

HONORING THE LIFE OF SHIRLEY
MILLER KAY

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration of Shirley Miller Kay's 100th birthday. Ms. Miller Kay has served as a symbol of women's empowerment throughout her life and holds the great distinction of being the first female from Syracuse to enlist in the United States Navy.

Shirley Miller Kay was born in Syracuse, New York in 1918 to a family with deep Central New York roots. Her father owned a tailing and furring business, which Shirley assisted with upon graduating from Nottingham High School. Additionally, she was an athlete and natural leader, serving as president of her high school's drama club.

In 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt created the Women's United States Naval Reserve, better known as WAVES. The program arrived in Syracuse in 1943 and Shirley quickly applied to be a part of the service. When she was approved for WAVES a few weeks later, Shirley learned from the commanding officer that she was the first recruit accepted from the Syracuse recruiting station. Upon receiving her rank of apprentice seaman, she made history by becoming the first female Syracusan enlisted in the Navy.

Shirley deployed for basic training in Iowa during April of 1943, where she took specialized courses to learn skills such as parachute rigging. She completed basic training and was officially a member of the Navy Reserves. Shirley used her opportunity with the Navy Reserves to advocate for equal pay for female members of the Navy, a movement which was ultimately successful. After World War II, Shirley moved to Maryland and continued her success in a number of professional jobs. She worked as a Counseling Manager at the University of Maryland, and then helped run a local real estate company. She lived in Maryland for 15 years before returning home to Central New York where she has resided since.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing the remarkable life of Shirley Miller Kay. She continues to live a life exemplary of equality and service, two values that all Americans should strive to hold themselves to. I thank Shirley, as well as all our veterans, for their courage and dedication to our great nation.

HONORING SCOTT AND TARA
SMALSTIG

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Scott and Tara Smalstig for their contribution to our state and their community.

The Smalstigs are an institution in Delaware County and have spent their lives devoted to improving their community. I have known Scott and Tara for over 20 years, as they set Jennifer and me up on a blind date in Muncie. Scott is an executive at Meridian Health Services and spends his free time giving back to the community and coaching youth sports. Tara is an attorney at a law firm in Muncie and is continually recognized for excellence in the legal profession. She has also spent years serving on local boards and volunteering for community organizations. Without a doubt, Delaware County is better off today because of their extraordinary leadership and service.

This may go without saying, but the Smalstigs were among my earliest and most vocal supporters. I would like to thank them for their friendship and support of my work in Congress. The Messer family cherishes the time we get to spend with them, and we wish them all the best in whatever God has planned for their family.

RECOGNIZING RURAL HOSPITAL
WEEK

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Rural Hospital Week and in support of the critical role rural hospitals, and the health care professionals that choose to serve rural communities, play in our health care system. Roughly 1 in 5 Americans live in rural areas, and often, hospitals are one of the main economic drivers of their communities. In fact, hospitals account for 14 percent of total rural employment nationwide. In this way, rural hospitals keep not just their patients healthy, but the economies of their local communities as well.

Despite the important role that hospitals play in rural America, a disturbing trend of closures threatens the availability of care for millions of rural Americans. According to a study published by the GAO in August of this year, 64 rural hospitals closed between 2013 and 2017. This rate of closure is more than double that of the previous 5-year period, and accounts for roughly 3 percent of all rural hospitals.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that you and the rest of our colleagues will join me in celebrating Rural Hospital Week, as well as the talented health care professionals and hospitals that make high quality care possible. I hope you will also join me in seeking solutions that maintain the availability of this high-quality care for all Americans.

CONGRATULATING DR. GENNARO
R. PIRAINO, JR.

HON. KEITH J. ROTHFUS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate Dr. Gennaro R. Piraino,

Jr., for his selection as the 2019 Pennsylvania Superintendent of the Year.

A Western Pennsylvania native, Gennaro earned his Doctor of Education in Administrative and Policy Studies at the University of Pittsburgh and serves as the Superintendent of Schools for the Franklin Regional School District.

A leader in both the educational and local communities, Gennaro has served on Pennsylvania's School Safety and Security Committee since June of 2018 and has been a major advocate in sculpting a well-rounded academic environment for students to flourish.

He is also an active member on various boards of local leadership groups, including but not limited to, the Board of Directors for the Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce, the Tri-State Study Council's Executive Board, and the Franklin Regional Panther Foundation.

At the same time, Gennaro's focus on building strong, dynamic young leaders is unmatched. Recognizing that a student's success extends beyond the classroom, Gennaro has been instrumental in promoting students' personal and professional development by creating and expanding educational programs and partnerships.

The Superintendent of the Year award is given to those who exemplify leadership in learning, professionalism, communications skills, and involvement in the community. The Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators could not have chosen a better beneficiary. Gennaro's commitment to improving opportunities for students, empowering them to dream big and encouraging them to pursue excellence in all aspects of life, rightfully deserves this award. Congratulations again, Gennaro, on receiving this prestigious award.

You have made the people of Western Pennsylvania incredibly proud.

CONGRATULATING MARCUS SMITH
ON WINNING HIS CLASS 1A GOLF
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Marcus Smith, from Winnebago High School, for earning the Class 1A title for the Illinois State Championship in golf.

I would like to recognize Mr. Smith for his tremendous accomplishment. His dedication and passion for golf meant that he was determined to win gold. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. He is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see him represent Winnebago throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Marcus Smith on his title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing him every success in the future.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL POLICE CAMERA AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2018

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I, along with Representative DONALD S. BEYER JR., introduce the Federal Police Camera and Accountability Act of 2018. This bill would require uniformed federal law enforcement officers to wear body cameras and marked police vehicles to have dashboard cameras. It would also require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study on federal police officers' training, vehicle pursuits, use of force and interaction with citizens.

