

in the National Guard in the late 1950's and later moved to Pacific Palisades in 1960 where he became very active in the community.

Kurt served as president of the Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC), and was instrumental in formulating its Guiding Principles which are still used today. He played a critical role in securing funds to assure the construction of the new gym in the Palisades Park, which led to him being honored with the Pacific Palisades Citizen of the Year Award. He served as the president of the Marquez Knolls Property Owners Association for over 10 years, serving as an important advocate for homeowners' rights.

Through his prodigious community involvement, Kurt became President of PRIDE, a non-profit designed to improve and enhance the aesthetics of Pacific Palisades. He was also a member of the Community-Policy Advisory Board for 10 years.

Additionally, Kurt was a member of American Legion Post 283 Pacific Palisades. He served on the Palisades Park Advisory Board, and on his 80th birthday his family donated \$20,000 in matching funds to build a Veteran's Garden at the Recreation Center in Pacific Palisades.

Kurt believed that the residents of Pacific Palisades should continue working together to maintain the beauty of Pacific Palisades here in Los Angeles. May Kurt's memory be a blessing to us all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 9, 2018

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 94; NAY on Roll Call No. 95; NAY on Roll Call No. 96; YEA on Roll Call No. 98; and NAY on Roll Call No. 99.

HONORING ROBIN LANTZ

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 9, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Robin Lantz in celebration of her 50 years in service for the State of California.

Ms. Lantz was born in Marion, Ohio. She grew up in a military family and spent her childhood in many places throughout the United States before settling in California. Robin graduated from Hayward High School and went on to earn an Associate of Arts degree from Stockton Junior College. She attended the University of the Pacific on an acapella scholarship and was a member of that institution's touring choir.

Ms. Lantz began her career serving California at the Department of Motor Vehicles. In the 1980s, she worked for the San Joaquin Women's Auxiliary Police—Badge #275—typing booking sheets for the jail. As part of her training, she walked through tear gas and had mace placed under her eyes. To this day, Ms.

Lantz loves the sound of a police scanner and listens to one all the time. Currently, Ms. Lantz is a Correctional Case Records Supervisor in Forensic Service at Napa State Hospital, a position she has held for the past 37 years.

Through her many years of service, Ms. Lantz has developed an astounding familiarity with the California Penal Code. Her encyclopedic knowledge of California's criminal statutes is so great that Superior Court judges have been known to ask her sentencing questions.

In addition, Ms. Lantz has honored our men and women in uniform with her volunteer work. She and her late husband, Dave Lantz, helped stage an annual encampment centered on service and military vehicles, complete with a parade. Ms. Lantz also volunteered to work at international airshows.

Mr. Speaker, Robin Lantz is truly dedicated to serving our State and our country. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

FOREVER WELCOME PEACE WALK

HON. KEVIN YODER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 9, 2018

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the work being done at home in my community by my friend Sunayana Dumala.

Sunayana is the widow of Srinivas Kutchibotla, the Indian immigrant worker who was tragically murdered in a hate crime in Olathe last year.

Understandably, Sunayana questioned her existence here in the United States following the loss of her husband—asking “do I really belong here?”

The man that took her husband was pure evil. He did not represent what is right and true about Kansas or America. But our community stepped up to answer her call loudly and clearly that she does belong. We responded with love.

And that love has given Sunayana a renewed purpose and a mission.

She's spreading that love and acceptance with her newly formed organization called Forever Welcome—sharing the stories of immigrants like herself who are here in America trying to build a better life.

This Friday she's hosting a Peace Walk to honor her late husband and spread her message.

Mr. Speaker, I call upon all of us in this body to join in her mission of love.

CONGRATULATING MADISON FLEMING ON BEING NAMED 2018 NATIONAL AMBASSADOR OF HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 9, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Madison Fleming as the 2018 National Ambassador of Hydrocephalus Awareness.

Madison was diagnosed with Hydrocephalus, an incurable brain condition affect-

ing one in every 500 newborns, only three weeks after she was born. As a result of her condition, Madison bravely endured multiple emergency brain surgeries, as well as eye surgeries, migraines, learning disabilities, and years of physical therapy.

