

HONORING DEVIN AND SHELBY
ANDERSON

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 Devin and Shelby Anderson for their contribution to our state.

Devin serves as the President and CEO of E&A Industries and has helped the business grow from a regional company to an international conglomerate. He also has served in a number of political and governmental leadership positions in the Republican Party, including as Chief of Staff to Indiana Congressman David McIntosh and U.S. Senator Dan Coats. There is no doubt that our state is better off today due to his extraordinary leadership and service.

I've had the pleasure of knowing Devin and Shelby for more than two decades. I first met Devin when we were both working for Congressman David McIntosh in Washington. Devin and Shelby are a couple of my favorite people who I have met along this journey. They are serious people who don't take themselves too seriously. Despite their many successes, they both understand the importance of putting faith and family first.

I want to thank Devin and Shelby for their friendship and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

HONORING COUNCILWOMAN
MAUREEN TOMS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Councilwoman Maureen Toms for her three years of service on the Pinole City Council.

A Pinole native, Ms. Toms was exposed to public service at a young age. Her father served on the Pinole City Council and was the Mayor from 1964 to 1965. Prior to her appointment to the City Council, Ms. Toms was a Planning Commissioner for the City of Pinole and the Land Use Planner for Contra Costa County. She also served on the Amber Swartz Park Development Committee from 1994 to 2006. Throughout her tenure, Ms. Toms was instrumental in securing grants for the park.

Upon her appointment to the Pinole City Council in 2015, Ms. Toms became involved with numerous different development projects for the city. She was active in the Gateway Shopping Center project, the Sprouts project, and the Landscape Improvement Project. She has also worked on the Pinole Wastewater Pollution Control Plant Upgrade project. Additionally, Ms. Toms was heavily involved with the Planning Commission on Pinole's 2010 General Plan Update.

Among her colleagues, Ms. Toms is known for being hard-working and for her commitment to community service. In addition to her work on the City Council, Ms. Toms has served on the Down Syndrome League Board

of Directors and has volunteered as a Special Olympics Coach. She has received numerous awards for her service to Contra County and the City of Pinole, including the Contra Costa Woman of the Year award.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Toms is an admirable leader who is dedicated to serving our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Councilwoman Maureen Toms here today.

CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF
THE NEW LANIER TECHNICAL
COLLEGE CAMPUS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the opening of the new Lanier Technical College campus.

In the words of Dr. Ray Perren, "This campus was built not only for the students of 2018 but for those who choose technical education in 2078." The new campus includes six buildings for technical education instruction, an economic development and campus support building, instructional building, and an administrative building and student center.

Lanier Tech's new campus was specifically designed to serve students by offering flexible training requirements, workforce training, and appropriate skills for an evolving job market. The \$150-million campus will be open for classes in January 2019 and will accommodate more than 5,000 students, nearly doubling Lanier Tech's current capacity. This will, undoubtedly, improve upon their stellar job placement rate.

Throughout the nation, communities have grown tired of paying astronomical prices for degrees that quickly become outdated. A technical education provides stability in an ever-changing economy, in industries that regularly create meaningful career opportunities.

Mr. Speaker, I celebrate this investment in technical education for our local community, and I look forward to the positive impact this will have throughout Northeast Georgia.

HONORING EARL GOODE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

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

Earl is an institution in Indiana and has devoted his career to helping improve the lives of our fellow Hoosiers. We worked together with Governor Daniels to enact school choice legislation that has given low-income families across the state better educational opportunities. After working for Governor Daniels, Earl served as the President of Indianapolis Capital Improvement Board of Managers and now serves as the Chief of Staff for Governor Holcomb. It has been an honor to work with Earl, and I know our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, I have had the pleasure of knowing Earl for nearly two decades. Simply put: Earl Goode is my friend and mentor. I want to thank him for his friendship, wise counsel and loyalty to me over all these years. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his family.

