

cameras and lock our doors just to go to another room to do laundry in case someone decides to enter your house. Just last week a woman was outside yelling at a parked car about her situation. We had to hide in the house and be quiet because she might jump the fence and harm us if we were too noisy. I have boys. They are active. We have to modify our lives and have done for years. No playing out front without supervision. They are now 10 and 13. How sad to have lost part of their childhood. The workers talk very loudly about the residents and their private health problems right outside my door. They have special drivers that deliver some of the residents like they are at a hotel. Staff and residents are constantly changing, and they are not locals. How many of your neighbors move in and out daily? It's unnerving.

DIANE BABCOCK,
Laguna Beach, California.

I was driving home from getting breakfast at 6 a.m. on a Sunday morning. As I was stopped at a light I could see a young man in the area of a Bank of America shooting up drugs. I drove over to him and yelled at him to put that down and to stop doing drugs in public where kids can see him. He immediately put down whatever he was doing. I asked if he was hungry and he said he was. I gave him half of my sandwich. I asked him why he was out here and doing this. He said he went home and was high and they kicked him out of his sober living house a few days ago. They always end up on the streets if they fail their program. I've seen several times where sober living is failing these people and they seem to be worse off than when they lived around their family and friends and now have no way to get back home.

ADA THORNTON,
Costa Mesa, California.

Yes, there are problems with facilities that are not licensed. There are many that are though and are trying to help these people. I work at a facility in Huntington Beach, we are licensed with the state and certified with the Joint Commission. I'm the program director and deal mostly with our licensing. The problem with local governments that I've seen attempting to deal with the "problem" is that they try and shut down all the facilities, even the good ones trying to actually help. If the good facilities are forced to move out of neighborhoods, where would we go? Industrial areas aren't zoned to have people living there and the cost of having to lease a building and construct it to accommodate living facilities would put us out of business and other good facilities as well, meaning lots of people losing their jobs. There are many levels of care in the treatment process and the "sober living" you speak of is actually the lowest level of care, IOP, or a sober living is also just a house that's rented out by people that are sober and aren't actually affiliated with any kind of treatment program. Again, I think this bill would adversely affect the facilities that are trying to do the right things and help these people. IOP "sober living" does not require any licensing or certifications so they aren't held to any standards of conduct. Residential detox and RTC levels of care are. There needs to be a distinction between these in the bill. Unlicensed verses licensed.

JOSH JUROE,
Fountain Valley, California.

I'm writing regarding the sober living tragedy that is plaguing our community. My family and I live in Huntington Beach, CA

aka "Rehab Riviera" and this is a direct result of unethical body brokering into many sober living homes and rehab recovery centers throughout Huntington Beach.

Prior to this new generation of entrepreneurs focusing on the sick, weak, drug and alcohol addicted, this community was like a Mayberry at the beach. Now, our community has become a toxic waste of drug needles on the streets and across the beaches, zombie like drug addicted sober living tenants roaming at all hours of the night, burglaries, harassment, fear to go to our local parks due to drug deals and paraphernalia being constantly discovered and baggies of drugs being left to be picked up and handed to me by my children in the local grocery store parking lot.

This is a disgrace to our community and the situation is not be addressed by our local law enforcement. I personally have had several negative experiences with the tenants of the sober living homes, the recovery centers and those that decided to leave the unhealthy environments and live on the streets of Huntington Beach. The police have been called and they catch and release those that are clearly intoxicated with paraphernalia on them but "not enough" to arrest the person. My kids have picked up drug baggies and pointed at dirty needles and ran home from the parks due to the amount of "left by the wayside dropouts" from the recovery centers and sober livings residing at the parks. Deaths have occurred in the sober livings and my children's classmates have witness the deceased being rolled out and into ambulances. And to top it off, Wavelengths Recovery Center is based on Main Street and the owner, Warren Boyd along with his employees and "patients" cloak the street bringing their riffraff, along with foul language, smoking and hanging about in groups of at least 10 along Main Street, while they watch their new multimillion dollar facility being built on the corner of Main and Orange.

Is this what we want to show our children as a way of life, is this what the tax payers are wanting in their community? The answer is no! Wavelengths continues to buy up historical properties just to tear them down and build multi-roomed homes to maximize capacity for cash flow. It's unethical and when the fire marshal shows up to check the facility they are tipped off and take the overstock of people are relocate them temporarily or on a field trip in one of the many white vans that cruise through town aka "druggie buggies".

