

stake. He fought passionately for what he believed in, regularly taking a large number of cases pro bono, and sometimes putting his own money into cases he was defending, simply because he believed that an injustice had been done. Mr. Cohen was one of the pioneers in fighting his clients' cases outside the courtroom, especially when odds seemed stacked against them. For example, when Steven and Marlene Aisenberg were the only suspects in the disappearance of their 5-month-old baby, Mr. Cohen's defense included an appearance on Larry King Live. Charges were later dropped, and Mr. Cohen won the couple \$3 million in legal fees.

Mr. Cohen dedicated his expertise and resources to make a difference in the lives of so many in our community and by doing so enlightened our community and challenged us all to do better. It is no wonder so many put themselves in his hands to defend their life, liberty or protect the financial future of their family. He was a man who would work tirelessly—weekends, nights and holidays—whatever it took, to provide a voice to the voiceless. He believed that no one, regardless of position or wealth, was more entitled to justice than anyone else. His selfless service earned him a special place in our community and he will be greatly missed. Mr. Cohen is survived by his wife, Barbara, and their son, Barry Alexander Cohen, children, Geena Zaslavsky, Steven Cohen, Kevin Cohen; and his sister, Cynthia Cohen Wright, his brothers by marriage, Stanley Wright and Les Barnett. He was recently predeceased by his sister, Hope Barnett.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Tampa Bay community, we thank Barry Cohen for his lifelong respect and dignity leveling the playing field. He will always be remembered as a true champion for justice and the working people of Tampa Bay.

WILL KELLER, MOLINA  
HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY  
CHAMPION

### HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2018*

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Will Keller of Omak for receiving Molina Healthcare's Community Champion Award.

Every year, Molina Healthcare recognizes community members who go above and beyond in their service and volunteerism. Will Keller is an exemplary Community Champion.

His friends and neighbors will tell you that he is always willing to lend a helping hand. He was instrumental in building and opening a homeless shelter in Okanogan County that will be able to provide year-round services to those who need them.

Will recently lost his wife, which is absolutely devastating for anyone to experience. However, he used her passing as inspiration to give back even more to his community. He hosted a yard sale to raise funds for the homeless shelter, and he built a prayer room for local church meetings.

His coworker, Cathy, states it best: Will doesn't go out to volunteer; he is the essence of volunteerism. He is extremely deserving of Molina's Community Champion Award.

I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his service to Central Washington.

### HONORING WILLIAM HUMMER

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2018*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize William Hummer. William is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 60, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Will has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Will has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Will has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Will developed a plan for placement of eight fitness stations along a community walking trail in Duncan Park in Savannah, Missouri. He organized fundraising along with the donations of several local businesses and raised the funds necessary for the installation of the all access fitness stations.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending William Hummer for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

SALUTING BROOKLYN CHINESE-  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION'S  
EIGHTH AVENUE SENIOR CENTER

### HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2018*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Brooklyn Chinese-American Association's Eighth Avenue Senior Center on the milestone of twenty-five years of service to Brooklyn's senior community.

For seniors living in the Sunset Park, Borough Park and Bay Ridge communities of Brooklyn, the Center provides life-changing services such as daily meals, medical check-ups and screenings as well as educational workshops. On an average day, the Center offers services to over 250 seniors and has memberships of over 5,000 seniors.

As a part of this cherished celebration, the Center will host their Annual Millennial Roundtables, which places 12 seniors, aged 84 or older, at each table, making up a combined age of over 1,000 years.

I would like to express my profound appreciation to all the staff and community at BCA's Eighth Avenue Senior Center. We are all proud of the work this community hub has accomplished over the last twenty-five years. My best wishes for a successful event.

