

Mr. Speaker, please join all of us in wishing Mrs. Winona Blohm a very Happy 100th Birthday. Best wishes for much happiness and health in the years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 80th Anniversary of the Housing Authority of the City of Brownsville (HACB), which has provided quality affordable housing for thousands of families and individuals in Brownsville.

HACB, created under the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, is dedicated to providing safe and affordable housing for those with low to moderate income. In 1939, with funding from the federal government, HACB constructed its first public housing development, a 150 unit family dwelling named Buena Vista. Since then, HACB has created thousands of units in our community, providing those most in need with access to quality affordable housing.

Through partnerships with non-profit organizations, including the Brownsville Housing Management Corporation, the Brownsville Housing Finance Corporation, and the Brownsville Housing Opportunity Corporation, HACB has successfully utilized federal and state resources to expand access to housing. This collaboration allowed HACB to begin construction this year on its 21st property.

In 1975, HACB's Housing Choice Voucher Program, commonly known as Section 8, was established to provide federal housing and assistance so that families could use their federal benefits to live in neighborhoods across the city. Today, HACB provides assistance for 2,582 families in Brownsville.

HACB is a driving force, providing high-quality affordable housing and creating the conditions necessary to empower our communities. Together, housing is a critical service that promotes health, safety, employment, upward mobility, and educational opportunities for South Texas families.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for the opportunity to honor and celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Housing Authority of the City of Brownsville. I proudly commend HACB's Board of Commissioners, Administration and Staff for their leadership and hard work helping our community and making a lasting positive impact in the lives of South Texans.

HONORING ARIS ANAGNOS

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Aris Anagnos, who passed away on July 23, 2018 at the age of 94. We will remember him for his tireless dedication to justice and humanitarianism.

Mr. Anagnos was born in Athens, Greece in 1923. As a young man during World War II,

he escaped Nazi occupation to serve in North Africa with the Greek Army, fighting alongside Allied Forces. Following the war, he made his way to Los Angeles, where he earned a degree in business administration from UCLA and went on to a successful career in real estate. Throughout his life, he remained dedicated to peace, justice, and civil rights both in his community and around the globe.

He served on the Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Southern California, including a term as President, and founded the Humanitarian Law Project/International Education Development Fund. He spearheaded philanthropic projects like the Saint Sophia Cathedral Foundation's Senior Citizen Home and served as a longtime board member and patron of People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), a nonprofit organization helping homeless individuals and families in California to find stable, permanent housing.

In response to the 1967 through 1974 military dictatorship in his home country, Mr. Anagnos and his late wife Carolyn organized the Committee for Democratic Freedoms in Greece, and went on to co-found the American Hellenic Council, a non-partisan political advocacy organization promoting democracy, human rights, peace, and stability in Southern Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean. Mr. Anagnos later established the Peace Center in Los Angeles, home to several peace and human rights organizations. His tireless efforts to make a lasting positive impact have touched the lives of countless individuals at home and abroad.

Mr. Anagnos leaves behind a remarkable legacy of philanthropy, activism, humanitarianism, and community service, and it is my honor to commemorate his life.

HONORING JACK RODACK

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a member of the community who this year is being recognized by the Northeast Jewish Center (NEJC) at their annual event, Mr. Jack Rodack.

Jack was born in the Tremont section of the Bronx to Aaron and Getrude. He grew up in Kingsbridge and attended public school at De Witt Clinton High School. After graduation from high school, he attended the Bronx campus of Hunter College with dreams of becoming either a history teacher or a pharmacist. However, Jack dropped out following his first year, and after serving in the military, he took a stab at clerical work with a finance company. This position inspired him to complete his formal education and so in 1976, he left a full-time job and enrolled in the Bronx campus of Fordham University's Business College. He graduated Cum Laude in 1979 with a double major in accounting and finance.

After graduation, Jack spent the first three years of his professional career in public accounting and then moved onto a commercial finance field examiner position with several major New York money center banks, launching a 31 year career from 1982 until his retirement in 2013.

Upon retiring, Jack cared for his elderly mother, who passed away in 2014. Addition-

ally, he now spends most of his time reading, managing his stock and bond portfolio, watching TV news programs and movies as well as enjoying his favorite pastimes of both coin and stamp collecting.

