

reestablish order and common sense which ain't very common these days.

David was a restorer of life because his life pointed people to the life of Jesus. That's what it means to be a restorer of life. Your life points people to the ultimate restorer of life, Jesus Christ.

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the soul of the oppressed, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your night will become like the noonday.

Notice the Lord does not say, if you give the hungry some food, but rather He says if you give yourself!!! It's easy to give folk some food, but to give up your house, your comforts, your privacy, your money, your clothes, your space....., your living room/dining room becomes the meeting room, the gathering room, the prayer room filled with desks, chairs, computers and other office equipment.

Jesus said, if you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. Mark 8:35

Folks are just as hungry today as they were 45 years ago—physically hungry, mentally hungry, spiritually hungry; hungry for love, hungry for acceptance, hungry for family, hungry for a sense of home and belonging.

If you are generous, extravagant with the down and out, your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in the sunlight. Listen to what the Lord says He will do in your life when you pour out, give extravagantly to the last, the least, the lost, the struggling.....

.....I will always show you where to go, I'll give you a full life in the emptiest of places, firm muscles, strong bones. You'll be a well-watered garden, a gurgling spring that never runs dry. You'll use the old rubble of past lives to build to build anew, rebuild the foundations from out of your past, you'll be known as those who can fix anything, restore old ruins, rebuild and renovate, make the community livable again.

Who will stand in the gap? Who will be known as the restorers of the streets, of the community? Will you make a commitment today? Then sign off on the Imani Pledge that Queen Mother and David developed:

Whereas over 44 years ago in 1974, the youth in the City of Philadelphia took the bold step forward to ensure that following generations would not have to experience the self-destruction and agony of gang warfare. We honor them for this and for keeping their word.

Whereas in as much as our ancestors, parents, teachers, caregivers, elder community members and others that have shed blood that we might acquire an education. We give our word to refrain from fighting during school, after school and inside school, and we encourage those that we know to do the same.

Whereas we too are a generation that is proud and want to succeed. On this day, I sign this document to let it be known wherever it needs to be known that I care deeply about our community and will do all in my power to return us to our traditional greatness. Let my word be my bond. In honor of David Fattah, Sr., I pledge to stand in the gap as a restorer of the streets and communities.

Some of you are asking right now: pastor, are you asking me to sign up for another social justice movement. In Jesus' church, there can be no separation between the cross and social justice. There is no separation in Scripture between the two—no pain no gain, no cross no crown!!!!

Jesus said in Matthew 25:

Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked, and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.

There is no separation between the cross and social justice. If we go into the neighborhood and live out the gospel—two things will happen. People and places will change. We are called to be restorers of life and of the streets.

David Fattah, husband, father, community activist, restorer of the streets was called from earthly labors to heavenly reward the other day. The heart that gave so much to so many just stopped!!! But the Creator said I've got a new heart for you over in Gloryland!!!! David is done with the troubles of this world, he has gone home to be with His God!!! No more crying, weeping and wailing, no more sickness, heartache or break. He's done with the troubles of the world.

Listen as David speaks parting words:

Do not stand at my grave and weep for me, I am not there. I do not sleep!!! I am every boy and girl fighting for life. I am every parent struggling with rebellious kids! I am every teacher demanding your best. I am standing in the gap connecting warring factions. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there, I did not die.

If I can do my duty as a good man ought

If I can bring back beauty to a world up wrought

If I can spread love's message as the Master taught

Then my living shall not be in vain

David Fattah, Sr., husband, father, grandfather, patriarch, social engineer, restorer of the streets and community has done his work, has sung his song, now he has gone home where he belongs!!!! To God be The Glory!!!!!!

The 2nd Congressional District of Pennsylvania extends gratitude to David Fattah, Sr. for his dedicated support and service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

HONORING SHERIFF JOHN TURNER

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of John Turner, Sheriff of Walla Walla County. John is retiring as Sheriff of Walla Walla County on December 31, 2018, after serving as Sheriff since 2011.