RECOGNIZING TRISTAN RE SHAR  
BREAUX

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2018*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in recognizing Tristan Re Shar Breaux, who has served as my District Director for the last four years. During this time, Tristan has proven himself to be a committed and valuable member of my staff. He was dedicated to the work that our office provides to our more than 700,000 residents. On September 30th, Tristan departed my office to serve as the new Director of Policy for the National Housing Conference. Tristan's passion for economic development, affordable housing, and fair investment in our low-income communities will be an asset to the organization and the country. His work ethic, humor, intelligence and compassion will surely be missed by his colleagues, the residents of the District of Columbia and especially my office.

Tristan, a native of Queens, New York, adopted D.C. upon his arrival. After serving the House Budget Committee; the United States Senate; various local, state and federal elected officials in Virginia, Tristan first joined my office as my Events Coordinator and led the development of my Black Men & Boys Commission & Caucus. His persistence to get the job done and his gracious demeanor made Tristan a pleasure to be around and work with.

Tristan's presence in my office and in the city will surely be missed and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Tristan R. Breaux for his outstanding service to the House of Representatives, my office and to the District of Columbia.

AMERICAN SOLDIER, SPECIALIST  
DONALD E. VALENTINE III

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, "The soldier is the Army," and "wars may be fought with weapons, but they are won by men." While we mourn those men who die, "We should thank God such men ever lived." These are the words of General George Patton in World War II.

One of those soldiers was Specialist Donald E. Valentine III of the United States Army. He was born in Houston, Texas, on March 5, 1986. Donald Valentine joined the United States Army because of the 9/11 attack on this country.

His mother Anna said, "My husband and I were behind Donald 100 percent. I was so proud of him no matter what he ever did. He made me very proud to be his mother." Those are the words from another of America's Gold Star Mothers.

I met Anna Valentine and many members of the Valentine family at the Veterans National Cemetery in Houston, where mothers like Anna, who had children killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, were being honored. We call those noble women Gold Star Mothers. Anna Valentine's son is buried on that hallowed ground of the fallen in Houston, Texas.

Specialist Valentine was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division of the Stryker Brigade Combat Team from Fort Lewis, Washington. Specialist Valentine was killed along with two other soldiers on September 18, 2007, in Muqdadiyah, Iraq, when an IED, an improvised explosive device, detonated near him.

Mr. Speaker, you understand the use of an IED by America's enemy is a coward's way of fighting the war. These enemies rant and rave and preach hate in the name of religion, but they cover their faces with masks and hide in caves and dark, dusty ditches. They are afraid to come out in the open and face the American soldier. So our enemy detonates remote-controlled bombs.

Specialist Donald Valentine III's military roots run deep. His father, Donald II, is a Navy veteran. His brother Daniel, who was 19 at the time, wanted to enlist to be with his brother Donald in Iraq. America owes much to families like the Valentines. Being from a military family, he moved around a lot as a child. He lived in Florida most of his life and also in Idaho, but wanted to be buried in "Big H," as he called Houston, Texas, because of many reasons. One of those reasons was because he spent so much time growing up with his grandparents who live in Houston.

Donald was married for one year to Lucia, who said "Donald had all the qualities any girl would want." She had talked to Donald on their first anniversary, 3 days before his death in Iraq. Specialist Valentine told his family that, "if he did not survive the war, they should stay strong." He was the 91st fallen service member with ties to the Houston area to have been killed in Iraq or Afghanistan.

A statement has been credited to one of Rome's centurions when he told his troops, "How you yet live will echo throughout eternity." Specialist Valentine lived a short but faithful life to the things that were important to him: family and country. He was 21 when he was killed.

Mr. Speaker, General George Patton was right about such warriors. We should thank God that such men as Specialist Donald Valentine III ever lived.

And that's just the way it is.

#### HONORING THE SALINAS CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

##### HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Salinas City Elementary School District on their 150th anniversary. SCESD has demonstrated great dedication to our community and invaluable service to children and families of the central coast of California.

Founded in 1868, the SCESD began with nine students and quickly expanded to accommodate the growing Salinas Valley. The district has provided a well-rounded education and a safe learning environment for generations of Central Coast families. Today, it provides free, high quality education to nearly nine thousand students at fourteen public schools.

