

RECOGNIZING BAY COUNTY JAIL ASSISTANT WARDEN FRANK OWENS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. NEAL P. DUNN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Assistant Warden of the Bay County Jail, Frank Owens and congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement. Assistant Warden Owens began his career in law enforcement in 1968, but his love and respect for law enforcement began many years before that. Over the years he has worked in Tallahassee and Georgia, before choosing to settle down in Bay County in 2006.

Mr. Owens dedicated his life to law enforcement—50 years to be exact—it's what makes him happy. Every day he wakes up, he is excited to go to work. For Frank Owens, serving in law enforcement was never just a job, it was a calling.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in saying thank you to the Assistant Warden of the Bay County Jail, Frank Owens and his family, for their years of service and sacrifice, and wish them luck as they move on to enjoy a new chapter in life.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF NANCY KENYON

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Nancy Kenyon for her stellar leadership and exemplary public service as the founder and former executive director of Fair Housing of Marin, which is now Fair Housing of Northern California.

In 1963, Ms. Kenyon joined the Fair Housing Council of Northern New Jersey, where she served for 12 years and rose to the rank of Housing Director. During this period, she led a number of initiatives, including the creation of a funding stream by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to support efforts by fair housing organizations to end discriminatory housing practices, now known as the Fair Housing Initiative Program. She also supervised housing projects for the Ford Foundation and served as a training consultant for the States of New York and New Jersey.

In 1979, she moved to California to assume the position of Researcher of the Special Contribution Fund of the San Francisco Chapter of The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Her research in this role helped the NAACP to successfully argue that the San Francisco Unified School District violated federal law in its maintenance and creation of a racial segregated school system, and she helped establish a citywide lottery affording every child regardless of race, color, national origin, or class the right to attend the most prestigious schools in the district.

In 1984, Ms. Kenyon returned to her roots in enforcing fair housing laws and founded Fair Housing of Marin, where she would serve

as Executive Director until her retirement in 2012. Under her leadership, Fair Housing of Marin grew from two part-time staff operating in a spare bedroom to a staff of 10 serving communities in Marin, Sonoma and Solano Counties.

Ms. Kenyon's quest for fair housing has also been expressed in several published articles she authored, and her powerful advocacy has been recognized with numerous awards, most notably the 2005 National Pioneer of Fair Housing Award, and the Human Rights Award from the United Nations Association in Northwest Bergen County, New Jersey.

Mr. Speaker, Ms. Kenyon is a respected leader and dedicated champion for equity. Please join me in expressing my deep appreciation and praise for her national leadership as Fair Housing of Northern California honors her as part of a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act.

COMMENDING LOCAL 2018 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FOR THEIR DECISION TO ENLIST IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA FOR HOSTING THE SEVENTH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ENLISTEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 47 Frederick, Virginia area high school seniors who plan to enlist in the United States Navy after graduation. These students have excelled in their academic and extracurricular activities, and I offer my sincere congratulations upon their high school graduation.

I commend these student leaders for their selflessness and courageous decision to serve their country as members of the United States Navy.

Hakeem Allen; Alejandro Ambrizrodriguez; Robert Ammen; Gregory Andrews; Patrick Ayala; Arlice Baker; Johannes Booyesen; Kole Cacho; Joshua Campbell; Bobbie Dube; Nakita Dubrovin; Schaylene Liam Durso; Alexander Eshoo; Daeshawn Gallaway; Lauren Gruber; Stephen Guyton; Marcus Jomah; Allen Jones; Catherine Keller; Jacob Layton; Riley Lemison; John Lipscomb; Devin Majeau; Austin Martin; Christopher Martin; James McCulloch; Tyler McElroy; Cole Minicucci; Ronnie Norton; Maria Pavon Bonilla; Emma Pierce; Hunter Rankin; Zachary Resch; Morgan Rizzo; Candace Romagna; Preston Short; Christopher Smith; Kyle Staymates; Dante Stephens; Zoltan Szombathy; Brianna Thompson; Noah Thompson; Brandon Tolbert; Dominic Traver; Nicholas Willging; Ethan Williams; Zoe Williams.

These students will be honored by the Greater Fredericksburg Chapter of Our Community Salutes at their 7th Annual Military Enlistee Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA.