John first became a member of law enforcement after joining the Manhattan Beach, California police department in 1984, followed by a sixteen-year stint with the Los Angeles Police Department. After a stint outside of law enforcement, John was elected Sheriff of Walla Walla County in 2011, and won reelection to that position in 2014. With his election, John became the 32nd Sheriff of Walla Walla County since its founding in 1859. Aside from his work with various law enforcement agencies, John is a graduate of both the University of Southern California, and Southwestern University School of Law, where he received a Juris Doctorate degree in 1996.

During his time as Sheriff, John has been recognized both in Washington State and

throughout the nation. He has been named an Executive Board Member of the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs, served as a Commissioner of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, and has been nominated for the Ferris E. Lucas Award for National Sheriff of the Year. John has also been an active member of the Walla Walla community, participating in the Walla Walla Noon Rotary Club and as an active member at Blue Mountain Community Church.

John's work on behalf of Walla Walla County will be remembered by all, but especially by his colleagues in the Sheriff's office, who appreciate his work in turning the sheriff's office into a high quality, well respected law enforcement agency.

I appreciate John's work on behalf of the Sheriff's office and of Walla Walla County and the honorable role he filled as Sheriff. I wish him the best in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I was held up by Committee business.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 449 and "yea" on Roll Call No. 456.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF BETSY WRIGHT AND COMMEMORATING HER DEDICATION TO THE CHAUTAUQUA MEDICAL COMMUNITY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the service of Betsy Wright to UPMC Chautauqua, formerly WCA Hospital, and congratulate her on her retirement.

For the last twenty years, Betsy Wright has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of UPMC Chautauqua. Her dedicated service has ensured the high levels of employee engagement and community support that the hospital enjoys today.

With more than thirty-five years in the healthcare industry, Betsy's insight is highly respected by the New York State Department of Health, the Office of Mental Health, and the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services. Policy makers at all levels of healthcare know Betsy for her tireless work to improve care of patients in the community.

Betsy's leadership in the healthcare community does not end with UPMC Chautauqua. She also is a member of the executive committee of the Healthcare Association of New York State and a past Regent of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Throughout her career, Betsy has been recognized many times by Buffalo Business First as one of "Western New York's Most Influential People".

As Betsy moves forward with the next chapter of her life, we applaud her tireless effort to improve the quality of healthcare for the citizens of Chautauqua County and we wish her all the best in her retirement.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate Betsy Wright and her extraordinary career.

TRIBUTE TO PETER J. FREEMAN

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in order to recognize the remarkable Peter J. Freeman, my Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor for the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He is a passionate public servant, and talented member of my staff.

Peter first arrived on Capitol Hill, over two decades ago, as a humble House Page hailing from Bainbridge Island, Washington. He returned to the area soon thereafter to attend and graduate from Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service. He then found himself back on the Hill in the office of Rep. Deborah Pryce (R-OH), where he rose through the ranks, becoming Deputy Chief of Staff. Along the way, he worked on various bills, including a federal backstop for commercial terrorism insurance, a bill prohibiting job discrimination based on sexual orientation, and various bills impacting affordable housing.

Peter developed an expertise on financial services issues, which served him well when he returned to Capitol Hill in my office. In his position, he helped me with flood insurance reform, economic regulatory relief, anti-money laundering, terrorism financing, housing finance, and credit score competition legislation, among others.

Peter did a remarkable job in managing my office. He helped me assemble a great team, provided valuable counsel; and helped me to fulfill my vision during our time together. While I am retiring, Peter will always be an esteemed and unforgettable member of the Royce Team. His dedicated intellect, his wit, and his ability to connect with people on all levels and all sides of the political spectrum are qualities that make him a rare entity on Capitol Hill. But Peter's greatest asset is his passion to serve. And I am grateful that he chose to serve my constituents of the 39th District of California, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the nation.

I thank Peter, and wish him the very best of luck for the next chapter of his life.

CONGRATULATING JOHN DAVID ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM WQAD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John David, who is retiring from Moline, Illinois' TV station, WQAD. Mr. David has been reporting for 29 years at WQAD and has become an integral part of the Quad Cities community.