PROTECTING THE CRIME VICTIMS'
FUND: A RARE GEM

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, when most Americans think about the federal government, they tend to think about the political gridlock and bureaucratic red tape that has increasingly made good governance difficult. But once in a blue moon, a unique and effective idea can emerge out of the Washington swamp, and the creation of the Crime Victims' Fund is a perfect example of one of those rare occurrences. Prior to being elected to Congress, I served as a prosecutor and Judge in Houston, Texas for 30 years. During that time, I learned firsthand how important it is to protect and help restore the most vulnerable in our society. Upon arriving in Washington after my election and learning about the Crime Victims' Fund, I knew how special the idea was, and I was determined to protect and expand it.

In 1984, President Reagan signed the Victims of Crime Act or VOCA into law, thus creating the Crime Victims' Fund. Back then, this Fund was a novel idea. Convicted federal felons pay fees and fines into the Fund, which then helps pay for services to restore victims of crime. The Fund helps pay restitution to victims; it allows domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, and other organizations to keep their doors open; and it pays for a wide array of services that crime victims need, from rape kits to beds in a shelter. I want to be clear: this is not taxpayer money. This Fund allows criminals to pay for the harm that they've caused. In other words, it's like criminals paying rent on the courthouse.

At the end of FY2016, the Crime Victims Fund had a balance of more than \$12 billion. Unfortunately, this money—billions of dollars—has been used as an offset for other unrelated programs. I understand the attraction of using a program of this size to help offset other items under the budget, but it is still completely inappropriate. These are non-tax dollars. To ensure that the Fund is protected and used correctly, every year Rep. JIM COSTA (D-CA) and I have introduced the Crime Victims' Fund Preservation Act. This bill creates a "lockbox" to ensure that money in the Fund cannot be used for any purpose other than crime victims' programs authorized under the VOCA statute.

Since its creation, the Fund has been a lifeline for victims, offering them the resources and assistance they need to recover and rebuild their lives. This money should never be subject to the politics or gridlock that often derails or hampers other federal programs. The Fund is a rare Washington D.C. gem, a program that serves victims of crime while not being a burden on the American tax-payer. We must work to preserve this Fund and ensure it is protected for the future.

And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL P.
GUINGONA

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Michael P. Guingona for his remarkable 25 years of dedicated service on the Daly City City Council, including five terms as Mayor. Mike has worked continually to improve the quality of life for all Daly City residents while also raising a family, maintaining a full-time public defender career, and coaching wrestling and judo.

Mike was the first Filipino-American elected to the council in 1993 and then re-elected to four consecutive terms. In 1995, at age 33, he became the youngest Mayor in Daly City's history.

Born in San Francisco and raised in Daly City, Mike attended Westmoor High School and Skyline College. He earned his B.A. in History at the University of California Los Angeles and then his JD at the University of San Francisco School of Law. Soon after, he was hired as a Deputy Public Defender in San Francisco.

Mike's interest in local government grew after he finished law school. He saw the rapid growth and demographic changes in Daly City. The population grew from 40,000 to over 100,000 and by 2000, the Filipino-American community accounted for almost one third of the city's population.

After being elected to the council, Mike continued his full-time work as deputy public defender in the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. In 1999, he established his own law firm on Mission Street in Daly City. He is a member of the State Bar of California, the Bar Association of San Francisco, and the Filipino Bar Association of Northern California.

During his tenure on the council, Mike served on the SamTrans Board of Directors for ten years, and on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority for eight years. He represented Daly City's interests as an appointed member of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) served as board chair for North County Fire Authority, and served on the Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Services Board of Directors.

Among Mike's top priorities and passions are health and fitness. He supported a resolution adopting a city-wide wellness policy and initiated legislation to fight second-hand smoke. He also made a pledge that I believe no other council member has duplicated. He rode his bike on every street in Daly City to raise awareness for health and safe bike routes. For many years he was a judo coach at Cahill's Judo Academy in San Bruno and a wrestling coach at Terra Nova High School. He is a Mixed Martial Arts Judge for the California State Athletic Commission, Director of Operations and Coach for the Wrestling Association of the Philippines, and a swim instructor and certified personal trainer working with employees at Google and YouTube.

