

730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in paying tribute to one of Southwest Georgia's finest educators, Mrs. Grace Hatcher Adkins, as she and her family prepare to celebrate her 90th birthday.

CONGRATULATING EDDIE SALAME
ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT OF
GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 27, 2018

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Eddie Salame, Chief of Police of the City of Grapevine, on his upcoming retirement after 33 years in law enforcement.

Eddie Salame began his career as an officer with the Fort Worth Police Department on October 19, 1984. Over the several years he was there, Eddie worked both covert and overt assignments in Gang Intelligence, Criminal Investigations, and Narcotics Investigations. In July of 1991, he joined the Grapevine Police Department, continuing to take on various assignments and increased responsibility in Criminal Investigations, SWAT, Task Force Operations, and Crime Scene. On January 4, 2005, Eddie was appointed Chief of Police. He has served in that position for over 13 years, the longest tenure of any chief in the department's history.

Under his leadership, the Grapevine Police Department adopted a community oriented policing philosophy aimed at reducing crime by strengthening community ties. Chief Salame was instrumental in establishing and expanding programs that encourage communication and cooperation between law enforcement and local residents, including the Volunteers in Police Services Program and the Grapevine Community Outreach Center. Since the initiatives began in 2006, participation in the Volunteers in Police Service Program has doubled and the Community Outreach Center has made available critical services such as GED classes and after-school programs for at-risk students.

Chief Salame's dedication to community service goes well beyond his professional responsibilities. Outside of his duties as Chief of Police, he is an active member of the Grapevine community, currently serving as president of the Grapevine Rotary Club and as a member of the advisory board for the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Tarleton State University. He previously served on the advisory boards for the University of Texas at Arlington's Center for Criminal Justice Research and Training and One Safe Place, which provides coordinated services to victims of domestic violence.

For over three decades, Chief Salame has served his community tirelessly, putting himself in harm's way to ensure the safety of countless Texas residents. We are indebted to him for his exceptional leadership and his many years of bravery and sacrifice. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary service of Chief Eddie Salame and wishing him and his family the best in his retirement.

EUROPE'S MIGRANT CRISIS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 27, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as much as we like to pretend that the chaos of the Middle East and Africa is contained to those regions, it is not. Violent conflict, political oppression, and economic hardship anywhere causes ripple effects across the globe.

These secondary effects of distant unrest create serious challenges for ourselves and our allies. Nowhere is this more true than the ongoing migrant crisis that is fundamentally changing Europe.

Our European allies are facing an unprecedented wave of refugees and immigrants flooding across their borders. Many are innocent families fleeing danger, poverty, and starvation. But there are some who have ill intent. The foreign fighter phenomenon has disguised wolves in sheep's clothing and requires increased vigilance.

Our European friends have for centuries faced daunting challenges coming from their near abroad. Even the Roman Empire faced a mass migration problem coming from Asia. But with more people displaced today than during the Second World War, the challenge is enormous and we must assist Europe to develop a strategy.

The freedom and prosperity of the West has always been an oasis in a world of instability and tyranny. Europeans, just like Americans, wish they could help all those in need but understand there are limits to what can be done. Slamming the door shut seems cruel but leaving it wide open creates a new set of problems.

Every society faces strain when mass migration occurs. And there are real cultural, security, and economic implications which must be considered and addressed. The nations of Europe, as independent sovereign states, ultimately will determine their own course in how to tackle this challenge. But they have a responsibility as members of the European community and as good neighbors, to be mindful of the vulnerabilities and issues that arise from their decisions.

We have seen a recent wave of terrorism rock many of the great cities of Europe. This threat is very much linked to the wave of refugees and migrants coming from conflict zones in the Middle East, South Asia, and Africa. While many of the perpetrators of these attacks were European citizens and second or third generation immigrants, the massive flow of new migrants has created a challenge in tracking suspected extremists as they move to and from distant war zones. As many as 5,000 EU citizens have traveled to Syria or Iraq to join ISIS or other terrorist groups, and it is estimated that 30 percent of these individuals have returned to Europe.

Intelligence sharing and security cooperation among our European allies and ourselves is key to capturing returning foreign fighters and thwarting homegrown attacks. But developing ways to integrate migrant populations into their new European societies is important as well. Having entire communities that are isolated or not assimilated to their new countries sets the stage for radicalization and unrest.

European nations are in their right to enforce the rule of law and control their borders.

Meanwhile they should also find ways to absorb and welcome migrants who have legally joined their nations. A nation is not a nation without laws, borders, and an engaged citizenry.

Where we can, we must help our European friends to address this migrant crisis. Either through sharing of intelligence, building capacity, or addressing the source of the migrant crisis in the trouble regions of the world.

As allies, it is our duty to support our European friends whatever the challenge. History has shown us that our fates are inevitably linked.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING POLICE CHIEF JEFF
SWOBODA

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 27, 2018

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Elgin, Illinois native Jeff Swoboda on being named Chief of Police for the Department of Police Services in Fort Collins, Colorado. After 25 years of service to the Elgin Police Department, Chief Swoboda is well-prepared to move into the next season of his life and lead the Fort Collins Police Services.

Since joining the Elgin Police Department in 1992, Chief Swoboda worked his way up the ranks and was named Chief of Police in 2010. Early on in his career, he spent 5 years as an officer for the Resident Officer Program of Elgin. After his time in the Resident Officer Program, Chief Swoboda went on to attain the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant and Deputy Chief. After exceeding expectations and standing out as first-class leader, Chief Swoboda was named the Elgin Police Department's Chief of Police on April 16, 2010.

