

served in congratulating him on pursuing a lifetime of passion and service and wish him continued personal success in his retirement.

#### HONORING DANNY HUSTON

#### HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 10, 2018*

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

Danny is an institution in our state who has been dedicated to creating jobs in our community and around the county for years. He serves as the President of North American Midway Entertainment LLC, which is headquartered in Randolph County—within the 6th Congressional District. They operate the world's largest traveling outdoor amusement park, serving 15 million fairgoers every year.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Danny personally over the past few years. To me, Danny has been a close friend and trusted advisor during my tenure in Congress.

I want to thank Danny for his friendship and loyalty to me. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family.

#### RECOGNIZING TERRAN RENEE TYLER FOR HER POEM ENTITLED, DADDY, I LOVE YOU, WELCOME HOME

#### HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 10, 2018*

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Terran Renee Tyler for her poem entitled, Daddy, I Love You, Welcome Home. Terran is from Grants Pass, Oregon, and wrote this poem after joining an Oregon Honor Flight to the nation's capital with a group of World War II and Korean War veterans. She wrote this poem in honor of her father, SPC Tony Ryan Tyler, United States Army, and all veterans who lost their lives in service to our country in uniform. I'd like to include in the the RECORD the text of the poem.

Dear Stranger, I look around and take a deep breath staring up at the sky at another sunset. The band starts to play as another flag is raised over a fallen hero's grave. Nameless, faceless His story remains untold—Who is this stranger who died for me at just 28 years old? What were his hopes, his dreams? What did he have to go through so I could be free? So I could make my dreams a reality?

Dear Stranger, I may never know who you are, But I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. For every trial that tested your strength, And for every time you've lost your way, Thank you for all your tears and strife, Now here I sit at the end of a very hard life, I know there are many others out there like you, And for each one this word rings true, \*Hero\*, For no two stories are ever the same, And you don't even know many of these people's names, Like you, they are strangers just the same, Nameless, faceless, Yet driven by the fear in their eyes, You chose to stand and fight, It didn't mat-

ter that you too were afraid; It only mattered what was right, A false hero wouldn't have stayed, He wouldn't have willingly welcomed the grave, Thank you all heroes young and old, The men and the women, The living and the dead, For every one of your stories untold. For each hero, a million tears could be shed, But my dear stranger, I would rather celebrate you instead.

I finish my letter and tear it up, Then I toss it to the ground, as the wind picks up, Scattering the pieces. The sky's grown dark, And the stars are out, My dear stranger, are you up there now? Are you looking down on me, laughing, crying, smiling? Gazing out over the cemetery, I suddenly see, A million buried heroes, standing in uniform by their beds. They're each smiling, and one by one bowing their heads. As soon as I blink though, they all fade away, Leaving one lone hero standing by a grave. He salutes and looks me hard in the eye, I run to hug him, then start to cry. The wind whispers his name in my ear, The one etched in my heart, that I've longed to hear. Though I know I'm really standing there alone, I can't help but whisper, "Daddy I love you, welcome home".

In memory of SPC Tony Ryan Tyler, United States Army.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in thanking Terran for her thoughtful words recognizing the sacrifice of America's brave service members and their families. We owe them a profound debt of gratitude for their heroism in the defense of the freedoms and liberties we cherish as Americans.

#### TRIBUTE TO DONALD WATTENBARGER

#### HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 10, 2018*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Donald "Don" Wattenbarger. This October, Don celebrated his 50th year of service as a member of Oildale Mutual Water Company's Board of Directors, marking a significant milestone in a lifelong career of distinguished service to his community.

Born in the City of Tulare in California's Central Valley, when he was five, Don's family moved to Bakersfield where he established roots that have lasted a lifetime. It was in Bakersfield where Don attended school, met and married his beloved wife, Connie, raised his four children, and made a name for himself in our local business community as a general contractor.

However, Don's most lasting impression on the Kern County community has been his longstanding role on the Oildale Mutual Water Company (OMWC) Board of Directors. First elected in 1968, Don applied his personal character and integrity, as well as the skills and talents accrued over his career as a general contractor, to revolutionize the way OMWC conducted business, starting with constructing a new building for the company. When he was first elected to the Board of Directors, OMWC struggled to pay its employees, who helped service the company's 5,000 customers. Today, OMWC employees receive lifetime company healthcare coverage and the company's customer base has more than doubled to 11,000 today. This is in no small part because of Don's leadership, and his constituency agrees: as an OMWC Board member,

Don has successfully been re-elected every year for half of a century.

