

SHARON HAISLIP RETIREMENT
FROM JPL GOLDSTONE DEEP
SPACE COMMUNICATION COM-
PLEX

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions that Sharon Haislip has made throughout her forty years of service towards the JPL Goldstone Deep Space Communication Complex (GDSCC).

Sharon began her career in Logistics at the GDSCC, and was promoted several times until becoming Production Control Specialist, and eventually served on the CSOC contract working as Property Coordinator. Her hard work and commitment led to expanded responsibilities as she developed a detailed knowledge of government property management. In the Property Office, Sharon was responsible for a wide range of logistics including government reporting and inventory of NASA property. Her work provided valuable records for gathering and tracking information on the history of an asset, including its status and performance capabilities. This information was critical to insure continued operation of telecommunications equipment across multiple sites as it was moved from location to location around the Goldstone complex.

Sharon Haislip retires on December 20, 2018. Her diligence towards her work has contributed significantly to the success of JPL NASA's Deep Space Network as each manned spaceflight mission, landing and planetary encounter has contributed towards humankind's understanding of the solar system and beyond. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I thank Sharon for all her contributions towards our local community and the future planetary advances that will result from her work.

RECOGNIZING MELISSA KLOIBER
FOR THE 2018 MONTANA CON-
GRESSIONAL VETERAN COM-
MENDATION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Melissa Kloiber of Great Falls, a recipient of the 2018 Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for her service to her country and leadership in her community.

With a family tradition of service in our country's armed forces stretching back generations, Mrs. Kloiber joined the United States Air Force immediately after high school. She served our country's men and women wounded in action as an Aeromedical Evacuation Technician from 1992 to 1996 on both active duty and in the Air Force Reserves.

In 2011, Melissa's 6-month-old daughter Jacey was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Doctors said it was unlikely Jacey would make it to her second birthday. But with undaunted spirits, Melisa and her husband Allan, also an Air Force veteran, helped Jacey beat the odds, and, thankfully, Jacey started 2nd grade this year.

Mrs. Kloiber is using the knowledge and experience she gained in helping her daughter to help others. She started Jacey's Journey, a non-profit organization that provides education and assistance to families with children suffering from neuromuscular disorders. To assist Jacey, the Kloiber's developed a unique mobility device known as an Angel Arm, and through Jacey's Journey, more than 200 of the devices have been provided for children around the world.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Melissa Kloiber for her dedication and service.

RECOGNIZING THE INDEPENDENT
TRANSPORTATION NETWORK OF
AMERICA FOR PROVIDING ONE
MILLION RIDES

HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Ms. PINGREE. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize the Independent Transportation Network of America (ITN) for the selfless feat of providing one million rides to elderly and visually challenged people across the United States. This House Resolution commends ITN, a nonprofit, for serving the common good and making it possible for people to continue to be active participants in their communities after they can no longer drive safely.

ITN America founder Katherine Freund and her son were in a near fatal car accident. Rather than blame the other driver, an elderly man, Katherine realized that there were too few public transportation options available for elderly or visually impaired individuals to navigate their communities. In 1995 the Independent Transportation Network of America was born to respond to this critical community need. Because of Ms. Freund and her colleagues' passionate study of resources, logistics and technology, ITN to grow into a national consortium of thirteen affiliates in twelve states.

In my district, ITN America is much more than a taxi service. Drivers go above and beyond to ensure clients have a positive door-to-door experience while accommodating for luggage and other needs. ITN is constantly lauded for their outstanding customer service and prompt availability around the clock. In a letter to the editor of the Portland Press Herald, an ITN client effused her relief that she no longer has to worry about how she would make it to appointments or simply drive to the ocean on the weekend. ITN has restored the dignity of countless persons who have retired from driving or never had the privilege to drive—granting them agency over the life they deserve.

I was pleased to introduce H. Res. 851 earlier this year, which further recognizes the substantial achievements of ITN America and its valuable contributions to countless communities. Again, I congratulate the Independent Transportation Network of America and their incredible team for their exemplary leadership in achieving the milestone of one million rides. Remarkably, this marker hardly quantifies the transformative impact they have had on so many lives and I look forward to supporting ITN's continued advocacy for the elderly and

those unable to drive in Maine and across our nation.

