

Joint Chiefs of Staff for National Guard and Reserve Matters. Immediately prior to his assignment at Fort McCoy, he served as Division Chief for the Homeland Defense Division of the Joint Staff J3 Operations Directorate, Washington, D.C.

Colonel Pinter's deployments include Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, and Iraq. Colonel Pinter has committed his life to serving our country and has received many deserving awards and decorations, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, Humanitarian Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, NATO medal with two Bronze Service Stars, United Nations Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, Joint Staff Identification Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, Airborne Badge, Air Assault Badge, Combat Patch, Senior Aviator Badge, Ranger Tab, and Combat Action Badge.

Under Colonel Pinter's effective leadership, which has fostered the success of "Team McCoy," Fort McCoy has received heightened awareness by senior leaders that have led to an increase in the transit training population, mobilization, medical and mission readiness of the U.S. military. Fort McCoy is one of six major Army Reserve garrisons, within the seventy-five Army installation command garrisons, and under Colonel Pinter's guidance, it is the only one to receive the Army Community of Excellence Award two years in a row. Additionally, during his tenure, Colonel Pinter transitioned Fort McCoy's business model into a four-seasons, cold-weather focused training model. Thanks to Colonel Pinter, Fort McCoy is well positioned for the future.

It has been an honor for me to serve as U.S. Representative for Wisconsin's Third Congressional District during Colonel Pinter's tenure at Fort McCoy. I know Colonel Pinter's leadership will be greatly missed at the base and surrounding communities, but I am thankful for his leadership and contributions to ensuring that Fort McCoy remains a shining star in the nation's military training infrastructure.

On behalf of my constituents in Wisconsin and a grateful nation, I would like to thank and commend Colonel David J. Pinter, Sr. for his years of dedicated service in the U.S. Army and in particular as Garrison Commander at Fort McCoy. I wish him, his wife, and children the very best as they turn the page on the next chapter of their lives.

HONORING LARRY SILLANPA:  
LABOR ADVOCATE AND LIFE-  
LONG DULUTHIAN

**HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Larry Sillanpa, of Duluth, Minnesota who will be retiring from the Labor World Newspaper after 29 years as Editor and Manager. Over the years Larry has proven himself to be a tireless advocate for working people and an incredibly dedicated and successful

Editor, never missing a deadline in 668 issues printed. His dedicated service to The Labor World, the oldest Labor paper in Minnesota and one of the oldest in the country, helped guide the publication through uncertain times for print media and grow to reach even more readers across the Northland.

Larry's career as a newspaper man began at the age of seven with his first job delivering newspapers for the Duluth Herald and News Tribune at the rate of a quarter for a day's work. He worked many paper routes in his younger years throughout West Duluth and the Central Hillside neighborhood.

Over the next few decades, Larry worked for many of the pillars of Duluth's economy and community such as, the Duluth School District, the Norshor Theatre, the State of Minnesota, the U.S. Steel Plant in Morgan Park, and sailed on the Great Lakes for Republic Steel. He also attended the University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD), and wrote for the UMD Statesman.

Today, after 29 years as Editor of the Labor World, he has become one of those pillars of the Duluth community. Also, a proud lifelong Duluthian, Larry has lived on the same plot of land in northern Minnesota for 44 years. He and his wife Jennifer built their home on the same land after their marriage in 1994.

Throughout his career Larry has been an incredible advocate for workers and the Labor Movement. He has doggedly taken politicians and corporations to task for neglecting their obligations to the people who make our economy work, and highlighted all the efforts by working people to build a better life for the working class. Under his leadership he brought the paper from the age of type setting to the age of computers and carefully oversaw the reach of the Labor World grow as it increased in circulation by 65 percent.

I ask my colleagues in Congress to join me in recognizing Larry Sillanpa for his years of service to the Labor Movement and northern Minnesota. I thank Larry for keeping the Labor World newspaper alive and leaving it in a position to thrive into the future. Although he's finally giving up his paper route, his printed word will live on forever.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for Roll Call votes 169, 170, 171, and 172 on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted Nay.

RECOGNIZING KERN CARPENTER  
ON INDUCTION TO DADE COUNTY  
FARM BUREAU HALL OF HONOR

**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Director Kern Carpenter of the Miami-Dade County Farm Bureau, on his induction to the Farm Bureau Hall of Honor.

A third generation farmer with a rich history in tomato production; Mr. Carpenter and his family have dedicated their lives to preserving the beauty and prestige of Florida's agriculture.