Don Wattenbarger is a shining example of exemplary public service, and it has been an inspiration to watch his leadership at OMWC over his many years of service. I recall a time when it was suggested that OMWC raise its rates to solve a \$4.5 million short fall. Don refused to pass the buck on to his customers and resolved to work with his colleagues on the Board to solve the problem in a manner that was fair to the community. For me, this story best exemplifies the type of man Don is: responsible, ethical, and determined. It is my hope that the career Don has built these past 50 years on the board serves as an example for those seeking to serve their community, and Judy and I wish him all the best as he continues his work for many more years to come.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JEFF GEE

#### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 10, 2018*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Jeff Gee who is leaving the city council of Redwood City, a community he has served as a councilmember since 2009. He has also served twice as Mayor, in 2014 and 2015. However, the beginning of his public service was 20 years ago when he served on the Architectural Review Board and later on the Planning Commission. He was particularly well prepared for the city council when he entered office during that difficult year of 2009.

Redwood City is growing rapidly under global influences. It is also composed of young and old, many families and newly-arrived singles. According to the Census Bureau, its population has increased 15% since Jeff Gee joined the council. Box.com, Google, dozens of pharmaceutical and biotechnology startups, two major hospitals, a shipping port, and a regional transportation hub now fuel the city's growth.

In the downtown area, thousands of new apartments dot the landscape. During the Great Recession, the city council adopted a downtown plan that offered 20 years of planning certainty to potential investors. When the economy took off, developers created 20 years of growth in less than a decade. Jeff and his colleagues on the council played a major role in shaping the modern downtown of Redwood City.

On the east side of Highway 101 is a road lined with trailer parks. During his time on the council, Jeff was a strong advocate for residents whose trailer parks became filled with floodwaters during severe winter storms. His advocacy led to an effort by multiple agencies to construct the Bayfront Canal project which will allow water to be accepted by the existing canal and to be funneled to an adjacent salt pond to prevent flooding of the residents. These parks, which I have personally toured, are filled with children and hardworking heads of households. They owe Jeff Gee a major vote of thanks for his efforts to normalize their lives.

In addition to local advocacy, Jeff represented Redwood City and San Mateo County on numerous multi-jurisdictional and regional boards. Among his thousands of hours

of public service, he can count his time on the SamTrans Board of Directors, Director and Past-Chairman of the board of the Caltrain Joint Powers Authority, and Past President of the San Francisco Airport Community Roundtable. He is also a statewide leader where he currently serves as President of the League of California Cities Asian Pacific Islander Caucus, and on the League's Public Safety Policy Committee.

Jeff Gee is a sincere and intelligent person who can wax poetic about transit. Jeff is a transit nerd's best friend, and I think that he's probably never met a wheelchair lift mechanism that didn't fascinate him. One could easily imagine a much younger Jeff Gee running up to a neighborhood ice cream truck, ordering an ice cream, and then closely examining the truck's tires to determine if the depth of tread remained safe for operation of the vehicle.

His reliability as a leader is evidenced by numerous volunteer positions that he's held in his community over many years. He was an officer in several homeowner associations, serves on a community college advisory board, and is a board member and/or trustee for a local nonprofit and a local university. His role in the Chamber of Commerce led to him being named Citizen of the Year in 2006. During all of this time, he's been a senior manager/architect at a major construction company.

Redwood City's official slogan is "Climate Best By Government Test." There is also a test of dedication to a community's future, and Jeff Gee scores an A+ on that test. I will miss him as an articulate and talented leader who went about his tasks as a community leader with little fanfare or interest in personal aggrandizement. As he leaves the public realm to rejoin his wife, Judie, and his children Christopher and Elizabeth as a private resident, he can leave office knowing that his community is thriving because he guided its evolution toward a healthy and dynamic future.

HONORING PAUL GOLDBERG OF  
PENNSYLVANIA FOR ACHIEVING  
THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. SCOTT PERRY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 10, 2018*

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate my constituent, Paul Goldberg, for his accomplishment in earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

The Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in scouting; only a small number of Boy Scouts earn this auspicious title. The Eagle Scout is performance-based and has high standards that have been well-maintained over the past century. To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout is obligated to pass specific tests that are organized by myriad requirements and merit badges, as well as completing an Eagle Scout project to benefit the community.

