

other accommodating services. Expanding upon these, CILDRC assists those with disabilities in asserting their freedoms to become independent.

The CILDRC assists, both, our communities and individuals with disabilities by offering work experience programs to receive the knowledge required to go into the workforce and to contribute to businesses and organizations across Northwest Florida.

This year is the 29th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The CILDRC luncheon is celebrating the importance of the ADA and reaffirms that the ADA is vital in protecting those in our communities with disabilities.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to congratulate the Center for Independent Living Disability Resource Center (CILDRC) on their efforts to make an impact with and on behalf of people with disabilities in our communities.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ELIJAH “PUMPSIE” GREEN

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of a groundbreaking professional baseball player, Richmond native, and longtime El Cerrito resident, Elijah “Pumpsie” Green.

Born in 1933 in Oklahoma, Pumpsie’s parents moved to Richmond, California, where they raised their five children. Pumpsie attended El Cerrito High School where he was an accomplished three-sport athlete who would later earn distinction as an inductee into the school’s inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame class. He ultimately chose to pursue baseball, starring at Contra Costa College before joining the Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast League.

In 1959, 12 years after Jackie Robinson broke Major League Baseball’s color barrier, Pumpsie became one of the game’s true trailblazers when he became the first African American player ever to play for the Boston Red Sox. Despite facing continued discrimination and segregation, he went on to play five seasons for the Red Sox before being traded to the New York Mets and retiring in 1963.

After retiring as a professional baseball player, Pumpsie moved with his family to El Cerrito, where he devoted the rest of his life to education. He served as a student supervisor and baseball coach at Berkeley High School, and during his 20-year tenure became a mentor to countless students.

Pumpsie will forever be remembered for his role in helping to end segregation in professional sports and paving the way for other athletes of color. Please join me in honoring Elijah “Pumpsie” Green for his lasting impact on professional baseball and his dedication to youth. He is truly an inspiration for his Bay Area home.

HONORING DIANE VANDERKOOY FOR BEING SELECTED TO BE PART OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN AT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD GAMES

HON. DARIN LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Diane VanderKoooy, of Chatham, Illinois, for participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run at the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi.

Diane began her involvement with the Special Olympics in 1990. Since then, Diane has put her heart and soul into the games. VanderKoooy plays a major role in coordinating the Gillespie to Bloomington leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run in Illinois. This was Diane’s first time at the World Games, as she joined a team of 112 members who took part in the torch run throughout the United Arab Emirates.

Diane has dedicated her life to ensuring that people have a fun and safe environment to participate in whichever sport they desire. Not only is VanderKoooy deeply involved with the Special Olympics, but she is also the Athletic Director for the Chatham Chargers. Diane was recently recognized by the Village of Chatham for her service to the village and community with an honorary designation of a local roadway as “Diane VanderKoooy Volunteer Drive.” Diane’s work proves that athletics can have a positive and meaningful impact on people from all walks of life.

Again, I would like to commend Diane VanderKoooy for her continued service in the community, and for participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run at the Special Olympics World Games.

HONORING MOUNTAINMAN OUTDOOR SUPPLY COMPANY OWNER JOHN NEMJO FOR WINNING THE NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION’S SMALL BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of one of the North Country’s most successful small business owners, John Nemjo.

John demonstrated his entrepreneurial spirit when he opened Mountainman Outdoor Supply Company in 1993. Back then, he ran the company out of an abandoned, 700 square foot pizza shop in the heart of the Adirondack State Park with just a couple seasonal employees and a budget of a few thousand dollars.

In the decades since, John has grown his company into a fixture of the Adirondack business community. He now operates a thriving business out of six locations with over 15,000 square feet in combined retail space. Instead of a handful of seasonal employees, John now has 53 year-round employees. Adirondack Bank acknowledged John’s achievements with a 2018 Small Business Excellence Award.