Madison courageously fought through these obstacles, and did not let them stop her from leading a successful life. Madison has competed in cross country, horseback riding, ice hockey, and lacrosse, which is a testament to her determination. She is also committed to her studies, and will be graduating high school a year early and will attend SUNY Jefferson in the fall of 2018. Madison aspires to become a Registered Nurse and dedicate her life to helping others. She is truly an inspiration.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to recognize the fantastic example that Madison sets as the 2018 National Ambassador of Hydrocephalus Awareness. I am so proud of all Madison has achieved, and have no doubt that she will continue to accomplish great things in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING HOCKEY'S DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 9, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a member of the Congressional Hockey Caucus, and as an avid fan of the game, to recognize hockey's Declaration of Principles.

Those who love hockey know that it requires teamwork and perseverance, instills integrity and a sense of humility, strengthens character and brings communities together. On September 6th, 2017, the National Hockey League and the National Hockey League Players' Association issued a joint statement signaling the end to a two-year discussion between seventeen major worldwide hockey organizations including: American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA); American Hockey League (AHL); Canadian Hockey League (CHL); Canadian Junior Hockey League (CJHL); Canadian Women's Hockey League (CWHL); College Hockey Inc.; ECHL; Hockey Canada; International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF); National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA); National Women's Hockey League (NWHL); North American Hockey League (NAHL); U SPORTS; United States Hockey League (USHL); and USA Hockey.

As part of the group's reaffirmation to the game, these seventeen hockey organizations have collectively issued a set of eight key principles—the Declaration of Principles—aimed at rededicating the game at every level to the group's core values and beliefs. The Principles are meant to serve as an internal compass to help guide decisions and shift behaviors of hockey organizations, as well as players, parents, coaches, fans, partners and all those who represent and care for the sport of hockey.

These Principles are:

1. Hockey should be an enjoyable family experience; all stakeholders—organizations, players, parents, siblings, coaches, referees, volunteers and rink operators—play a role in this effort.

2. Hockey's greatest value is the role it plays in the development of character and life skills.

3. All hockey organizations—regardless of size or level of competition—bring value to players and families in their ability to deliver a positive family experience.

4. Physical activity is important for a healthy body, mind and spirit.

5. There are significant benefits of youth participation in multiple sports.

6. Hockey programs should be age-appropriate for all players, accounting for each individual's physical, emotional and cognitive development.

7. There is great value in all forms of hockey, both on and off the ice.

8. All hockey programs should provide a safe, positive and inclusive environment for players and families regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation and socio-economic status. Simply put, hockey is for everyone.

This set of principles serve as a powerful platform for participants to build character, foster positive values and develop important life skills that transcend the game. Moving forward, the adoption of this declaration of principles will advance policies, programs and initiatives, while inspiring fans, players and communities to create the best possible experience for the entire hockey community.

It is my distinct honor to recognize hockey's Declaration of Principles, and thank the National Hockey League, National Hockey League Players' Association, and all groups involved in this declaration for their continued dedication to the improvement of Hockey, and by extension the lives of millions of Americans who watch, play, and love the sport.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
FORMER TUPELO MAYOR EDWIN
CLYDE NEELLY III

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 9, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of former Tupelo Mayor Edwin Clyde Neelly, III, who died on February 21, 2018. Mr. Neelly strived to excel in every pursuit, from his distinguished military service to a long and successful career in banking. He would also add public service to his list of accomplishments.

Mr. Neelly, a native of Greenwood, Mississippi, was born on October 2, 1939. His childhood was spent in Grenada, where his father, Edwin Clyde Neelly, Jr. operated a business and served as the mayor of Grenada from 1936 until 1940. Upon graduation from Randle High School, Mr. Neelly attended the University of Mississippi, where he earned a bachelor's degree in marketing. Mr. Neelly earned a master's degree in banking from Louisiana State University and he was a graduate of the Harvard Business School's Finance for Senior Executives program.

Mr. Neelly entered military service, joining a long line of family members who have served our nation. His predecessors served in the Indian War under George Washington, the American Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, and Korea. Mr. Neelly served eight years in the Mississippi Army National Guard and the

United States Air Force Reserve. He was on active duty in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam war.

Mr. Neelly pursued a career in the field of commercial banking for 44 years. In Grenada, he began his career in banking as a management trainee and worked his way up to bank president. In 1980, his family moved to Tupelo, Mississippi, where he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Peoples Bank and Trust Company. Following a brief retirement, Mr. Neelly returned to the banking business as President of the First American National Bank.