Mr. David grew up in Southern California, where he began his broadcasting career at age 16 for KCSN-FM. He graduated cum laude from Occidental College in Los Angeles

with degrees in Political Science and Theater Arts and Rhetoric. He then went on to receive a Master's degree in Broadcast Journalism with distinction from Northwestern University. Mr. David is best known for reporting on the rise and fall of American manufacturing and its toll on the workforce. His documentary, "Where Did the Jobs Go?" received the 2006 Regional RTNDA Edward R. Murrow Award for a news documentary. As a former reporter, I understand the demands of this work and thank David for his commitment to informing our community.

It is because of dedicated community leaders such as Mr. David that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Mr. David on his well-earned retirement and thank him for all of his contributions and service to our community.

COL. TONY JACK BUCKLES, U.S. ARMY (RET.)

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Col. Tony Jack Buckles, U.S. Army (Ret.) and his years of dedication to our country and the communities of California's 51st Congressional District.

Col. Tony Jack Buckles, of Pensacola, FL passed away at the age of 69 on December 5, 2018 following a heroic battle with cancer. He is survived by: his wife of 49 years, Nancy C. Buckles; his children: Jonathan (Lauren) Buckles; and Elizabeth (James) Deck; his six beautiful granddaughters: Brenton, Madeline, Catherine, and Elizabeth Buckles and Emilia and Enslie Deck and his mother, Billie Buckles.

Tony was born on November 5, 1949 to Jack and Billie Buckles in Elizabethton, TN. Tony was an alumnus of East Tennessee State University. He was commissioned in June of 1971 as an Armor Officer and after graduating the Armor Officer Orientation Course, Airborne School, and Ranger School, Tony began his distinguished service assigned to the U.S. Army's Third Armored Division in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Tony graduated from many courses, including the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, the United States Marine Corp's Command and Staff College, and achieved the status of distinguished graduate of the National War College at Fort McNair, Washington, DC. Tony's esteemed service led to the fulfillment of a career-long goal of being selected as the Battalion Commander for 1/70 Armor, in the U.S. Army's 5th Mechanized Infantry Division, at Fort Polk, LA, where his battalion was selected as the first in the Division to field the Army's newest battle tank at the time, the M1 Abrams. Tony went on to serve honorably as the Garrison Commander for the U.S. Army's III Armored Corps at Fort Hood, TX, with his military career ultimately concluding with the privilege of serving the U.S. House of Representatives in the U.S. Army's Congressional Liaison Office.

Over the course of Tony's career, he received numerous awards and recognition for his service, culminating with being awarded

the U.S. Army's Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious service to the Government in duties of great responsibility. Following his retirement, after 30 years of service, Tony became the Chief of Staff for U.S. Congressman Bob Filner, 51st District, California from 2001–2012.

On behalf of California's 51st Congressional District, I would like to formally honor the memory of Col. Tony Jack Buckles on his years of dedicated service to the nation and California's 51st Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, on May 21, 2018 the House took roll call votes on a series of bills which included, H.R. 4451, the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2018. Unintentionally, I voted no on this legislation when I meant to vote yes. My recorded vote does not reflect my position on the important programs and support services for homeless veterans that were reauthorized in H.R. 4451 and I look forward to working with my colleagues to expand services that help our veterans thrive as civilians after their brave service to our country has concluded.

HONORING MR. RANDY ESPINET; A CUBAN-AMERICAN LEADER IN OUR SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Randy Espinet has been a leading figure in our Cuban-American community for decades.

A fellow graduate of the University of Miami, my alma mater, Randy has devoted his time to improving our beloved community each and every day.

He never ceases to put the needs of others before his own, and his determination to better the lives of those around him is a testament to his character.

As a political activist in South Florida, Randy works hard to advocate for those who need it most.

Whether he is supporting national Cuban-American initiatives—or advocating for a noble cause at the municipal or state level—his commitment to public service is unwavering, and South Florida is proud to have him in our corner.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Randy Espinet, an upstanding member of our community, and I am confident that he will continue to better our slice of paradise for years to come.

Thank you (Gracias) to Randy for all he does.