Paul has been recognized as a valued member of Troop 105 in Hanover, PA. He has served in various leadership positions such as Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Historian, and Librarian. His Eagle Scout project was to build a 24ft. x 24ft. paver patio with chapel wall

seating and a fire pit for the Harvest Chapel in Abbotstown, Pennsylvania.

I've long appreciated the commitment of people who demonstrate hard work and selfless devotion to serving our communities and fellow citizens. On behalf of Pennsylvania's Fourth Congressional District, I recognize and congratulate Eagle Scout Paul Goldberg on his great accomplishment and community service. I wish Paul continued success and Godspeed in his future adventures.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING  
THE LIFE OF WAYNE R. OSTE

**HON. TOM REED**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 10, 2018*

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Wayne R. Oste.

Wayne Oste was highly dedicated to the Falconer area. A devoted family man and a man of faith, he spent his life serving the community where he grew up and raised his family.

At the heart of his volunteerism, was his 41-year service to the Falconer Fire Department. Wayne's dedication and experience led him to honorably serve as its chief. He was also recognized as fire fighter of the year by his brethren. Not only was he a leader, but he stood with them and worked beside them during his tenure.

Wayne will be remembered as a hero, a husband, a father, a grandfather and a friend to many. He left behind a legacy of service, leadership and community-mindedness that is a rare gift. We salute him now, and stand with his family in somber remembrance of his life, his love and his passions. I thank him for his service and pray he will rest in peace.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to remember the life of Wayne Oste.

IN RECOGNITION OF GARY  
POLLARD

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 10, 2018*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Gary Pollard who is leaving the city council of Foster City and the governing board of the Estero Municipal Improvement District after four years, and after serving six years on the city's Parks and Recreation Committee.

Serving on a city council means being serious about quality of life issues. Gary Pollard's service illustrates his commitment to the quality of life of every resident. For example, he served as the council's liaison to the transportation committee, the Chamber of Commerce, the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority and the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance, and the countywide library board, just to name a few. Foster City was an early adopter of the use of 100 percent renewable energy from the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority, and Gary was the one who led the city down this path to sustainability.

Serving in local government also means being active in statewide associations. Gary was Foster City's representative to the League of California Cities and he made substantial contributions as a member of the League's Public Works Policy Committee for the past two years, ensuring that policy and legislative recommendations reflect the priorities of city residents.

As an avid bicyclist, Gary focuses on mobility. He participates in the community bike ride every year and has encouraged bike safety. He served on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee as a part of a local agency composed of cities, and was involved in the bicycle, pedestrian, and intersection evaluation study.

Gary served twice as the city's Vice-Mayor from 2014 to 2015 and from 2017 to 2018. Foster City's finances are now enviable, but there was a time in his earlier years of service that difficult choices had to be made. He served on the city's audit committee and used that position to ensure that city operations were as efficient as possible. He participated vigorously in goalsetting during budget sessions and explained difficult choices to residents. One of those difficult choices was the need to upgrade the city's vulnerable levee. Gary supported the bond measure and city voters rewarded his decision and that of his colleagues with a vote of 81 percent to fix the levee.

Gary also took time from his busy life to coach youth sports. For twelve years he coached Little League and Pony/Colt Leagues and was President of the Foster City Youth Baseball Association. His name was added to the city's Sports Wall of Fame in 2010.

Mr. Speaker, Foster City is a planned community dedicated to families and to residents who love its bayside location and ample recreational opportunities. Gary Pollard is a great representative of residents because, like them, he values the city's quality of life and the tenor of the community, which is to seek a good outcome for everyone. I want to thank Gary's wife, Christine (Chris), and his children Bryan and Marcus for their patience as Gary served the community through countless hours of council debate and volunteer efforts.

As a professional, he operates his own travel agency. It's been a long journey for Gary after ten years in the public spotlight. Hopefully, the tour was as remarkable for him as it was beneficial to the residents of Foster City. He leaves the council with the goodwill of his fellow residents and our thanks for a job well done.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CORPORAL  
DAVID HYRUM HIATT

**HON. JOHN R. CURTIS**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 10, 2018*

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the life and service of Corporal David Hyrum Hiatt. David has lived in Provo, Utah for several years and has longstanding ties to the original pioneer settlers in Utah. He enlisted in June 1955 after graduating from Brigham Young University. He was assigned to Fort Ord in Monterey, California and was discharged on July 21, 1960. During his time