In 2000, Mr. Neelly's desire to serve the citizens of Tupelo led him to run for a councilman-at-large seat on the Tupelo City Council. Then, he served as mayor of Tupelo from 2005 until 2009. His also served as chairman of the Community Development Foundation and the United Way of Northeast Mississippi. Mr. Neelly was a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board and the 4-H Advisory Board. For eight years, he served on the board of directors for the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Additionally, Mr. Neelly served as an elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Tupelo.

Claudia Neelly, Mr. Neelly's wife, said they had a happy life together. "Ed was wonderful to his family," Mrs. Neelly said. "He was also wonderful to everyone he met. He always wanted to help others."

Ed Neelly, IV, Mr. Neelly's son, said he had a special relationship with his father. "My father and I shared a lot of experiences together," Ed said. "He was my best friend."

Mr. Neelly's funeral was held on February 24, 2018, at the First Presbyterian Church in Tupelo. He was laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery in Grenada, Mississippi.

Mr. Neelly is survived by his wife, Claudia; son, Ed Neelly, IV; his daughter-in-law, Leigh Carol Neelly; daughter, Perry Erickson; and his brothers, Dick Neelly and Mike Neelly. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin Clyde Neelly, Jr. and Margaret Crenshaw Neelly; and son, Tucker McGowan Neelly.

Mr. Neelly's many contributions stand testament to what can be achieved through hard work and the desire to serve others.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MS. BIRD

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 9, 2018

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Ms. Teresa Bird—a beloved mother, grandmother, and Los Angeles activist—who passed away on January 16, 2018 at the age of 86.

Teresa was born in Los Angeles on September 19, 1931. She married her late husband, Richard G. Bird, on September 2, 1950 and together they moved to the city of Torrance in the South Bay region of Los Angeles County.

Teresa was a loving mother who volunteered at her children's schools and became the President of her local Parent-Teacher Association. Teresa, who was a young mother, was inspired to do more in her community when she heard that then Senator John F. Kennedy was going to run for President. Te-

resa recounted that Senator Kennedy, "turned her on to getting really involved and doing something good for the country."

Inspired by the 1960 election, Teresa went on to volunteer for the presidential campaigns of Senators John Glenn and Gary Hart, President Bill Clinton, and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. In addition to volunteering for national campaigns, Teresa spent eight years as manager of Governor Jerry Brown's Los Angeles office during his first term and thirteen years working in the district office of the late California state Senator Ralph Dills. Through her continued activism, Teresa became a founding member of the South Bay Democratic Club.

Teresa's activism in her community continued unabated outside of her professional career. She organized grape boycotts to call attention to the plight of farmworkers and lobbied local governments in support of expanded civil rights; she led voter-registration drives and marched to protest the Vietnam war. Teresa's prodigious community involvement led to the California State Senate naming her 2007 Woman of the Year for the 28th Senate District.

Teresa is survived by her three children, Elaine Bird Jones, Lisa Marcum, and David Bird as well as her grandchildren Jarrod Fletcher, Stephanie Robinson, Sean, Justin and Lucas Marcum and her great-granddaughters Chloe Robinson and Evie Fletcher whom I hope take comfort in the way Teresa lived her life as a patriotic, selfless and caring citizen. Teresa described the life she led as wonderful due to those whom she cared for most, her family and friends. May her memory be a blessing to us all.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNUAL
BRENT BERRY FOOD DRIVE

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 9, 2018

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, compassion, goodwill, and the strong desire to help others in need are all characteristics embodied by my constituents, Brent Berry and his family, of Harrisonburg, Virginia. I am honored to represent the Sixth Congressional District in the House of Representatives, home to kind-hearted and caring Virginians like the Berry family.

This March marks the 10th annual Brent Berry Food Drive. For a decade, Brent has worked countless hours, often in below freezing temperatures, collecting food for local families in his hometown of Harrisonburg. The food drive benefits the Salvation Army, collecting most of the food the organization needs to feed over 300 families per month. In 2017, the Brent Berry Food Drive collected nearly 11,000 food items.

Brent's strong desire to serve the community is remarkable, and he's a familiar face around Harrisonburg. You'll find him outside of grocery stores, shopping centers, and on local university campuses. Brent has also recruited the help of the local fire, police, and sheriff's departments to assist in collecting donations. I've participated in the food drive several times myself, and I am often amazed by the support it receives from friends and neighbors.

And what's most touching is that Brent's partner in service is his father, Bucky, who