HONORING DOGGER DICKEY

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

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

Dogger works for Hillenbrand Capital Partners and has been making the trains run on time for years. He has always been involved in Indiana politics and has continuously volunteered his time and resources toward improving the quality of life for his fellow Hoosiers. It has been an honor to work with him.

On a personal note, Dogger was among my earliest and most vocal supporters. He is a loyal confidant and wise adviser. I want to thank him for his friendship and support of my work in Congress. I wish Dogger continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

HONORING BARBARA BAILEY

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Barbara Bailey, an extraordinary leader who will be remembered for her tireless advocacy for LGBTQ communities and communities of color.

Barbara was a prominent Seattle presence, having run the independent bookstore Bailey/Coy Books for many years. Over that time, her Capitol Hill bookstore served as a key safe haven, and an inclusive space for LGBTQ individuals—particularly, during an era when prejudice, stigma, and discrimination against the LGBTQ community remained rife.

During the height of the HIV/AIDS crisis, Barbara was part of a courageous group of activists who founded the Pride Foundation, with the vision of creating a community of shared humanity and expanding opportunities for LGBTQ peoples. With her passion, volunteerism, and conviction, Barbara helped lead the Pride Foundation at a critical moment in history, and helped to cultivate it into one of the leading LGBTQ organizations in the Pacific Northwest. To date, the Pride Foundation has remained on the forefront of pursuing equity and positive systemic change in our society.

Barbara remained resolute in her tireless advocacy for equality throughout her life. Whether fundraising for organizations, supporting local candidates who shared her values, advocating on the Lambda Legal Board of Directors, or serving as a member of the Greater Seattle Business Association (GSBA), Barbara Bailey's activism and principles paved the way for LGBTQ people in the region. Her legacy lives on through the Barbara Bailey Scholarship Fund, which will empower a new generation of leaders.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and humility that I recognize the life of Barbara Bailey, a champion of civil rights in the Seattle area and whose impact will endure through the many lives which she inspired.

IN RECOGNITION OF DONNA L. YEE

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Donna L. Yee as she retires as the Chief Executive Officer of the Asian Community Center (ACC) Senior Services. As colleagues, friends and family gather to honor her work, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring her for her leadership at ACC Senior Services, as well as for her dedication to our community.

For seventeen years, Dr. Yee has been instrumental in advancing the indispensable support that ACC Senior Services provides to the senior members of our community. Her leadership has led to not only the improvement of the organization's longtime recreational, transportation, and housing services, but also the establishment of new programs that provide support and understanding to seniors and their families and caregivers. During Dr. Yee's tenure at ACC Senior Services we have witnessed the opening of ACC Park City and the launch of ACC Lifelong learning And Wellness classes and workshops, which later became ACC Care Center, focusing on family caregiver support and service needs. ACC RIDES provides transportation for seniors to get to their appointments. Bridge to Healthy Families was created, giving support to families with loved ones with Alzheimer's and dementia. ACC Greenhaven Terrace, an independent living and assisted living facility for our senior community was established, as well as the Memory Care residential facility at Maple Tree. We also saw the establishment of Meals on Wheels by ACC providing nutrition services to seniors.

Dr. Yee's background of over four decades in social science research and experience in hospital services have shaped her into a leader in person-centered care and health. Donna received her Master of Social Work from the University of Washington and her Ph.D. in Social Policy at the Heller School, Brandeis University. Because of Dr. Yee's leadership, ACC Senior Services will continue to grow with the goal of identifying, developing, and providing culturally sensitive health and social services for seniors.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Dr. Donna L. Yee for seventeen years of successful leadership and to thank her for the work she has done to promote the quality and access of services for our senior citizens. She and her team have served our community well, and I ask all my colleagues to join me in acknowledging her outstanding accomplishments.