The district's belief in public education as the foundation of democracy shapes their am-

bition to serve children of all backgrounds regardless of race, economic status, religion or ability. Further, it strives to engage parents and families to create a strong collaborative community to support the educational experiences of their children.

As a district, the SCESD has also made great strides in engaging students with twenty-first century technology. Students in grades third through sixth are assigned their own laptop to complete homework and class assignments, while kindergarten through second grade students use shared iPads to complement their learning experiences. Teachers are also empowered to use digital programs to accompany in-class instruction that has resulted in immense progress for their students.

Through steadfast effort and wise use of resources, the SCESD has facilitated upgrades to numerous school facilities. Seven school sites have recently expanded outdoor playgrounds, sustainability features, equipment and security systems to enhance the educational experiences of students. The SCESD has assuredly continued its tradition of pursuing projects that increase opportunity for the children of the Salinas Valley.

As the Salinas City Elementary School District celebrates its 150 years as a fundamental component of our community, I am proud to commend them on their continued service to the young scholars of the Central Coast. The schools and teachers within this district have undoubtedly created substantial impacts on the lives of our future leaders. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Salinas City Elementary School District on 150 years of excellence.

#### HONORING TATE RIGBY

##### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tate Rigby. Tate is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 404, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tate has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Tate has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Tate has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Tate partnered with the Missouri Department of Conservation for a trail project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Tate for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF MELVIN "CORKY" GILLIAM

##### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 12, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Melvin Gilliam. Mr. Gilliam is a Korean War veteran who served the United States of America honorably.

In 1952, Melvin "Corky" Gilliam said goodbye to his classmates at Chowchilla High and traveled to Fort Ord for induction into the U.S. Army.

Gilliam was designated as a rifleman, and within a short time, he landed at Pusan, Korea. The young private was assigned to the 40th Infantry Division, participating in the Korean War's major battles at Heartbreak Ridge, the Punchbowl, and Sand Bag Castle.

In the following months, the 40th was sent into action along the Main Line of Resistance (MLR) above the 38th Parallel at a place called Sand Bag Castle. The division engaged in heavy fighting, and Private Melvin Gilliam was wounded by shell fragments. While recovering at an aid station, it was discovered that he was only seventeen years old. He was sent to Japan to Camp Drake where he remained until his eighteenth birthday on 4 December 1952. After his return to Korea, Gilliam served as rifleman, carrying the Browning Automatic Rifle and worked as a radio operator with line units.

In July 1953 Gilliam boarded the merchant ship General Miggs for return to the U.S. For the remainder of his three-year enlistment, Gilliam served with the 2nd Division at Fort Lewis, Washington. While at Fort Lewis, his regiment was selected to star in the film "To Hell and Back," the true story of Audie Murphy, the most decorated soldier of World War II. Gilliam was able to meet the soldier-actor, and was honored to be part of the film, acting as a German rifleman. Before leaving active duty, Gilliam would also serve with the 7th Armored and the 44th Infantry Divisions.

Melvin Gilliam was discharged as a corporal and served five more years in the Army Reserve. For his service he was awarded the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Korean Service Medal with 3 bronze stars, United Nations Service Medal, ROK Presidential Unit Citation, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. To this day he is very proud to have served his country.

After release from active duty he returned to Chowchilla and worked as a dairyman and in trucking until his retirement. He and his late wife Loretta made their home in Chowchilla. He has four children, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He has been active in the community for more than a half-century as a member of the First Baptist Church, Life Member of Chowchilla VFW Post 9896, Life Member of American Legion Post 148, a member of the Military Order of the Cooties of the U.S., Lions Club International, Free and Accepted Masons of Chowchilla, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry—32nd Degree, Tehran Shriners, the Noble Nobles Club of Tehran Temple, and E Clampus Vitus.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the service of Melvin