Jack's best times or what he would call his sunshine days are those spent at NEJC, whether it be for attending services or various holiday events, which he joined as a member in 2015. He hopes to continue to participate in the daily life of the wonderful, warm, most friendly and supportive NEJC synagogue for years to come.

NEJC has made a terrific choice honoring Jack as a Guest of Honor at this year's event. Congratulations to him on receiving this wonderful, well-deserved recognition.

HONORING LYN CALIENDO ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the many family, friends, and colleagues who have gathered to extend heartfelt congratulations to my dear friend, Lyn Caliendo, as she marks her retirement from Vinal Technical High School in Middletown, Connecticut. Lyn has spent her professional life as an educator and administrator having a profound impact on the thousands of students with whom she has worked.

I have often spoke of our nation's need for talented, creative educators who stand ready to help our children learn and grown. For so many years, Lyn has been just that kind of teacher. She has helped to shape the lives of countless young people, ensuring that they have a strong academic foundation on which to build their future success. Her hard work and imaginative spirit have earned her the respect and admiration of students and colleagues alike. I have no doubt that her presence will be missed in the halls of Vinal Tech.

Lyn's work as an educator extends beyond school walls as well. For many years, she has been deeply involved in helping to promote and expand the work of Discovery to Cure—an effort to provide women with new methods for the prevention, early detection and treatment of gynecologic cancers. The largest annual awareness and fundraising event hosted by Discovery to Cure is the Bev Levy Walk. Named after a dear friend who lost her battle with breast cancer, Lyn has helped to organize the event since its inception, spending untold hours ensuring the event's great success each year.

Though she will no longer be teaching at Vinal, Lyn does not know how not to work. In her retirement, she will teach part-time at Gateway Community College and holds an additional part-time position with Connecticut Open—continuing to indulge in two of her greatest passions, education and tennis. I have no doubt she will continue her efforts with Discovery to Cure and perhaps expand her volunteer efforts with other causes close to her heart. Lyn is a force of nature and I know she will continue her good work on behalf of others for many years to come.

It would be remiss if I did not extend a personal note of thanks to Lyn for her many

years of friendship and support. She has been a kindred spirit since we first met—she is more than a friend, she is family. I am grateful every day that she is always in my corner. Today, as she marks the end of one career and looks ahead to new opportunities, I am honored to stand and express my deepest thanks to Lyn Caliendo for her many invaluable contributions to our community. I wish her many more years of health and happiness as she embarks on this new chapter.

CONGRATULATING LTC(RET) NICHOLAS M. LAIACONA ON RECEIVING THE 2018 VETERAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate LTC(Ret) Nicholas Laiacona on receiving the 2018 Veteran of the Year Award.

Each year, the Friends of the NYS Military Museum and the Capitol District of NY Chapter, Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) recognize an outstanding veteran from the local community. This year's awardee, LTC Laiacona, has made distinguished contributions to his country as a soldier and to his community as a veteran.

After entering the Army in 1966, LTC Laiacona served in the Mekong Delta region of Vietnam as a Platoon Leader and Company Commander in the Mobile Riverine Force of the 9th Infantry Division. He would later fulfill a number of assignments as a member of the Army's Ordnance Corps, and was selected as one of the first officers in the Army Acquisition Corps in 1985. By the end of his 24 years of service, LTC Laiacona had received numerous awards and decorations, among them the Purple Heart and Vietnam Service Medal with 4 stars.

LTC Laiacona's service to his country did not end with his retirement from the Army in 1991. His expertise has supported the work of the U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, and he remains actively involved in several Veterans organizations, including the AUSA, where he formerly served as President of the Capital District Chapter and currently serves on its Executive Committee.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I want to congratulate LTC(Ret) Nicholas Laiacona on his well-deserved award of 2018 Veteran of the Year. We are thankful for his service and dedication to both his country and community.