While Mike will retire from the city council, he will continue his interest in everything Daly

City, many of his athletic activities and his work as an attorney. Mike is looking forward to spending more of his freed-up time with his wife Jackie and son Kai who is a member of the Philippine National Wrestling Team which Mike is coaching.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in thanking my long-time friend and colleague Mike Guingona for his outstanding and dedicated public service to the residents of Daly City. His likeability, charm and optimism have been assets as he represented Daly City in many positions. He beautifully reflects and advances the spirit and character of his beloved home town. I join the community in wishing him the best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING KOESTERS BODY &
FRAME SHOP

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 10, 2018

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Koesters Body & Frame Shop of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Koesters Body & Frame Shop recently received the HIRE Vets Medallion Program award. The HIRE Vets program, administered by the Department of Labor, recognizes businesses for their commitment to recruiting, employing and retaining veterans. Koesters Body & Frame Shop was recently awarded a gold medal in the small employer category.

Koesters Body & Frame Shop was founded in 1970 by Steve Koester and has grown into a thriving body and frame business. Today, Koesters is a leader in automotive repair and body work in northeast Indiana, with over 50 employees and a state of the art facility.

I applaud Koesters Body & Frame Shop for its commitment to our veterans. As a member of the House Veterans Affairs committee and a veteran myself, I am pleased to see northeast Indiana embracing the unique skills that our veterans bring to the workforce. I applaud the efforts of companies like Koesters to hire the men and women who have given so much to serve our nation. Congratulations to Koesters Body & Frame Shop, and I thank them for their commitment to our veterans and our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHUCK
CARPENTER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chuck Carpenter for his 36 years of service and leadership with the Denton Chamber of Commerce.

Chuck first arrived in Denton as a recent Baylor University graduate, and joined the Denton Chamber to launch and lead the Denton Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) as its first director. In this role, Chuck was tasked with promoting the City of Denton and bolstering tourism. In 1982, Chuck was selected to be the President of the Denton Chamber of

Commerce. He has remained at the helm ever since as a steady figure for the community.

During his 36 year tenure as president, Chuck has been a major player as Denton has grown to our current population of more than 137,000 citizens. This growth included the relocation of Peterbilt's Divisional Headquarters and dozens of other businesses that comprise the strong employment base of the city. Chuck established the joint Chamber-City Office of Economic Development to continue the work in drawing employers to the City and launched to first official relocation guide to assist these companies and their employees in becoming a part of the community.

Chuck supported community interests and awareness by starting the Small Business Development Center, Adopt-a-School and the creation of the Discover Denton Welcome Center on the Square. He engaged the community in civic and community matters through Denton County Days in Austin, the DC Fly-In and his Chamber Action column in the Denton Record Chronicle. He also launched Leadership Denton, the Small Business Development Center and Women in Business to better engage both current and future leaders. In addition, he sought to recognize leaders and community milestones through the Volunteer of the Year Award and the celebration of both the 75th and 100th Chamber anniversaries.

For more than 36 years, Chuck has been an institution to leaders representing business, industry, non-profits, and elected office. Chuck's daily community presence, his wisdom, and community knowledge will be sorely missed as he moves into retirement. On behalf of the 26th District of Texas, I extend my sincere thanks to him for the impact he has made, and wish him and his family the very best.

HONORING GREG AND DENISE
PENCE

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 congratulate Congressman-elect Greg Pence on his election victory.

Greg will be an outstanding Congressman for Indiana's 6th District and will fight for working Hoosiers every day. Greg is a lifelong 6th District resident, an accomplished small businessman, a family man and a veteran U.S. Marine Corps officer.

Like me, Greg overachieved in marriage. He and his wife Denise are proud to call Columbus home. They have raised their family, built a business and continue to create jobs in the 6th District. I thank Greg and Denise for their continued service and look forward to all they will accomplish for the 6th District in Congress.

On a personal note, Greg Pence is my friend. I would like to thank Greg for many years of loyal friendship, candid advice and wise counsel. I could not be prouder to call him our next Congressman for Indiana's Sixth District. Without a doubt, Greg Pence is Ready to Serve, Again.