Chief Swoboda's passion for excellence and his ability to hold those in the department to the highest level of accountability has not only been noticed by the residents in Elgin, but it has also caught the attention of community leaders across the country. When the Fort Collins, Colorado Department of Police Services began their search for a new Chief of Police, Chief Swoboda stood out as someone ready to take on the new responsibilities and was seemingly made for the job. On April 5, 2018, after an exhaustive hiring process, Chief Swoboda was named Chief of Police for the Department of Police Services in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in congratulating Jeff Swoboda on being named the Chief of Police for the Department of Police Services in Fort Collins, Colorado.

COMMEMORATING THE RETIREMENT OF ROB ROSCOE FROM THE SACRAMENTO SUBURBAN WATER DISTRICT

HON. AMI BERA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 27, 2018

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of Rob Roscoe.

Mr. Roscoe is retiring from the Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) as General Manager after 15 years of service.

As General Manager of the Sacramento Suburban Water District, Mr. Roscoe remained committed to ensuring government transparency and providing sustainable water resources to much of Sacramento County. Under his leadership, SSWD's credit ratings rose from an A- in 2003 to its current rating of AA+.

In addition to being General Manager of SSWD, Mr. Roscoe has been a longtime advocate of water infrastructure and held several other leadership roles with both regional and statewide organizations during his 40 years in public service.

He has been the recipient of numerous awards over his notable career, such as the Regional Water Authority's 2007 "Statesperson of the Year" and the 2017 "Distinguished Service Award."

He also received Association of California Water Agencies' 2017 Emissary Award for "remarkable and visible contributions to the enhancement, protection or development of water resources in California." In March 2018, he was awarded the American Society of Civil Engineers Region 9 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Roscoe on 15 years of outstanding service to Sacramento County and wish him the best in his next stage of his life.

HONORING ROCKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH IN HENDERSONVILLE FOR 150 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. DIANE BLACK

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 27, 2018

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the congregation of Rockland Baptist Church in the year of their 150th anniversary celebration. Since its founding, Rockland has been a beacon of light in the Hendersonville community and has been a sanctuary for countless lives, touching the hearts of all who enter.

Pastor Leslie Stratton has faithfully served at Rockland Baptist Church since the fall of 1997, being preceded by Reverends Shipp, A.O. Kenry, Sam Bryant, Drew Bateman, Tom Mills, Frank Harrison, Albert G. Jones, O.C. McClain, Willie L. Scott, Floyd Prude, James K.L. Alexander, John A. Perry, and Lloyd S. Peoples. Under his leadership, Rockland faithfully executes Christ's command in Matthew to "love your neighbor as yourself" through their ministries and active community involvement.

Rockland's mission statement is ". . .to provide Christ centered ministries, where people can be redeemed to a personal relationship with Christ, reconciled to God and His People, restored to wholeness and well-being, and revived for a full life of involved service to others." God is alive and working throughout our nation, and it is through the ministry of churches like Rockland that His hand is tangibly felt in our neighborhoods. I join the entire Rockland family and pastoral staff in celebrating this wonderful occasion.

Rockland Baptist Church continues to be a pillar of hope in our community, and on behalf

of the 6th district of Tennessee, I ask that you join me in congratulating and honoring this congregation for their continued faithfulness to Hendersonville. They are a shining light for the Lord and we are thankful for their gift.

KADE GANNON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 27, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kade Gannon for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Kade Gannon is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kade Gannon is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kade Gannon for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO CADE DEVOS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 27, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Cade DeVos for winning the Class 3A, 145 pound bracket at the Iowa High School State Wrestling tournament earlier this year.

Iowa has a long and proud history of strong wrestling programs, producing college and Olympic champions for years. Cade is a junior at Southeast Polk High School in Pleasant Hill. His coaches are Jason Christenson and Jake Agnitsch.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to represent Cade and his family in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Cade on competing in this rigorous competition and in wishing him nothing but continued success in his education and wrestling career.

HONORING ESTHER MESTRE

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 27, 2018

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the upcoming 94th birthday of an honorable New Yorker, Esther Mestre. At just twenty years old, Esther moved to New York City from her native Puerto Rico. While the

fast-paced city proved to be a dramatics transition from her tranquil life in Puerto Rico, Esther never lost sight of pursuing a happy and productive life on the Mainland.

From her humble roots as one of eighteen children in Santurce, Puerto Rico, Esther has raised seven wonderful children of her own. As leaders in their own communities, many of her children have become successful small business owners.

A beloved friend and dedicated community servant, Esther exemplifies the spirit of the greater Puerto Rican family of New York.

As we approach her 94th birthday celebration, I would like to send my deepest gratitude to Esther for her friendship, service and commitment to our community. My best wishes for a successful and joyful birthday celebration for a cherished leader and a dear friend.

ETHAN GARCIA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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I extend my deepest congratulations to Ethan Garcia for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

DARREN ELLISOR

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 27, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Darren Ellisor's childhood dream was to become a pilot. Growing up in Clear Lake, Texas as the son of a NASA contractor, he attended the Wings over Houston air show each year, went on tours of NASA, and watched in fascination as the space shuttles flew into the sky, disappearing into the final frontier.

After visiting the United States Air Force Academy as a young teenager, Ellisor's dream suddenly seemed within grasp. He became determined to enroll at the Academy and become an Air Force pilot.

However, as his high school graduation neared, Ellisor failed to receive his long-sought appointment to the Air Force Academy. Disappointed, he knew he could not allow this setback deter him from pursuing his dream. Instead, he refocused his efforts, attending Valley Forge Military Academy and College in