

to our country throughout her life. She was a notable advocate for women, children, and health, and our country is better due to her life's work.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM "MIKE"
McMICHAEL

HON. LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER

OF DELAWARE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate William "Mike" McMichael, a dedicated public servant, upstanding Delawarean, and recipient of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians' (NAEMT) 2018 Emergency Medical Services Advocate of the Year Award.

For more than 30 years, Mike's experience as a skilled ER Patient Care Technician for the Delaware City Fire Company has saved countless lives and provided comfort to those experiencing unimaginable tragedy and trauma. He is a man who genuinely cares about his community and the well-being of those who live in it. Through Mike's three decades of hard work, he has day-in and day-out made a difference for Delaware City and touched the lives of countless First Staters in need.

As the Delaware State Advisor for NAEMT and member of the Delaware State Emergency Medical Services Association, he has been a powerful voice on behalf of the broader EMS (emergency medical services) community in our state. His leadership and commitment to our EMTs is evident through his tireless advocacy work at the local, state and federal levels of government. Mike's passion and selflessness is a testament to his service and character.

Mike is an extraordinary ambassador for the EMS community and a dedicated civic leader. The First State is lucky to have Fire and EMS professionals like him who put their lives on the line every day. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude and sincerest congratulations to Mike for receiving the 2018 EMS Advocate of the Year Award and for his years of service to the people of Delaware.

TRIBUTE TO VICKY
MARACHELIAN—28TH CONGRES-
SIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF
THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Vicky Marachelian of Burbank, California.

Born in Beirut, Lebanon, Ms. Marachelian's dedication to community service and passion to volunteer for humanitarian efforts stems from her childhood. When she moved to the United States with her family at a very young

age during the civil war in Lebanon, Vicky realized that she had the opportunity for a better life, and to this day, she strives to give back to the community and support the less fortunate.

Since 1995, Vicky has been an active member of the Armenian Relief Society (ARS), a remarkable organization with thousands of members in dozens of chapters around the world, serving the educational, social, and humanitarian needs of Armenians and non-Armenians alike. Over the years, Vicky has served in many capacities with the organization. She was elected to the ARS Burbank "Araz" Chapter as an executive member for 4 consecutive terms, served on the Regional Executive Board of the Armenian Relief Society of Western USA from 2003–2005, and was re-elected in 2008 to serve as Chairperson of the Regional Executive Board. Impressively, only four months later, Vicky was elected as Chairperson of the Armenian Relief Society, Inc. Central Executive Board, the highest international executive position of the global organization, where she served for two terms. During her leadership as Chairperson, a number of projects were undertaken, including the construction of a new building for the ARS "Soseh" Kindergarten in Stepanakert, Artsakh, which was completed in September 2017.

In addition to her tireless advocacy with the Armenian Relief Society, Ms. Marachelian was active at Rose and Alex Pilibos Armenian School in Los Angeles, where her children attended, helping to raise funds for the construction of a new gym and library on the campus.

Currently, Ms. Marachelian continues her service to the community through the ARS Burbank "Araz" Chapter, where she presently serves as an executive member, and is instrumental in fund-raising for the chapter and doing outreach to Armenian and non-Armenian organizations.

Ms. Marachelian's impressive work has not gone unnoticed as she has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Armenian American Chamber of Commerce "Woman in Service" award in 2011 and the "Vachagan Barepasht" medal in 2015, awarded to her by Bako Sahakyan, President of the Artsakh Republic, for her service in the Artsakh Republic. Vicky has been married to Art Marachelian for 36 years, and they have two children, Chris and Raffi.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Vicky Marachelian.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
TO DESIGNATE THE FACILITY OF
THE UNITED STATES POSTAL
SERVICE LOCATED AT 4801 WEST
VAN GIESEN STREET IN WEST
RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, AS
THE "SERGEANT DIETRICH
SCHMIEMAN POST OFFICE
BUILDING"

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to honor the memory of Marine Sergeant Dietrich Schmieman of Richland, Washington.

