got his start in public service as president of a local civic association, I can attest to the importance of getting involved and also to the responsibility that is borne by the association's leadership to guide the community and ensure that all decisions are in the best interest of those affected and the community as a whole. I commend the Burke Centre Conservancy Board of Trustees for carrying out their mission with integrity and transparency.

I am honored to include in the RECORD the names of the Executive Director of the Burke Centre Conservancy and the members of the Board of Trustees who will preside over this historic meeting:

Conservancy Executive Director: Patrick Gloyd; President: Marc Flaster (Commons Trustee); Vice-President: Brian Engler (At-Large Trustee); Secretary: Lee Schmidt (Ponds Trustee); Treasurer: Brenda Trask (Woods Trustee); John Mills-Hearne (Landings Trustee); Karen Anthony (Oaks Trustee); Phil Pool (At-Large Trustee).

In Fairfax County and in Northern Virginia as a whole, we are fortunate to have a strong tradition of civic engagement. The membership of the Burke Centre Conservancy Board of Trustees is a shining example of that tradition. They are also proof that this tradition is especially strong in Burke Centre.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Burke Centre Conservancy Board of Trustees for their ongoing dedication to the betterment of their community. This milestone being celebrated is a direct result of that dedication and I have no doubt that this commitment will continue. I thank them for their service to their community and wish them and Burke Centre continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF GUIDO HIBDON

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the magnificent life of Guido Hibdon, who was a resident of Sunrise Beach, Missouri, legendary fisherman and a great friend to many.

Guido was born a third-generation angler on July 10, 1946. He loved fishing so much that at the age of 13 he began guiding on the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri. His storied career began when a Bassmasters tournament was scheduled to be held on the Lake of the Ozarks in 1980. His family and friends convinced Guido to take a shot at testing his skills against the tournament professionals, including legends Roland Martin, Jimmy Houston and Rick Clunn. This led to the start of friendships with all these men, and a career of tournament fishing that lasted over three decades, which included winning numerous championships.

Guido valued his family above all else. His wife Stella, daughter Dotty and two sons, Chuck and Dion, along with the whole ex-

tended family, were always his most faithful cheerleaders. Guido's example inspired many to take up the sport of fishing, including his son Dion, who won the Bassmasters Classic in 1997. This made the pair the only father and son to win this tournament and earned them the title, "The First Family of Bass Fishing."

In 2001, Guido was inducted into the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame, a fitting honor to a tremendous man. His passion for fishing and being on the water never faded, even after an illness forced him into retirement in 2015.

Guido exemplified the finest qualities that a person could possess. His hard work and dedication to everything he held dear, and his treatment of others was indeed commendable. His daughter Dotty said it best, "To say that he was a kind and generous man would be an understatement. He was humble and gentle with all, but still very stern and deep in treating people with dignity and respect. No matter who you were or where you came from, he gave you his time and attention."

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have known Guido as a friend and fellow angler. I join his family, friends and the entire bass fishing community in grieving his loss and honoring his lifetime of accomplishments and service to bass fishermen everywhere.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT B. PRESLEY

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to former California State Senator and Riverside County icon Robert B. Presley, who passed away on Saturday, September 22, 2018. Bob served the people of California and Riverside County in many ways throughout his life and he will be deeply missed.

Bob was born in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, to Doyle and Ann Presley, on December 4, 1924. He joined the U.S. Army at the age of 18 and was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action while serving with the Fifth Army in Italy during World War II. After attending college at Riverside Community College and the University of California, Riverside, Bob joined the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, where he would have a 24-year career. Early in his career at the Sheriff's Department, Presley was known as Riverside County's top homicide investigator. In the second half of his career with the department, Bob served as Riverside County Undersheriff to long-time Sheriff Ben Clark.

Following his law enforcement career, Bob entered the world of politics and was elected to the State Senate in 1974, where he served as a Democrat representing both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties until 1994. Over the years, Bob worked on many different pieces of legislation and helped fund a number of important programs and projects as the Chairman of the California Senate Appropriations Committee. Bob was an especially impactful advocate for the environment, prison expansion and reform, and victims of domestic violence. Thanks to Bob's efforts, the state established the first shelters to protect battered women and children. After retiring from the