At a young age, Kern lost his father to cancer and not long after; the farm he loved. However, Kern never lost sight of his family's heritage and worked hard to one day run his very own farm.

In 1983, Kern successfully renewed his family's farming legacy and opened Kern Carpenter Farms.

Today, that passion and drive Kern possessed at such a young age, continues to impact so many farmers and serves as an inspiration throughout our South Florida community.

Mr. Speaker, it is individuals like Kern that encompass the American spirit we all hold so dear. I wish him the very best in his future endeavors, and congratulate him on this much deserved honor. Congratulations my friend (Felicidades amigo).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on the day of April 27, I was unavoidably detained. As a result, I was absent for Roll Call votes 163 through 166. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: for Roll Call vote 163, on agreeing to the amendment on of H.R. 4, I would have voted no; for Roll Call vote 164, on motion to recommit with instructions of H.R. 4, I would have voted yes; for vote 165, on passage of H.R. 4, I would have voted yes; and for Roll Call vote 166, on motion to table H. Res. 856, I would have voted no.

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II  
AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS  
OF ILLINOIS

**HON. MIKE QUIGLEY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the World War II and Korean War veterans who traveled to Washington, D.C. on May 9, 2018 with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides World War II and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on May 9th answered our nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the European Campaign to the Pacific Asian Theatre to the African Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude.

John Albanese, Richard A. Anderson, Jerome Bartkiewicz, Richard J. Bauer, William J. Bauer, Donald E. Bennett, Dale Berman, Frank W. Braman Jr., William K. Bruinius, Edvins Budeniks, Dale P. Buhl, James J. Burke, David Byster, Walter R. Cannon, Roy A. Carlson, Michael L. Carreon, Clement J. Cerney, Ernest E. Chapman, Steve Cizmar, Don R. Copeland, John R. Cory, Arnold D. Cowen, Ernest D. Curtis, Einar S. Dahl, Robert J. Dahms, William T. DeCicco, Louis G. Diaz, Thomas J. DiBernardo, Robert H. Dolph Sr., Donald L. Earley, Eugene Ehrhardt, Adolph F. Ermer, Calvin Farmer Jr., Justin R. Farrar, Frank Femali, William E. Fishman, Robert L. Fogt, John V. Frega, Gerald Gardner, Charles Glickman, Earle F. Griebler, Charles A. Griffea, Terry S. Hensley, Richard W. Hess, John F. Homan, Leroy A. Howatt, Clifford W. Jenkins, Edward Kadlec, Kenneth D. Koehler, Kenneth Kuhr, Florian Kurcab, Donald LaMorte, Andrew Langas, Daniel Leary, Jack E. Levitt, Maurice Lord, Edward A. Lustyk, Lewis J. Maine, Jack E. Martin, Robert Mau, Harry M. McCullagh, Lowell G. McDonnell, Joel D. Meisles, Donald E. Mentz, Norbert Milzarek, LeRoy Mistro, Walter C. Moore, Ralph W. Mueller, Jerry Netolicky, Gerald W. Nordengren, Thadeus Obora, Gilbert D. Oden, Neil C. Olson, Jerome J. O'Reilly, Arden Peterson, Leonard Petrusis, Richard Pisarcik, Roland Puccinelli, Joseph A. Putz, John A. Raven, George Revelas, George A. Riebeschl, Wally Rivera, Henry B. Roberson, Donald E. Roberts, Robert J. Saraz, Jimmie Vavern Schoon, Edwin Schwendt, Robert E. Shea, Ralph F. Sherman, John H. Skipworth, John Spoor, Walter Spuck, Stanley J. Stanish, Robert Stavarakas, Richard A. Stuercke, Joseph H. Taylor, Gordon A. Vaundry, Robert M. Ward, Paul J. Weiss, Gordon Westlund, Thomas A. Wisinski, Donald A. Yarashus, Phillip C. Zagon.

IN RECOGNITION OF GREG HARDEN'S MOTIVATIONAL LEADERSHIP

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize All Things Artistic Ministries for their annual History Alive program. Their efforts enrich the lives of Michigan students through their programming.