Dietrich grew up in Central Washington and had a strong love for the Pacific Northwest. He had a positive influence on everyone he came into contact with and a life full of potential.

After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps with the goal of becoming part of its Special Operations Command. He bonded with his brothers-in-arms, but he remained close with his friends and family in Washington state as he traveled around the world, honorably serving his country.

Sergeant Schmieman achieved his goal and was serving in the 2nd Raider Battalion at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, when he was tragically killed in a military cargo plane crash in July of 2017. He and the 15 other service members that passed away will never be forgotten for their sacrifice.

Dietrich is remembered for his kindness, sense of adventure, and strong friendships.

In honor of his service, I am introducing legislation—with the support of the entire Washington delegation in the House of Representatives—to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on West Van Giesen Street in West Richland, Washington, as the "Sergeant Dietrich Schmieman Post Office."

I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this legislation to honor the memory of Sergeant Schmieman who gave his life for our nation.

CONGRATULATING BEAUDY
MAREA GOGUE CAMACHO ON RE-
CEIVING THE U.S. SMALL BUSI-
NESS ADMINISTRATION'S 2018
HOME-BASED BUSINESS CHAM-
PION OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR
GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Beaudy Marea Gogue Camacho on her selection as the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2018 Home-Based Business Champion for Guam. This award honors individuals who have experienced the rewards and difficulties and owning a home-based business and have worked voluntarily to improve the climate for other home-based businesses.

Beaudy Camacho is the owner and operator of Fundforte, a professional product and service provider on Guam specializing in fund-raisers, special events and party planning. For over a decade, Fundforte has provided local families and businesses with the full spectrum of event planning coordination from concept development to execution. She and her team provide high quality, customized, and on-budget products and services to clients, and her business has expanded to include an effective children's entertainment division. She also develops digital and online content, creating an entrepreneurial children's book series and contributing self-help columns in widely circulated newspapers on Guam.

In addition to being a successful home-based business owner, Beaudy is also an active member of Guam's community, contributing her time and expertise to supporting

local charities and philanthropic endeavors. She has helped organize numerous community events that promote Guam's native Chamorro culture as well as women empowerment and business ownership.

I join the people of Guam in congratulating Beaudy Marea Gogue Camacho on receiving the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2018 Home-Based Business Champion of the Year Award for Guam. I commend her for her many contributions to our island and look forward to her continued success in the future.

REMEMBERING DR. TALBERT O.
SHAW

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the former president of Shaw University, Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, who passed away in January and will be honored at a memorial service in Raleigh on April 14. Lisa and I extend our condolences to Dr. Shaw's family, friends, and many admirers in the Shaw University community and beyond.

Born in Jamaica as the ninth of ten children, Dr. Shaw began his career as an ordained minister before moving to the United States in the 1950s to pursue higher education. He earned a doctorate in ethics from the University of Chicago and taught religion and ethics there for a decade before being asked to serve as Interim Dean of the Howard University Divinity School. He next became Dean of Arts and Sciences at Morgan State University. In 1987 he was called to serve as President of Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina—the oldest historically black university in the south and the birthplace of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee during the Civil Rights Movement.

Dr. Shaw served as President for fifteen crucial years in the school's history, from 1987 to 2002. He led successful efforts to reverse the university's financial difficulties, significantly increased the endowment, doubled enrollment, renovated numerous buildings on campus, and constructed what is now called the Talbert O. Shaw Living Learning Center. Dr. Shaw also developed the "Strides for Excellence: Why Not the Best?" campaign, a student empowerment and community involvement initiative that helped propel Shaw to the national renown it enjoys today.

I was first elected to Congress at about the same time Dr. Shaw began his tenure at Shaw. Early on, at a time when appropriations earmarks could still be secured for worthy purposes, we collaborated in the restoration of historic Estey Hall, the first structure built for the higher education of African American women in the United States. I developed great respect for him. He took the helm at Shaw when the school's future was highly uncertain, and by virtue of his remarkable vision, dedication, and the credibility he earned, enlisted many partners in bringing the school to health and charting a positive future course.