Or we can touch on the fraudulent activities that are being handled between the insurance companies and these facilities. What are you going to do to protect our families and put a stop to these heinous acts that are plaguing this community and many others around Southern California? The amount of money that is being made off the transactions between recovery centers, sober livings and privately owned detoxes is astronomical and unacceptable. And has become a misrepresented solution for those addicted.

I have many years of sobriety and once upon a time there was a chance to have the freedom I have today. For those that choose these facilities as a solution, there is a slim chance to stay sober. Our local politicians and law enforcement are not addressing this situation with any urgency and that is why I'm expecting you to take action on a larger scale. Please help us to restore safety to our community and remove these facilities.

Thank you,

ROBIN GRISHAM,
Huntington Beach, California.

We live kitty corner to a sober living house. We are constantly hearing dogs barking all night long. Several attempts were made with the manager to solve this issue however the dogs continue to bark. The residents of the facility are still using drugs as they were found at the school as well as selling drugs across the street from the middle school. That particular incident led to the police being called. The suspects ran through several backyards and tried to break into a house down the street. After this incident many residents including children are scared to sleep in their own homes and are seriously considering on moving. There are many children and elderly people in this area who are easy prey to drug dealers and users. I have been living here for 16 years and I am shocked that this type of thing is happening in my backyard. Not only has my sleep suffered I am having trouble concentrating at work. I am afraid for my special needs son's safety because the suspect ran through our backyard. If this continues people can get hurt or lose their lives if it escalates. Please help us stop the sober living houses from spreading. It is a scam. It doesn't help the people who are addicted. It allows them a safe place to continue to abuse drugs while stealing from the insurance companies to pay for treatment. These sober living houses only make the owner rich while exploiting those who need help.

JENNIFER SHIELDS,
Huntington Beach, California.

TRIBUTE TO DR. FERNANDO I. RIVERA

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor Dr. Fernando I. Rivera as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Hispanic Heritage Month. Dr. Fernando I. Rivera is an Associate Professor of Sociology, Interim Assistant Vice-Provost for Faculty Excellence, and Director of the Puerto Rico Research Hub at the University of Central Florida.

His research interests and activities are in the sociology of health/medical sociology, disasters, and race and ethnicity.

His published work has investigated how different mechanisms are related to certain health and mental health outcomes with a particular emphasis on Latino populations.

Dr. Rivera's disaster research has explored the investigation of factors associated with disaster resilience and restoration and resilience in coupled human-natural systems. Other publications have investigated the Puerto Rican diaspora in Florida.

He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and his B.A. degree in sociology from the University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez.

He also completed a National Institute of Mental Health sponsored post-doctoral fellowship at the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research at Rutgers University.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE
100TH BIRTHDAY OF EDWARD G.
BUNTING, SR.

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation in recognition of the one hundredth birthday of Mr. Edward G. Bunting, Sr.

Whereas, Mr. Edward G. Bunting, Sr. celebrated his one hundredth birthday on July 2, 2018;

Whereas, Mr. Bunting valiantly served our country in the United States Air Force Reserves from 1946 to 1950, and embarked on a successful business career at Germantown Savings Bank for thirty-six years;

Whereas, Mr. Bunting, his late wife Elizabeth, and children Daniel, David, and Edward, Jr., have contributed substantially to our community; now, therefore, do I, Congressman BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK of Pennsylvania, proudly recognize Mr. Edward G. Bunting, Jr., on the year of his one hundredth birthday celebration, and honor his remarkable accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING FRANKLIN
HIGH SCHOOL ON WINNING THE
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MOCK
TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Franklin High School's Mock Trial team on winning the 2018 National High School Mock Trial Championship.

The 2018 championships saw teams from high schools all across the country. Passionate students from over 40 states, the Mariana Islands, Guam, and South Korea met in Nevada, and presented their meticulously crafted legal arguments to a judge in hopes of convincing a jury to sympathize with their side.

These students prepare for weeks in advance to put together their case and, given the importance of the justice system, it is encouraging to see teenagers show such enthusiasm to participate in it. Having worked as a prosecutor myself, I know the amount of preparation that is needed to effectively present your argument. The fact that these students have been nationally recognized for their ability to do so speaks to the bright future ahead of them.

This is the third time a mock trial team from Washington State has earned the national title—two of those times have been Franklin High School. I have no doubt that these students all have promising careers to look forward to.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Franklin High School's extraordinary achievement, and its students for their dedication to the legal system.

