

adults as they leave high school and enter the workforce to focus on job readiness, soft skills, goal setting, and self-sufficiency. Through this program, students gain a vision of the career they want along with the tools and confidence they need to pursue it. It has been Ms. Williams' vision that has allowed the organization to grow in its ability to serve young adults in Yolo County and make the biggest impact it can for students in the program. Her skilled, passionate, and dedicated approach to mentoring others has left a positive impact on countless individuals throughout her community.

HONORING SERGEANT MAJOR
PAUL COLLIER, U.S. ARMY

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the retirement of an outstanding military service member, Sergeant Major Paul L. Collier, Jr.

For 40 years, Collier has shown outstanding leadership, professionalism, and technical ability while serving in the Mississippi Army National Guard. Born in Wurzburg, Germany, Collier began his career at Camp Shelby, then Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Sergeant Major Collier will retire from service at Camp Shelby in his most recent role as Logistics Senior Supply Supervisor of the Joint Forces Training Center.

SGM Collier served at home and abroad with great distinction. Deployments included Panama, Italy, and South America, as well as Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

Highly decorated SGM Collier fully engaged in service, earning a collection of awards and decorations too numerous to mention. Among them are the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Armed Forces Service Medal.

Educational pursuits have been paramount to SGM Collier's successful military career. From the Sergeant Majors Academy, NCO courses, Army Combative Instructors Course, Airborne, Battle Skills, Basic Law Enforcement Academy, and Leadership Development, few soldiers rival SGM Collier's 40-year military education journey. In addition, he also holds a Bachelors' Degree in Business Management, and is an active member of VFW Post 3036—Hattiesburg, MSNCOA, and EANGUS, Association of Quartermasters, and the National Infantry Association. He is married to the former Paula Stuckey with whom he shares two sons and one daughter-in-law.

His numerous accomplishments and exemplary leadership reflect great credit upon our United States military. It is my honor and privilege to recognize Sergeant Major Paul L. Collier, Jr.

TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF STEVE
MOORE

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Steve Moore of San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department and his more than 30 years of outstanding service and commitment to public safety in our community.

Sheriff Moore grew up in Ventura, California. He began his journey into law enforcement as a police explorer at the early age of sixteen. In June 1972 he graduated from Huehene High School joining the Oxnard police department as a cadet from shortly thereafter. He then served in the Fresno County Sheriff's Department as a reserve deputy, starting in 1976.

In 1982, Sheriff Steve Moore joined the San Joaquin County Sheriff's office as a Deputy Sheriff. By 1986, he was sergeant in the custody training unit of San Joaquin County, a position he held until 1990. During his tenure, Moore has been in command of each of the major divisions in the County Sheriff's Office, including as a Sheriff's patrol area commander from 1999 to 2002. There he grew in his capacity as a leader, overseeing all private operations. In 2006, he put his considerable leadership skills to use and was elected Sheriff in San Joaquin County.

Sheriff Steve Moore earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology Law Enforcement California State University Fresno with a single-subject teaching credential. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy, 185th Session. He is a longtime board member and previously served as chairman on the California State Sheriff's Association Board of Directors for the Audit, budget, and finance committee. He is also a recipient of the Linden's Lions Club "Melvin Jones Fellowship Award" as well as the California Peace Officers Association's "Award of Distinction."

In addition to all of this, Sheriff Moore is an active community leader and volunteer. He served on the California Council for Interstate Adult Supervisions, as well as the California Department of Boating and Waterways Commission. Steve Moore and his wife Robyn have two children, their daughter Stephanie and son Gregory. Mr. Moore enjoys working, traveling, running, dining with friends, and, above all, spending time with his family.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Sheriff Steve Moore for his more than 30 years of service and outstanding contributions to San Joaquin County as well as our country.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PROTECTION FROM ALGAL TOXINS ACT

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to help address the grave threat posed to human health from ingestion of microcystin toxins. Four summers ago, a massive algal bloom exploded in western Lake Erie, which generated microcystin, a

cyanobacteria that can cause liver damage, nausea, headaches, and skin blemishes in humans, and is known to be lethal to pets. Just in the last few months, "do not drink" advisories due to microcystin were posted in Salem, Oregon and Rushville, New York.