Dr. Shaw's dedication and leadership also extended to the broader Raleigh community. He engaged with local organizations such as Rotary International and the Chamber of Com-

merce. He renovated Shaw's chapel with the help of local Baptist churches and strengthened ties with the General Baptist State Convention. He had a serious demeanor, which reflected his steady sense of purpose, but that was combined with a personal warmth and a gift for collaboration and collegiality—all in all, rare qualities of leadership.

On behalf of my constituents and other North Carolinians, I join with Dr. Shaw's family, his many friends and admirers, and members of the communities he served in mourning his passing and giving thanks for his exemplary life of leadership and public service.

TRIBUTE TO NINA SORKIN—28TH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Nina Sorkin of Silver Lake, a unique neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Nina's parents immigrated from Mexico, so Nina is a proud first generation Californian. She was raised in the San Fernando Valley, until she moved to the Los Angeles neighborhood of Silver Lake with her beloved husband Al Sorkin 51 years ago. A diehard Bruin, Ms. Sorkin received both her bachelor's degree in Sociology and her master's degree in Social Welfare from the University of California Los Angeles. With over 40 years of service in both the public and non-profit sectors, Nina has an impressive record of giving back to the community, supporting a diverse range of causes that demonstrate her passion for helping women, children, and the homeless.

A steadfast women's advocate, Ms. Sorkin was appointed to the Los Angeles City Commission for the Status of Women by then-Mayor Bradley, where she served for a decade and was instrumental in developing a city campaign to bring awareness about women and AIDS. As a breast cancer survivor, Nina has been involved with the American Cancer Society Relay for Life for the past 15 years, chaired the Relay For Life of Pasadena, and has been volunteering for the Relay for Life of Griffith Park Communities and Hollywood since its inception over a decade ago; currently she serves as the Luminaria Chair.

During her seventeen-year tenure on the Los Angeles County Commission for Children and Families, Ms. Sorkin established a Healthy Nutrition program for children in foster care and was a member of the Child Court Committee to improve child visitation. Reinforcing her commitment to enriching the lives of children, she has been reading to three and four year olds at the Bellevue Recreation Center for the last five years, serves on the Bellevue Park Advisory Board, and championed the importance of language development in small children by her involvement with the Children Planning Council and First 5 LA.

Ms. Sorkin is a member of the Griffith Park Lions Club, which administers eye examinations and provides free eye glasses to Ribet Academy students and four elementary schools in the Atwater Village area. In addition, Nina volunteers with the Hollywood SDA Church Homeless Program, is a member of the Griffith Park Adult Community Center Spring Faire planning committee, and is a facilitator for a grief support group.

Married to the late Al Sorkin for 47 years, she has one son, Stephen and four grandchildren.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Nina Sorkin.

RECOGNIZING EL PASO
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor El Paso Community Development Week, held by the Community and Human Development Department (DCHD) of El Paso from April 2 to April 6, 2018. El Paso has celebrated Community Development Week for 42 years to commemorate the success of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME programs in creating safe, affordable housing opportunities for the El Paso community. Since 1975, these programs have brought nearly \$500 million in grant money and private and public funds to the city of El Paso, which provide essential public services, economic opportunities, street and drainage improvements, public facility and infrastructure improvements and other quality of life improvements to low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. These successes are thanks to public and private partners, community volunteers and neighborhood associations who work to support continued funding for the programs.

Even after Community Development Week comes to a close, the work of El Paso DCHD will continue to ensure the city of El Paso can respond to current and emerging community development needs, including job creation, development of affordable housing, improvement of existing housing stock, the delivery of vital services, and the development of important infrastructure improvements.

Please join me in recognizing the employees and volunteers that make El Paso Community Development Week a success.

IN MEMORY OF HUY TUONG TRAN

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 13, 2018

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Huy Tuong Tran, a dedicated Vietnamese activist, teacher, and community leader.

Mr. Huy Tuong Tran was born in 1969 in Buon Me Thuot, Vietnam. At the age of 12, as a result of the Fall of Saigon, Mr. Tran escaped by boat from Vietnam with his father.