Small business owners like John Nemjo benefit our communities in so many ways. They employ local residents and contribute to the dynamism and vibrancy of our economy. On behalf of New York’s 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate him for this well-deserved recognition and thank him for his contribution to our community.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO REMOVE THE STATUE OF CONFEDERATE GENERAL ALBERT PIKE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a bill to require the removal of a statue of Confederate General Albert Pike from federal land near Judiciary Square in the District of Columbia. This statue was authorized, not by the District, but by Congress in 1898, when the District had no home rule. The statue was constructed using both federal and private funds. The Freemasons, of which Pike was a member, donated the majority of the money needed to build and install the statue in 1901. I oppose tearing down Confederate statues, because I believe they should be moved to more appropriate settings, like museums, to avoid erasing an important part of history from which Americans must continue to learn.

Pike was a Confederate general who served dishonorably and was forced to resign in disgrace. It was found that soldiers under his command mutilated the bodies of Union soldiers, and Pike was ultimately imprisoned after his fellow officers reported that he misappropriated funds. Adding to the dishonor of taking up arms against the United States, Pike dishonored even his Confederate military service. He certainly has no claim to be memorialized in the nation’s capital. Even those who do not want Confederate statues removed will have to justify awarding Pike any honor, considering his history.

After meeting with the Freemasons, I believe that the best course of action is to remove the statue and find a more appropriate place for it. The Freemasons themselves support the statue’s removal, given its divisive nature. The D.C. Mayor and the Council also support the removal of the statue.

My bill clarifies that no federal funds may be used to remove the Pike statue. I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

HONORING ALFREDO PEDROZA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Napa County Supervisor Alfredo Pedroza as Napa County Farm Bureau’s 2019 Friend of Agriculture.

Mr. Pedroza, a native of Napa County, is the son of a farmworker and currently serves as the Supervisor for District Four of Napa County. Mr. Pedroza attended Sonoma State University, where he earned a Bachelor of

Science in Business Administration and a minor in Economics. Mr. Pedroza began his career working in the financial services industry. He worked with credit unions and community banks for over a decade, where he gained valuable financial expertise he has used to help our local business community improve, manage, and sustain their financial growth. In 2012, Mr. Pedroza was elected to the Napa City Council. He became both the first Latino member and the youngest city councilmember ever elected to the Napa City Council. Governor Jerry Brown appointed Mr. Pedroza to serve the Fourth District on the Napa County Board of Supervisors in December of 2014. Mr. Pedroza went on to win a full, four-year term on the Board of Supervisors in the 2016 primary election.

Mr. Pedroza's deep ties to Napa County and commitment to public service drive him to serve our community, including the agricultural sector. He is dedicated to enacting sound agricultural policy. He has worked tirelessly on agricultural issues that have come before the Board of Supervisors. His passion for serving the community extends beyond his career, as Mr. Pedroza is active in a local service clubs and nonprofits. Through his work on the Board of Supervisors and with nonprofit organizations, Mr. Pedroza hopes to realize a Napa

County that will allow future generations of Napa residents to start businesses, raise families, and live fulfilling lives.

Madam Speaker, Alfredo Pedroza has an unrelenting dedication to our agricultural community and to serving the people of Napa County and is deserving of being named Napa County Farm Bureau's 2019 Friend of Agriculture. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the service of Alfredo Pedroza here today.

REMEMBERING JOE H. BARRAGAN

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Joe H. Barragan, an esteemed Californian and an outstanding gentleman to everyone who knew him. Mr. Barragan passed away on November 19, 2018 but will continue to be remembered for his love of family, commitment to serving his community, and passion for working to make the world a better place.

Mr. Barragan was born on December 31, 1931 and attended Saint Ferdinand School

and San Fernando High School. A man of extraordinary character and patriotism, he nobly served our nation as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War.

Though his sacrifices for our country alone are enough to warrant the highest respect and praise, we could not properly celebrate a man such as him without mentioning the generous life he led in his community. In the years after he returned from war, Mr. Barragan spent his time enriching the lives of others without ever expecting anything in return. He will be remembered for his endless kindness and love of all people.

Mr. Barragan is survived by his wife of 61 years, Virginia Barragan; his two daughters, Susan Arriaga and Belinda Barragan; his son-in-law, Danny Arriaga; his two grandchildren, Daniel Arriaga Jr. and Jessica Arriaga; and his dog, Demi.

As his family and community continue to hold the legacy and memory of Mr. Joe H. Barragan in their hearts, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding man and the virtues he held so dear to him. May his memory serve as an example for all seeking to lead a happy and joyful life and may his spirit rest in peace and glory.