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

IN RECOGNITION OF BOB
GRASSILLI

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great friend and leader, Bob Grassilli, who is departing the San Carlos City Council after serving from 2005 to 2018 and three times as Mayor. Bob's leadership during his years in city life has left an indelible imprint on San Carlos.

From 1994 to 2000, Bob served on the planning commission and struggled with some of the most vexing problems of the community. Bob served on the Railroad Land Use Committee, a temporary entity that left a lasting impact in the form of an extensive grade separation project that now saves lives throughout the year.

During his time on the council, San Carlos created a new budget process, contracted for police and fire with other agencies to save taxpayer money, ended its chronic budget deficits, and started new communications efforts with citizens. A major medical practice building was built and a hospital remains in the city's future. New hotels have been constructed, including one that required the city to aggregate land and to solicit an investor. Many claimed the hotel effort would fail. Bob and his colleagues knew better and it's been a major success.

After years of planning, major housing developments are now dotting the landscape of San Carlos. These units, and others that are planned, give people a chance to live near work, to improve the environment by reducing their emissions related to commutes, and add vibrancy to the city's thriving downtown area. Bob Grassilli supported these new units and, as a developer, had a keen eye for the balance between aesthetics and the critical need to house a growing population.

Bob has a conciliatory personality, but he's not afraid to make hard choices. He voted for the controversial Holly Street restriping project which opened up an additional lane to burgeoning traffic during commute hours. He voted to adopt a climate action plan despite the skepticism of some about whether humans play a meaningful role in global climate change. No one likes to be the one who votes to eliminate trees from a city that cherishes its landscape, but the trees were dangerous and

Bob stood up for public safety. He also made countless other choices about individual housing proposals, traffic lights and crosswalks, and the city's master plan that never pleased everyone. This is leadership—the willingness to take the hits because in the long run the public deserves the choice you believe is in its best interests.

One anecdote illustrates Bob's dedication to public service. As mayor, he was alerted to a dangerous road condition that had been inadvertently created by a city road contractor. He drove to the scene and confirmed that the intersection was dangerous. He contacted the city manager and then waited about 90 minutes for a crew to show up to fix the problem.

At the time, Bob was wearing his signature lime-green polo shirt. It served the dual purpose of alerting oncoming traffic—from 1000 feet away—to a road hazard and it protected Bob from being hit. Unfortunately, it also created its own hazardous road condition. Bob knows so many people in San Carlos that motorists and pedestrians would honk or shout out and wave to him, sometimes even congratulating him on his fashion choice, but they also sometimes lost track of where they were in the dangerous intersection. Thankfully no one got hurt. The insight from this anecdote is clear: Bob Grassilli dresses for success and never leaves until the job is done.

In his private life, Bob is one of the Peninsula's consistent philanthropists. He sits on the board of one foundation and personally contributes thousands to some of our most important safety net nonprofits in San Mateo County. He also participates in countywide and regional bodies focused on good governance. He's a leader who is dedicated to ensuring that others receive a fair shake in life through better public services and assistance when times are difficult.

Bob will be challenged in retirement from public life because he will have to be satisfied by what newcomers may do. These choices may be different from his own. However, Bob is a true product of American democracy. He may disagree with any given choice and yet celebrate the outcome because it is created by the people of his community through an elected city council. A man who is satisfied with a dissatisfying result because it was fairly determined is an uncommonly wise individual and a too-rare public official in modern America. However, this is the man who we know as Mayor Bob Grassilli, the wise man with the gavel and the model for those who cherish local government in all its glory.

HONORING ENDERCIO CHAPA, JR.

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Judge Endercio Chapa, Jr., a Justice of the Peace in Live Oak County. For 28 years, Judge Chapa prioritized the needs of Precinct 4 and approached every circumstance with a fair and open mind.

Born in San Diego, Texas, and raised in Live Oak County, Judge Chapa has deep ties to South Texas. He earned his Associates degree in 1978 from Texas Christian University then attended Alfred Edge Real Estate School

in 1980 where he earned his real estate license. Finally, in 1993, Judge Chapa attended Bee County College to receive law enforcement training.

Before becoming a Justice of the Peace, Judge Chapa worked for a time as a rancher and auctioneer. Once elected, he still made time to offer his expertise to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and started his own successful security company. It is my hope that Judge Chapa will look back on his years of service and take pride in all he has achieved for our community. I wish Judge Chapa all the best and hope his time is well spent with his wife, Margie, and their three daughters, Claudia, Salina, and Isabella.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to represent Judge Endercio Chapa, Jr. This hardworking entrepreneur and public servant is a shining example of what the 15th District has to offer.

HONORING HUNTER GAGE
GOODWIN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Hunter Goodwin. Hunter 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 495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Hunter has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Hunter 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, Hunter has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

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

ONE TEAM, ONE HEARTBEAT—
KINGWOOD PARK HIGH SCHOOL
VOLLEYBALL TEAM—2018 5A
TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for the first time in Kingwood Park High School history, the Lady Panthers Volleyball team is the Texas UIL State Class 5A Volleyball Champions. Last Saturday afternoon, they defeated the number one ranked Lovejoy Lady Leopards in Garland in three straight sets. This was their first State appearance and first State title. Congratulations to the Kingwood Park High School volleyball team and to Kingwood.

According to the team's head coach, Kelly Miser, the girls had one goal in mind this season—to win a State championship. Coach Miser is in her third season at Kingwood Park. She started her volleyball career at Humble High School. She was a 4 year Varsity letterman, team captain, and received All-Star,

and All-Area recognition. Some say her roots run purple. She finished her degree and volleyball career at Texas A&M playing on the Aggie Volleyball team. The Aggies would say her blood runs maroon.