HONORING ANNA SUTTON WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anna Sutton as a woman of the year. She is a healthcare professional who has dedicated her career to the care of mothers and children. From her work as a school nurse

to her current role as Director of Public Health Nursing at the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency, her goal has always been to improve the health and quality of life of families in her community. Ms. Sutton fulfills many roles, lending her time and expertise to the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Program, the Yolo County Infectious Disease Programs, the Yolo County Help Me Grow Leadership Team, the Child Abuse Prevention Council, the Programs Benefitting Children Workgroup, Resilient Yolo, the American College of OB/GYNs Maternal Mental Health Expert Workgroup, and the Yolo County Maternal Mental Health Collaborative. As Chairwoman of the Yolo County Maternal Mental Health Collaborative, she has used her career expertise and firsthand experience as a mother to create an organization which promotes the health and wellbeing of new and expecting mothers. Under her leadership the organization has developed educational tools to create awareness of maternal mental health disorders and guide those in need to treatment. Her work gained recognition across disciplines and brought stakeholders together to create a common strategy for helping vulnerable mothers find help. Ms. Sutton dedicates her time, talent, and expertise to improving the health and wellbeing of mothers throughout Yolo County and works tirelessly to help particularly vulnerable mothers facing the stigma and isolation of maternal mental health disorders. Ms. Sutton is an integral part of Yolo County's outreach to mothers in need. She is continuously working to make a positive difference for mothers and children in her community and does so with unparalleled compassion and dedication.

HONORING TAMIE FRASIER

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Tamie Frasier's retirement after twenty-four years in public service, ten of which she served as the Napa County Treasurer-Tax Collector.

Ms. Frasier is a fourth generation Napan, who is dedicated to our community. She has shown her commitment to Napa County throughout her twenty-four years working for the County, first as the Treasury Supervisor and then as the Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector. In 2008, she became the Treasurer-Tax Collector. Throughout her tenure at the County, Ms. Frasier has worked to deliver the highest level of customer service for her fellow Napers. She has skillfully managed Napa County's funds, particularly during the Great Recession.

Ms. Frasier is always the first person to roll up her sleeves and help however she can, whether the person in need is a colleague or a taxpayer. She leads by example and never fails to pass up an opportunity to set an example of what professionalism and compassion in County Administration can, and should, be. Ms. Frasier has inspired her coworkers to provide a high level of service to their fellow residents of Napa County.

After working for Napa County for twenty-four years, Ms. Frasier has an impressive

breadth and depth of knowledge. She has taken it upon herself to share her insight by sitting on various panels whenever the opportunity arises. Ms. Frasier is also active in local and state-wide organizations. She is a past President and current Board Member of Soptimist International of Napa and the Bay Area Chair for the California Association of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors. She is a member of the California Associations of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors and involved with the Government Investment Officers Association and California Municipal Treasurers Association.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Tamie Frasier has had a long and rewarding career in public service and Napa County is better for it. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

PRAISING SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR, THE FIRST FEMALE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and pay tribute to Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman to serve as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Among the 20th century trailblazers, Sandra Day O'Connor ranks among the greatest leaders.

It is a privilege to honor to this legal giant as we reflect on her career and commemorate her legacy as a path maker for women.

On October 23, 2018, Justice O'Connor courageously announced that she is suffering from early onset Alzheimer's disease and is retreating from public life.

Born in El Paso, Texas, on March 26, 1930, Sandra Day spent part of her youth on her family's Arizona ranch.

Her family instilled in her a love of education, but schooling options near the ranch were limited for a young woman so her parents sent her to live with her grandmother in El Paso where she excelled at the Radford School for Girls and graduated high school two years early.

After graduating from high school in 1946 and despite the probability that she might not be accepted because she was a woman, Sandra Day was accepted to Stanford University.

Sandra Day graduated in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in economics and was admitted to Stanford Law School where she was an editor of the Stanford Law Review.

Sandra Day graduated at the top of her law school class, finishing third in a class of 102 students, which included William Rehnquist whom she would later join as a colleague on the U.S. Supreme Court.

While a law student at Stanford, Sandra Day met her future husband, John Jay O'Connor III and the two were married shortly after graduation.

That union lasted for 57 years and produced 3 wonderful children: Scott O'Connor, Jay O'Connor, and Brian O'Connor.

After graduating from law school, Sandra Day O'Connor busily went about applying to law firms in San Francisco and Los Angeles,