HONORING THE CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HICKORY HILLS POLICE CHIEF ALAN T. VODICKA

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Alan T. Vodicka and recognize his accomplishments as Chief of the Hickory Hills Police Department. Chief Vodicka's combined 42 years of service and dedication are nothing short of remarkable. As he prepares to retire, we cannot help but admire his service and hope that his distinguished tenure stands as an example to all officers.

Chief Alan Vodicka, a native Chicagoan raised in Mount Greenwood on the Southwest Side of the city, began his longstanding career with the Hickory Hills Police Department in 1976 after earning a B.A. from the University of Illinois Chicago Circle Campus that same year. Throughout his time with the Hickory Hills Police Department, he has served in many capacities, ranging from a Patrol and Juvenile Officer to Supervisor of Investigation, with his career eventually culminating in a promotion to Chief of Police in 2001. He has also served as President of the 5th District Chief of Police and the Hickory Hills Pension Board, Chairman of the 5th District SWAT, and Director for both the Southwest Major Crimes Task Force and the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force.

Chief Vodicka also earned an M.A. in Criminal Justice from the University of Illinois Chicago, an M.Ed. from the University of Illinois in Instructional Leadership, and studied at the Illinois Law Enforcement Executive Institute. He has shared his expertise with others, serving as a member of the faculty at Moraine Valley Community College and as Vice President of the North Palos School District 117 Board. He takes pride in working with various civic organizations and particularly enjoys engaging with youth. As an active volunteer coach with the Hickory Hills Park District and the Hickory Hills Youth Baseball, Chief Vodicka has shown a well-rounded and genuine commitment to his community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Chief Alan T. Vodicka. This outstanding public servant has devoted his life to keeping the citizens of Hickory Hills safe and has improved the lives of countless individuals. I congratulate him on his accomplishments, thank him for his service, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF OFFICER GIBSON'S DISTINGUISHED ACTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic efforts of Officer David Gibson in preventing loss of life while in the line of duty.

On September 21, 2018 Officer Gibson came to assist a woman threatening to drive

her car off a cliff, in an apparent suicide attempt. While another officer distracted the woman, Officer Gibson rushed to her vehicle from the opposite side, jumped in through an open window through the passenger's side and shut down the vehicle, risking great personal harm but successfully halting its movement further off the cliff. The woman fought with Officer Gibson to restart the vehicle, but both officers were able to regain control and prevent her from turning on the vehicle again. Afterwards she was taken into custody and transported to a medical facility.

Officer Gibson demonstrated extreme devotion to his duty and the protection of others by endangering himself in an effort to save the life of another. These actions are honorable and representative of the great lengths our first responders go to better keep our community safe. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I thank Officer Gibson. His actions are recognized and it is an honor to have him serving the constituents of California's Eighth Congressional District.

STANDING WITH THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE AGAINST RUSSIAN AGGRESSION

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H. Res. 1162 and voice my outrage at continued Russian violations of Ukrainian sovereignty.

The list of Russian provocations is lengthy.

Russia has fueled the war in the Donbas, first by providing material and mercenary support to armed separatists and later by sending in troops to fight directly. Russia also illegally invaded and occupied the Crimean Peninsula. Additionally, Russian-backed separatists using Russian-supplied weaponry shot down a passenger airliner, killing 298 innocent civilians. To this day, Russia refuses to accept responsibility despite overwhelming evidence. Most recently, Russian ships seized and boarded Ukrainian vessels sailing between two Ukrainian ports in the Kerch Strait, detaining Ukrainian sailors. This violation of international law cannot go unmet.

What happens to Ukraine matters to the United States because violations of international borders and maritime law harm the United States. The United States benefits greatly from the rules-based order it set up with a coalition of countries after World War II. Any violation of these rules and norms must be responded to appropriately. Now that H. Res. 1162 has passed on voice vote, I call on my colleagues in Congress and the administration to explore further ways to hold Russia accountable for its blatant violations of Ukrainian sovereignty. Finally, as the Ukrainian government works to strengthen transparency and the rule of law, I urge my colleagues in Congress to be willing partners to secure the benefits of democracy and stability for the Ukrainian people.