Her team's record is impressive. In an interview earlier this month, Coach Miser said, "these groups of girls play for each other; they are friends on and off the court." Coach Miser's passion along with Assistant Coaches Cameron Shoffner and Kasey Price will continue to guide the girls far beyond a State title. The leadership of a coach works to instill values of hard work and discipline on and off the court. The community is proud of these coaches for all their accomplishments.

Congratulations to the seven seniors on this State championship team: Katey Searcy, Sydney Kolar, Tori Marquez, Andie Unwin, Julia Hadley, Emma Joy Omenson, and Yates Barker. Thanks for working hard and being model students in and out of the classroom for all students to follow.

Congratulations to Kingwood Park's State Championship team who will return next year to defend the title: Emma Garcia, Libby Overmyer, Avery Hill, Hallie Ryan, Citaly Paz, Ericka Williams, Alia Williams, and Anya Arrington.

Shout out to the trainers, managers, teachers, family and fans for the outpouring of support. It was in true Panther Pride.

Way to go Panthers.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING THE LAO VETERANS OF AMERICA

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today to honor the Wisconsin Lao Veterans of America, Inc. (WLVA), an organization founded in 1991 to serve the Lao Veteran community in Wisconsin by advancing the opportunities and recognition for those who fought in the CIA's secret war in Laos.

This organization has been instrumental in helping the Hmong-Lao veterans to adjust to life in the United States, and has shaped their experience here in Wisconsin through assistance in assimilation, recognition, and societal advancement.

WLVA was founded in 1991 by General Vang Pao, who was the commander of the "Secret Army" which was conscripted by the CIA to fight against the People's Army of Vietnam. He was the only ethnic Hmong to be elevated to the position of General in the Royal Lao Army.

Currently, Captain Nao Shoua Xiong of Wausau, WI leads the WLVA as their president, and has been at the forefront of assisting the Hmong community in all aspects of life in Wisconsin.

On behalf of the residents of Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District, I would like to thank the Wisconsin Lao Veterans of America for their service to our country and our community.

HONORING GARET ROSS HOLCOMB

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Garett Ross Holcomb. Garett 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 495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

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

CELEBRATING PAT FREEMAN'S LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the guidance and outstanding leadership Mrs. Pat Freeman has brought to senior adults in 13 Northeast Georgia counties.

Recently, the Legacy Link board recognized Mrs. Freeman for her outstanding work and dedication, as founder and Chief Executive Officer, for over 20 years. She received a Lifetime Achievement Award on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at the agency's Thanksgiving luncheon.

In 1997, Mrs. Freeman created the nonprofit Legacy Link Area Agency on Aging with four employees. Since then she has been assisting the aging population of our region by offering wellness programs, employment training, Medicare counseling, grant applications, and counseling for grandparents who are primary caregivers for their grandchildren. Mrs. Freeman's team has grown to include more than 100 employees.

Legacy Link serves roughly 1,300 people, and its overarching goal is to allow seniors to live comfortably in their own homes as long as possible. In addition, Legacy Link also advocates for quality care for seniors who live in nursing care facilities.

My mother worked for Legacy Link, so I share in understanding the hard work, dedication, and the importance of their mission. I celebrate Mrs. Freeman's devotion to our senior adults and wish her the best as she transitions to working part-time.

HONORING DOUG MENORCA

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a longtime friend and member of my staff, Doug Menorca, for his work in my office and his service to our state.

Doug has served as my Chief of Staff throughout my entire time in Congress. His dedication to our team has been unmatched, and there's no doubt I could not have done this job without him. As the leader of our staff, he was the glue that held our team together. Doug has also been a trusted adviser and incredible friend to my family and me.

On a personal note, words cannot express my gratitude to Doug for his help in this journey. Generations ago, Harry Truman famously said, "if you want a friend in Washington, get a dog." That's a funny line, but Truman was wrong. I believe that if you want a friend in Washington, you better find a partner. And, I am proud and grateful that Doug Menorca was my loyal partner in this effort.

The Messer family thanks the Menorca family for all their help through the years. We wish Doug, Diane and Sam continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

HONORING COUNCILWOMAN AND FORMER MAYOR DEBBIE LONG

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Councilwoman and Former Mayor Debbie Long on her retirement after serving on the Pinole City Council for the past ten years.

Ms. Long has been a resident of Pinole for more than thirty years. Prior to her time on the City Council, Ms. Long demonstrated her commitment to public service. She was on the City of Pinole Design Review Board from 1994 to 1996, was a Pinole Planning Commissioner from 1996 to 2007 and served on the Pinole Assisted Living Board for many years.

Ms. Long was first elected to the Pinole City Council in 2008. During her tenure she has served as mayor three times—from 2009 to 2010, from 2012 to 2013 and from 2016 to 2017. While on the Pinole City Council, Ms. Long helped accomplish numerous significant development projects for our community, including the Gateway Shopping Center, the Kaiser Medical Center, and the Pinole Valley Skate Park. She has also been heavily involved with the construction of the Pinole Wastewater Pollution Control Plant Upgrade project. Additionally, Ms. Long worked on the 2010 City of Pinole General Plan Update when she was on the Planning Commission and on the City Council.

Ms. Long is known among her colleagues for being hard-working and well prepared. She makes sure she has done her homework and closely reviews all staff reports.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Long has been an admirable public servant throughout her time on the City Council. It is therefore fitting and