Mr. Speaker, I ask colleagues to join me in thanking these young men and women and their families for their dedication to serving this great Nation. We owe them and the many

Americans who have served and will serve a debt of gratitude.

JUSTICE FOR UNCOMPENSATED SURVIVORS TODAY (JUST) ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 447, the Justice for Uncompensated Survivor Today (JUST) Act of 2017.

This legislation directs the Department of State to report annually on progress certain European states have made to restore land and possessions stolen during the Holocaust, with the intent of encouraging justice worldwide for Holocaust victims.

Eight years ago, forty-six countries vowed in the Terezin Declaration on Holocaust Era Assets and Related Issues to facilitate the return of property and possessions stolen from Holocaust Victims. Regrettably, not every country has expediently honored their promises to support the restoration of stolen items and address the claims of survivors. This bipartisan legislation will use the United States' considerable international influence to encourage all participating states to create and implement policies that will quickly restore the possessions that were taken from the Jewish citizens of Europe.

The victims of the Holocaust experienced immeasurable and unimaginable suffering, and I am committed to providing all possible assistance in restoring what was stolen from them. S. 447 is an excellent tool to ensure the process of returning items and property is more efficient and it encourages all members of the Terezin Declaration to act with the urgency they agreed to eight years ago.

CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF M.S. CHADHA CENTER FOR GLOBAL INDIA

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the opening of the M.S. Chadha Center for Global India at Princeton University. A welcome and timely addition to a world-class university, the M.S. Chadha Center will bring together scholars and students from all backgrounds to explore and understand the complex social and political forces that shape modern India.

With a population of 1.3 billion people, a vibrant and dynamic economy, a rich culture, and home to the world's largest democracy, it is no surprise that India exerts a powerful influence on world affairs. However, there is a dearth of scholarship dedicated to exploring the intricate history and traditions that inform contemporary Indian culture. Princeton University, with its long tradition of rigorous academic research and scholarship, is the perfect setting for a center dedicated to illuminating

the amazing transformation of the Indian sub-continent from an agricultural-based economy to a leader in global innovation, information technology, design, and manufacturing.

The M.S. Chadha Center for Global India was made possible in large part by a gift from the Princeton Class of 1993, spearheaded by Princeton alumnus Sumir Chadha. The center is named after Mr. Chadha's grandfather, a renowned physician and former Director General of Health Services in India. I would also like to take this opportunity to salute the other sponsors of this project for recognizing its importance, and for supporting it.

I will be traveling to Princeton University this weekend to attend the grand opening of the M.S. Chadha Center for Global India, and congratulate the generous men and women whose efforts contributed to the launch of this new and exciting endeavor at Princeton. I look forward to attending the ceremony, and salute the university's faculty, administration and board of trustees for their dedication to cultivating a deeper understanding of the Indian contribution to our world, and to our national mosaic of cultures and ideas.

CELEBRATING THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROSWELL PARK COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the celebration of the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center's 120th Anniversary. A time capsule will be buried on April 25, 2018 to commemorate this momentous occasion at Roswell Park's campus in Buffalo, New York. The capsule will remain sealed until the year 2118.

Included in this time capsule along with contributions from many others from the Western New York community will be a copy of this extension of remarks presented alongside a speech I delivered on the Floor of the House of Representatives last week calling for the continuation of Roswell Park's distinguished standing as a National Cancer Institute designated comprehensive cancer center.

Doctor Roswell Park gave the world cancer research when he opened as the first dedicated cancer center in 1898, and this esteemed facility has been contributing to our understanding of cancer and pioneering treatments ever since.

For 120 years Roswell Park has been recognized nationally for its groundbreaking work in the fight against cancer. That same confidence is felt by people here in Western New York who walk through those doors every day knowing that Roswell Park is the home of compassionate cancer experts who care for those afflicted with cancer.

Roswell Park gave the world the first pre-clinical chemotherapy program, the prostate-specific antigen test, and it is collaborating today with Cuba on a promising new lung cancer vaccine. New clinical trials to treat metastatic breast cancer and immunotherapy are occurring there today.