Established in 2009, Dr. Debby Mitchell founded All Things Artistic Ministries in the hopes of creating a community of artistic Michigan residents who would like to cultivate a love for the arts and humanities in the next generation. Four years after it was created, Dr. Mitchell designated Ypsilanti, Michigan as its main outreach area for arts education and student programming. This year marks the 5th annual History Alive: Standing on the Shoulders of Giants Program put on by All Things Artistic Ministries in conjunction with the Washtenaw Community schools. The program runs for 14-weeks and allows 5th to 12th

grade students to write, stage, and put on a play based on the lives of two distinguished Washtenaw County residents. This year's honorees are Reverend Garther Roberson and Greg Harden, two Washtenaw County community members who represent the best of south-east Michigan.

Mr. Greg Harden is a world-renowned life coach and motivational speaker who calls southeast Michigan home. He grew up in Detroit, Michigan and took jobs as a steelworker and TV cameraman before returning to school. Mr. Harden received his bachelor's degree at the University of Michigan and was hired as a counselor at a residential drug and alcohol treatment center in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Due to his reputation as a caring and passionate individual, he was then hired on as a student-athlete counselor at U of M in 1986 under football coach Bo Schembechler. It was through his work at the University that he impacted the lives of countless athletes and leaders including Tom Brady and Desmond Howard. His life's work shows us that one person can make a difference in the lives of many.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Greg Harden for his lifetime of motivational counseling. His leadership inspires us all to spread kindness and encourage those around us.

HONORING JACK ROUNTREE

**HON. DARRELL E. ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack Rountree, a veteran of the United States Army, a builder, and an all-around great American.

Jack has been a builder from a young age. He was born into a middle-class family who owned a thriving trucking business. The Great Depression was a difficult period for their household as it was for so many across our country. It was at that time that Jack completed his first construction project: an overhang for the shed so he would not have to milk cows in the rain. He was thirteen when he completed that project.

After graduating from High School Jack enlisted in the United States Army where he was assigned to the Army's Special Guard Military Police stationed at the Los Alamos Project in New Mexico. There he guarded the atomic bomb testing site at White Sands. There were a number of hazards associated with this position not least of which was regular exposure to dangerous radiation. Jack rose through the ranks quickly and was honorably discharged in 1948 as a sergeant.

Following his service Jack returned home to Oregon to tend to his sick mother. After training to become a diesel mechanic he quickly realized his true passion was building. He began his construction career in 1952. Over the years he has received numerous awards for his work including the 1988 Craftsmanship Award of the Southwestern Oregon Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Though he retired from his business Jack is still a builder at age 90 with the same spirit and drive he had as a teenager. Jack recently built a 28-foot-high prototype border wall on his property in Roseburg. His continued dedi-

cation to his craft and his country are commendable. I wish him all the best and trust the whole House will join me in thanking him for his service to our country.

TREATIES OF VELASCO

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on May 14th, 1836, Texas officially became a free and independent nation.

After the decisive victory at San Jacinto a few weeks earlier, interim Texas president David G. Burnett met with the defeated Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna in the town of Velasco.

Under the heat of the Texas sun, the two leaders signed treaties on behalf of their governments. Little known to the general public, two treaties were signed. The first would be released to the public, with the second secretive treaty only to be released once the first treaty was fulfilled.

The public treaty forced Santa Anna to withdraw his forces from Texas and forbade him from attacking Texas again. Additionally, he promised to restore confiscated property to Texans that had been taken by his forces during the campaign.

The second, secret agreement would literally go on to shape Texas as we know and love her today. The treaty held that the Rio Grande River would officially become the border between Texas and Mexico. Santa Anna also agreed to the arrangement of a treaty of commerce between his country and the new Republic of Texas as well as the establishment of diplomatic missions in both countries.

Mr. Speaker, this treaty represents an important moment in the history of Texas. Following the example of George Washington, who deferred to the judgement of the civilian government rather than dictating terms as commander-in-chief of the army, General Sam Houston refused to engage Santa Anna himself in talks about the treaty. Rather, he fulfilled his legal obligation and insisted that the Mexican leader speak only with the Texas government about the terms of the treaty.

By keeping his nerve, General Houston put the Texas Republic in a position to negotiate a meaningful and lasting peace with their Mexican adversaries. Sure enough, Texas got exactly what it wanted in the Treaty. The grand Republic of Texas sprung to life, as an independent, sovereign nation.

Mr. Speaker, as a resident and representative of some of the residents of the city named after the Founding Father of Texas, it brings me great pride to recognize the Treaties of Velasco not only as an important event for the state of Texas but also for the United States as a whole.

And that is just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LOIS FRANKEL**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 9, 2018*

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on roll call votes 168 and 169, I was not present