On November 17, 2017, Bijan Ghaisar was fatally shot in his car by uniformed U.S. Park Police officers in Fairfax County, Virginia, after a vehicle pursuit on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Video of this shooting only became available through a camera in a Fairfax County Police Department patrol car that was providing backup. Had it not been for that footage, which was recorded and released by that local police department, the public would not have had access to the circumstances surrounding Mr. Ghaisar's death. Moreover, the footage revealed concerns about the Park Police's pursuit and engagement policies.

Body-worn and dashboard cameras for federal law enforcement officers are particularly important for the officers stationed in the nation's capital, where Park Police and the uniformed division of the U.S. Secret Service have full local police powers. Many other federal police also have local police powers near their respective agency buildings in the District. Cameras can increase transparency for individual interactions with police, strengthen public trust and even deter future criminal behavior. For example, when criminals know that they are being recorded by a dashboard camera, they may be less likely to flee the scene of a traffic accident because they realize that their license plate will be documented. Criminals may also be less likely to batter an officer because the recording may be used as evidence. On the other hand, officers will also be less likely to commit offenses for the same reason. Body-worn and dashboard cameras can also be used to train current and future officers more effectively in best and worst practices.

An increasing number of local law enforcement officers, including those in the District of Columbia, are wearing body cameras and using dashboard cameras. It is clear that both law enforcement and the public would benefit from federal officers following suit to increase transparency and maintain public trust.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

RECOGNIZING JOHN BROWN

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of John Brown, a consummate

public servant who is retiring from his role as City Manager of the City of Petaluma, California, after ten years of excellent service.

Born into a family with a strong emphasis on the value of public service, John Brown embarked on what would be a 35-year career in local government beginning in 1983. For 25 years, Mr. Brown worked directly for three cities and one county in Northern California and Oregon. His roles during this time steadily evolved in responsibility, from financial and project analysis to city management and county administration. Mr. Brown developed a reputation for his acumen in producing balanced budgets while ensuring economic growth and sustaining important government services. This expertise became invaluable in 2008, when Mr. Brown left his position as City Manager of the City of Woodburn, Oregon, to become the City Manager of the City of Petaluma.

When John Brown took over as Petaluma City Manager, the city was feeling the full impacts of the global recession. Seemingly unphased by the challenge before him, Mr. Brown spent the next ten years dramatically re-shaping the city's budget while maintaining important city services. He spent the first three years of his tenure reducing general fund spending by a third, while also cutting non-essential city staff. These cuts were difficult at the time, but they allowed the city to outpace the fallout of the financial crisis. Following this period of austerity, Mr. Brown focused on growing the city's local amenities and opportunities for economic development by bringing in new retail, tourism, and mixed-use developments into the city. He also worked tirelessly to tackle the city's lingering debt repayment issues, improving the city's credit rating in the process. Altogether, these policies eventually paid dividends and the city rebuilt its reserve fund to pre-recession levels, hired back city staff and expanded city services. Today, the City of Petaluma is on firm economic footing, and prepared for a bright future. None of this would have been possible without John Brown's leadership.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing deep appreciation for John Brown's extraordinary leadership in the face of a global recession, and to congratulate him on his retirement.

HONORING STATE SENATOR DOUG ECKERTY

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize State Senator Doug Eckerty for his contribution to our state.

For nearly a decade, Doug has represented Delaware, Henry and Madison counties with honor and integrity in the Indiana General Assembly. He continues to be a strong advocate on a wide variety of important issues, including education, workforce, and environmental policy. Our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Doug has been a loyal friend and wise adviser during my entire tenure in Congress. I want to thank him for his

friendship and support of my work. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. MARK HASKETT

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the service of Deputy Assistant Director Mark Haskett on the occasion of his retirement from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. Deputy Assistant Director Haskett has honored our country with 42 years of professional service, first as a United States Marine, and then as a member of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, reflecting his enduring commitment to the wellbeing of our nation.

Before his career in public service began, Mr. Haskett grew up in the small town of Union, Michigan and graduated from Constantine High School in 1972. After five years of education and work experience, Mr. Haskett enlisted in the Marine Corps, reporting to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on August 1, 1977. He served as a field wireman at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, attaining the rank of sergeant before his selection for the Enlisted Commissioning Program. On July 1, 1979, Mr. Haskett was commissioned a second lieutenant, and assigned the military occupation specialty of Combat Engineer Officer. Ultimately reaching the rank of lieutenant colonel, Mr. Haskett held many posts over his 27-year Marine Corps career from Deputy Camp Commander at Camp Schwab in Okinawa, Japan, to Director of Installations and Logistics for the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow, California. During his Headquarters Marine Corps tour, he demonstrated his capability, proving instrumental in fielding the Assault Breacher Vehicle which saw combat service.

In 2004, Mr. Haskett retired from the Marine Corps and was hired by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. In his service as Deputy Assistant Director, he administered internal security programs and provided facility and support for special agents and professional staff operating from nearly two hundred facilities.

Mr. Haskett proved his determination and leadership as an instrumental NCIS principal involved in the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure decision to move the Agency's headquarters from the Washington Navy Yard to Marine Corps Base Quantico in Stafford County, Virginia in order to collocate it with four other defense investigative partner agencies. The 719,000 square foot Russell-Knox Building was designed and built for this purpose, and the collocation took place during the summer of 2011.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing Deputy Assistant Director Mark Haskett's lifetime of accomplishment and dedication. An admirable example of leadership and service, and a proud and outstanding member of our community, may God bless Mr. Haskett and his family as they begin a new chapter in life. On behalf of America's First District, we say thank you.