HONORING THE LIFE OF
REVEREND SAMUEL JOSEPH MAY

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Reverend Samuel Joseph May, who served as the second minister of the Unitarian Church of the Messiah in Syracuse from 1845 to 1868. Reverend May spent his career championing prevalent social issues in the 19th century, including abolitionism, women's rights and education reform. For his advocacy of abolition, Reverend May was inducted into the National Abolition Hall of Fame in October 2018.

Samuel Joseph May was born on September 12, 1797 in Boston, Massachusetts. Following an incident that caused the death of his older brother, May decided to devote his life to God. He graduated from Harvard Divinity School in 1820 and became a Unitarian minister in Connecticut. Reverend May was the only Unitarian minister in Connecticut and this propelled him to the forefront of the Unitarian movement. Throughout the 1820's, Reverend May spread the Unitarian message with lectures and publications, such as the *The Liberal Christian*. His broader goal during this time was to create a more peaceful society and reform the education system.

In 1830, Reverend May was inspired to join the abolitionist movement after meeting William Lloyd Garrison. He began working with several anti-slavery organizations, striving to create racial equality and improve education in schools throughout New England. In 1845, after 15 years of advocacy in the abolitionist movement, Reverend May settled in Syracuse and became the pastor at the Unitarian Church of the Messiah.

Reverend May was extensively involved in aiding escaped slaves along the Underground Railroad after joining the Syracuse community. Most notably, he assisted in the rescue of a slave named William Henry who had been captured by local authorities. His efforts were ultimately successful and William Henry became a free man. Also while living in Syracuse, May increased his advocacy for women's rights and suffrage. His piece *The Rights and Condition of Women* spoke of struggles women faced in the 19th century, most notably the lack of women's voting rights. On July 1, 1871, Samuel Joseph May passed away at the age of 73.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in celebrating the work of Reverend Samuel Joseph May. His efforts to free our world from the evils of slavery and create a more equal society set an outstanding example for all our communities. I congratulate Reverend May on his induction into the National Abolition Hall of Fame and applaud the efforts of all freedom fighters, past and present.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF
SERGEANT (RET.) RICHARD TAY-
LOR

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today alongside my colleague, DAVID VALADAO, to honor Mr. Richard "Dick" Taylor, a community leader from Bakersfield, California. Mr. Taylor retired this year from his position as the Director of the Kern County Veterans Service Department following a lifelong career of service to his community and nation.

Born and raised in Bakersfield, Dick attended East Bakersfield High School and Bakersfield College. Throughout his youth, he had a keen interest in the Armed Services and serving his nation, which pushed him to join the United States Marine Corps. During his military service, Dick served around the world, with deployments in South America and around the Mediterranean Sea. Additionally, he served as a sergeant in several infantry units with the First Marine Division, with the 1st Battalion 5th Marines and 2nd Battalion 5th Marines, serving as a Section Leader in an 81mm Mortar Platoon, then as the Battalion Armorer. Prior to leaving the Marines with an honorable discharge, Dick received many medals over his career of service, including the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and Sea Service Deployment ribbon.

Upon returning to Bakersfield, Dick quickly re-immersed himself in the community he called home, working at his family's Goodyear dealership, which he operated as President and General Manager for 27 years. Dick also got involved in matters impacting the state and county, serving as a delegate to the California Republican Party and also as a Field Representative for the California Off-Road Vehicle Association. He played a key role in establishing neighborhood watches across Kern County by partnering with the Kern County Sheriffs Department to deliver presentations to communities. For six years, Dick continued his service to our community by working as a Field Representative for Kern County Supervisor Mike Maggard. Today, Dick continues to serve as one of Kern County's Liaison Representatives for the Devil Pups Youth Program for America, where he counsels and trains Kern County's youth in moral and ethical citizenry.

Despite his many accomplishments, Dick is best known in town for his dedication to helping the veterans of Kern County. As the Kern County Veterans Service Officer, Dick worked each day to promote and honor all veterans, connecting Kern County's approximately 47,000 local veteran heroes with the resources and services they fought and sacrificed so much for. He is a happy warrior with a tireless work ethic, and his passion for our community's veterans extends far beyond his desk at the Kern County Veterans Service Department. It is not uncommon to see Dick throughout Kern County supporting causes and organizations, such as Kern County Honor Flight, the Veterans History Project, and the Wounded Heroes Project. His efforts have directly made the Kern community a better, more supportive place for veterans to live.