As elected officials, our first priority must always be the safety and health of our constituents. In that vein, this bill moves to ensure microcystin will no longer be a public health threat.

This bill amends the Safe Drinking Water Act by specifying that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must make a final determination on a maximum contaminant level goal and to promulgate a national primary drinking water regulation for microcystin toxin. It demands the EPA does this before or by the time the next round of determinations is due, in 2021.

I commend the EPA's work to date to generate a strategic plan for dealing with algal toxins and for publishing an advisory for microcystin. The strategic plan and current health advisory that EPA already released are a good beginning point. But we need a finalized regulation for the dangerous microcystin that endangers Toledoans every summer with Lake Erie's recurring algal bloom problem.

In addition to the threat they pose to public health, this bacterium casts a huge economic shadow over our vital and beautiful coast. Toledo's Water Crisis cost the city government over \$200,000 in cleanup costs alone, not counting untold millions in lost business and ultimately lost tax revenue.

This concern is not isolated to Lake Erie. Millions of Americans across the country rely on drinking water from natural sources that are similarly threatened by increasing levels of nutrient runoff, and the resulting toxic algal growth. A recent study from USGS showed that algal toxins are present in over 1/3 of all lakes nationwide. Additionally, the EPA recognizes harmful algal blooms as a major environmental problem in all 50 states, with severe impacts on human health.

No one should ever have to worry whether the water coming from their tap is unclear or unsafe, no matter if you're in Toledo, Ohio; Flint, Michigan; Rushville, New York; Salem, Oregon, or anywhere else in America. This bill will make us all safer and I urge my colleagues to support it.

HONORING KATHERINE LADDISH
WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR
AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Katherine Laddish as a woman of the year. She is committed to serving Winters as an advocate, organizer, volunteer and committee volunteer. Demonstrating incredible dedication to her community, Kate Laddish is an inspiration in so many facets of life in Winters. She contributes to the community through volunteerism and contributes to the environment as a steward and a leader. She is an advocate for healthy communities, and as an In-Home Supportive Services advisory

committee volunteer member she inspired others to find their best selves in order to help those in need. Ms. Laddish has been an indispensable advocate for smoke-free, low-income housing and was successful in getting many low-income properties to go smoke-free. Outside of her public advocacy, Ms. Laddish has been a volunteer at The Palms Playhouse in various capacities since 2001; she also volunteers writing for the Winters Express as an Entertainment Correspondent. Despite facing a range of physical challenges, Ms. Laddish enjoys entertaining at local community events as a member of the Crawdads, a local jazz band ensemble. Playing such an involved role in her community's affairs has established her as a pillar of her community. Kate Laddish is generous, passionate, and dedicated to all the causes she devotes herself to. An inspiration to all who know her, Kate has a heart of service and exemplifies all the qualities of a consummate community activist and devoted public servant.

TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE FIRST
CLASS (PFC) JOHN CALVIN COL-
LINS

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor the life and legacy of Private First Class (PFC) John Calvin Collins, USA, who was the only Morehead City, North Carolina resident to be killed in action in the Vietnam War.

John Calvin Collins was born to John and Della Collins in Morehead City, NC on November 14, 1948. He was a product of the public school system and attended W.S. King High School up until his senior year. His final year, however, John was among the first African Americans to integrate West Carteret High School. An exceptional student athlete, he immediately received recognition in baseball and lettered in football. In addition to athletics, he was a member of Boy Scouts, Troop #118, where he acquired countless leadership skills. Following a successful year and transition to a new school, John graduated in May of 1967.

Shortly after graduation, John registered for the draft on September 15, 1967, and was soon drafted. PFC John Calvin Collins enlisted in the United States Army on October 18, 1967, and reported for active duty the very next day. He received his basic military training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and continued Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

The following spring, on May 24, 1968, PFC John Calvin Collins was killed in action as a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Air Cavalry Division, of the United States Army. Just a few short months after the Tet Offensive, PFC Collins became one of the 16,899 Americans in 1968 who paid the ultimate sacrifice. While he was tragically killed on May 24th, it was not until late August that the Army Casualty Notification Officer was able to notify the Collins family.