Today's discoveries provide great hope for the future of cancer prevention and treatment. While it is uncertain what cancer care will look like 100 years from now, it is certain that Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center will be leading the way.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me this time to recognize the great influence that Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center has had not only in the great city of Buffalo, but throughout the nation. It is an honor to celebrate this anniversary today.

CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAYS OF GEORGE A. VALLONE AND MARY "DIXIE" VALLONE

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate two very special birthdays in North Jersey, George A. Vallone and Mary "Dixie" Vallone.

George A. Vallone, who was born on June 18, 1920, is a World War II Army veteran who served in an anti-tank division in North Africa. Later, George served in Rome as a Technical Sergeant working for the Allied Theater Commander. After returning home from the war, George continued to serve his community as the Co-Chair of the New Jersey Citizens for Property Tax Reform and as the President of the Sussex County Senior Citizens Presidential Council. George's work to better the country he loves so dearly is a testament to his patriotism. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing George's selfless sacrifices.

Additionally, Mary "Dixie" Vallone, who was born on March 8, 1929, has been an active member in the Sussex County community for decades. Mary is an award-winning crafter, winning several Blue-Ribbon awards at our local Sussex County Fairs. Mary has been a devoted wife and mother for nearly seventy years. Residents like Mary are what makes North Jersey such a special place to live.

George and Mary, happy birthday. I wish you both good health and happiness for years to come.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OAKLAND ATHLETICS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Oakland Athletics baseball team.

While the team's history extends back all the way to 1901, when it was founded in Philadelphia as one of the charter baseball clubs of the new "American League", this year marks 50 years since the team recognized the potential of Oakland and the East Bay, and moved west in 1968.

That year on April 17th, the team played its first game in front of more than 50,000 fans at

the Oakland Coliseum, and quickly put together a championship dynasty. Led by Hall of Famers Reggie Jackson, Catfish Hunter, and Rollie Fingers, the "A's" became World Series champions during three consecutive years: 1972, 1973, and 1974.

During the 1980's, beginning with manager Billy Martin's "Billyball" system, the A's found new success and developed stars such as hometown heroes Ricky Henderson and Dave Stewart, and Dennis Eckersley. In 1989, the A's won the "Battle of the Bay" World Series in a four-game sweep against the San Francisco Giants. Game 3 of that series was interrupted by the Loma Prieta earthquake—which claimed the lives of 39 people in Oakland and caused the series to be delayed for 10 days while both cities recovered.

Breaking tradition, the A's decided against a victory parade out of respect for those impacted by the earthquake.

Following an ownership change in the 1990's and the team's decision to hire the legendary Billy Beane as General Manager, Beane instituted a system now known as "Moneyball" to find undervalued talent in order to field competitive teams. Beane's approach was revolutionary, and led to the A's outperforming expectations against better funded opponents.

During this period, the team won multiple American League West division titles, and set the then-American League record for the most consecutive victories in 2002 when the A's completed "the Streak" by winning 20 games in a row. This era was led by the "Big Three" pitchers: Tim Lincecum, Mark Mulder, and Barry Zito, and hitters Miguel Tejada and Eric Chavez.

The Oakland Athletics have an impressive history of outstanding players, including Hall of Fame inductees, such as: Rickey Henderson, the greatest leadoff hitter in baseball history; Jim "Catfish" Hunter, an eight time all-star and five time World Series champion; Rollie Fingers, a seven-time all-star and one of the first modern "closers"; Dennis Eckersley, one of the most dominant relievers in history, and Reggie Jackson a six-time all-star selectee, World Series Most Valuable Player (MVP), and three-time World Series champion.

In addition to the team's on-field success, the Athletics have made an impact on the community they represent. Throughout the years, the Oakland A's Community fund has made it their mission to serve the East Bay community by promoting educational programs, health awareness, and crime and drug prevention. The team has also provided sorely needed athletic fields to Oakland's kids, and held the annual Community Fund Golf Classic for the past 35 years, the annual Root Beer Float Day, and the annual Breast Awareness Day to raise funds for the American Cancer Society and the Cancer Prevention Institute of California.

I commend the A's for being a valuable part of our Oakland community these past fifty years. I extend my congratulations on this important milestone to all managers, players, staff, and fans who have contributed to the team's rich legacy, and I wish the Oakland Athletics continued success on and off the field in the years to come.