The military honors provided by the United States Army during the funeral services of PFC John Calvin Collins brought the Vietnam War up close and personal to the town of

Morehead City, North Carolina. During his short tenure as a Combat Infantryman, PFC Collins earned the following listed badge and medals: Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. A brave young man, words will never be able to express our gratitude.

Upon the 50th year of the anniversary of his passing, I would like to recognize PFC Collins' ultimate sacrifice to our great nation. PFC John Calvin Collins set an extraordinary example for all of us to follow through his service and sacrifice, and I am so very proud of this American. John Calvin Collins shall never be forgotten by those who knew him or the citizens of Morehead City.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 107TH
NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 107th National Day of Taiwan and its relationship with the United States.

The United States and Taiwan have enjoyed a prosperous relationship, with our two countries working together in support of enhanced security, trade, and economic prosperity. In 2017, Taiwan was ranked as the 11th largest trading partner of the United States and the 7th largest market for US agricultural products. Numerous jobs in the United States are supported by investment from Taiwan affiliates and by exports of U.S. goods and services to Taiwan. It is clear to me that, as we strengthen our relationship with Taiwan, we succeed in advancing United States interests.

People-to-people ties between citizens of the United States and of Taiwan form an important bond between the two nations. There are about 150 sister cities between the United States and Taiwan, connecting our two societies on a global level. In addition, travel for business and pleasure from Taiwan to the United States has increased 50 percent since Taiwan became a member of the U.S. Visa Waiver Program in November 2012. Additionally, Taiwanese students represent a significant demographic of international students studying in the United States.

The formational policies for the United States' relationship with Taiwan, the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances, were crafted almost four decades ago, and continue to be the foundation of this bilateral relationship. The people-to-people engagement and mutually beneficial commercial transactions are the mortar that fortifies the relationship. Today I remind my colleagues that we have a valuable ally in Taiwan.

TRIBUTE TO THE MARCO POLO
FESTIVAL

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to the Marco

Polo Festival, as it celebrates its 10th anniversary on October 20, 2018.

As a celebration of culture and heritage, the Marco Polo festivities around New York City remind us of the contributions of these two historical communities of immigrants and their joint history. Through the story of Marco Polo traversing the Silk Road, we can draw parallels to New York City's own vibrant history, including the shared experiences of Chinese and Italian immigrants coming to the U.S. and the establishment of a historic district celebrating both cultures.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Marco Polo Festival and its leadership, the Marco Polo Festival Committee and Two Bridges Neighborhood Council, on this special 10-year anniversary. These dedicated individuals exemplify outstanding leadership through their public service to the community. I wish the Marco Polo Festival continued success in many more years of service.

HONORING HEIDI SHELTON WITH
CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Heidi Shelton as woman of the year. She is a caring community advocate with a passion for providing resources to those in need. As the co-owner of NorCal Assets Solutions, a business founded, owned, and operated by women, Ms. Shelton is integral to providing seniors and families of the Yuba-Sutter area with information about a range of services, from Medicare planning and long-term care alternatives, to PG&E's Medical program, and safe retirement planning. Always willing to lend a helping hand, Ms. Shelton's history of service includes involvement with community groups such as United Way, the Alzheimer's Association, the Alliance for Hispanic Advancement, and the Salvation Army. She has also worked with 14 Forward, an organization that seeks to assist the homeless with temporary housing and can be seen regularly leading a variety of free workshops throughout the community. As a result of her diligent work and demonstrated ability, she has been a frequent recipient of awards for her service and ability to elicit effective outcomes for the seniors who seek out her expertise. Throughout her many years of service, Ms. Shelton has aided the people of Sutter County with fairness and dedication, proving her willingness and ability to provide quality and exceptional service.

HONORING EMMA HARTLEY, GULF
COAST HEART WALK WARRIOR

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 19, 2018

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an impressive Gulf Coast philanthropist, Miss Emma Hartley of Gulfport, Mississippi.

My district is nicknamed "Mississippi's Fighting Fourth," earned for Mississippi's spirit and