

offers a place for children to be creative and to exercise their minds and bodies.

Silt Wine Company and Muddy Boot Wine is Small Business of the Year Award. Muddy Boot Wine and Silt Wine Company boasts a long list of gold medals in various tasting competitions and is made less than thirty minutes from Midtown. Located along the Delta in Clarksburg, their wine is local, sustainable, affordable, and the owners constantly work to make our region an even better place.

Megan Blackwell, Marketing Manager for Otto Construction, is this year's Young Professional of the Year. Born, raised, and educated in Oregon, Ms. Blackwell has made Sacramento her home. She is also involved with Metro EDGE and is one of the Metro Chamber's 40 Under 40.

Julie Brown, Director of Resource Development at California Clothing Recyclers, is Ambassador of the Year. Julie's commitment to the region and furthering the mission of the Sacramento Metro Chamber do not go unnoticed. Julie is a valued partner and leader of the Ambassador Program and works to encourage members to become engaged and excited about the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize these individuals and businesses for their contributions to the Sacramento region that I love. I ask all my colleagues to join me in commending them for their unwavering commitment to Sacramento.

HONORING DAVID STANLEY M.D.

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. David Stanley as Napa Valley Medical Society's Professor Emeritus of the year. Dr. Stanley has provided outstanding medical care to our communities throughout Napa and Solano Counties and has been a mentor to many people in the medical community.

Dr. Stanley earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry at the University of Redlands and then attended Stanford University Medical School. While at Stanford he co-authored several scientific publications. He interned and completed his residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. While at Baylor he was the chief resident in medicine at Ben Taub General Hospital. Dr. Stanley also completed a fellowship in endocrinology at Baylor College of Medicine's Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism.

Dr. Stanley started practicing medicine in Napa County in 1977. He has held many positions at Queen of the Valley Medical Center, including chief of the hospital medical staff and chairman of the Department of Medicine. In 1989, he served as president of the Napa County Medical Society. Dr. Stanley joined the Permanente Medical Group in 1993. He has worked in hospital medicine, adult primary care and endocrinology at Kaiser Vallejo Medical Center and at the Napa medical offices. For more than five years, Dr. Stanley has been the chief of adult and family medicine at the Napa Kaiser offices. Dr. Stanley has dedicated his career to providing the highest qual-

ity of medical care to our community. In addition, he has been a lecturer and educator to other medical professionals in our area.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Stanley is a model community member who has dedicated his career to helping others. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Dr. David Stanley here today.

HONORING JOSEPH RUSS IV

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph Russ IV, who passed away on January 12, 2019. His advocacy for ranching and timber communities was vital to rural areas in Humboldt County and throughout California.

Joe was born to Joseph and Annette Russ III in 1936 and attended the one-room Cape-town Elementary School on the windswept Lost Coast in the northern part of my congressional district. He graduated from Ferndale High School in 1953 at the age of 16 and the next year was elected president of the California Future Farmers of America. He attended the University of California at Davis, then graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in business administration. Joe later enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Joe married Karen Lane in 1963. They were married for 55 years and had three children and eight grandchildren.

Joe's civic engagement spanned decades and resulted in many public benefits. He served 20 years on the Humboldt County Planning Commission, and he was president of the Humboldt Del-Norte Cattleman's Association, the Humboldt County Farm Bureau and the Humboldt Woolgrowers Association. Joe also became president of the California State Board of Forestry, the state Chamber of Commerce, and the California State Fair Association. He was a founding member of the Stockmen's Bank of Commerce, the Buckeye Conservancy and the California Rangeland Trust. Notably, he was key to the development of the Williamson Act, which governs property tax rates on agricultural lands in California.

Throughout his career, Joe knew the value of understanding politics and regulation as it related to the ranching and timber industries. His deep involvement in state and local associations and boards helped leave a permanent mark on rural agricultural policy in California. Joe was known to many as a vast resource for all things related to agriculture and had a deep sense of the region's history. He was a guiding example for ranchers trying to balance the hard work of ranching with the need for advocacy at the state and local levels.

Madam Speaker, Joseph Russ IV's contributions to agriculture and the communities of the Second Congressional District and the state of California, and his service to the country, are commendable and worthy of recognition. I urge my colleagues to join me in my deep appreciation of him.

JOHN COLE RETIRES FROM THE TWENTYNINE PALMS CITY COUNCIL

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and commitment of outgoing Twentynine Palms City Council Member John Cole, who departed the dais on Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

John was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1945. He attended Loyola University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, and later attended Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff where he earned a Master of Arts in Education. John spent 41 years serving the Morongo Unified School District as a teacher and administrator. He was first elected to the Twentynine Palms City Council in 2008 and served the city for eight years, from 2008 to 2012 and from 2014 to 2018. In addition to his position as council member, John served as the City of Twentynine Palms' representative to the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, the San Bernardino County Flood Control Advisory Committee, and as a Delegate for the League of California Cities' Environmental Committee. During his time on the council, John was an excellent advocate for the City of Twentynine Palms and its citizens.

I thank Council Member John Cole for his leadership and dedication to public service on behalf of Twentynine Palms residents. John's hard-work, experience, and wealth of knowledge will certainly be missed.

RECOGNIZING HOOSIER VETERAN JOE STEENBEKE AND HIS CANINE PARTNER TESS

**HON. JACKIE WALORSKI**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bravery, service, and friendship of Hoosier veteran Joseph Steenbeke and his beloved canine partner Tess.

Joe and Tess served side-by-side to defend our freedom, and they are true American heroes. Joe served in the U.S. Army, working as a Tactical Explosive Detection Dog, or TEDD, handler. From May 2012 to February 2013, he was deployed to Afghanistan with Tess, a Belgian Malinois trained to detect IEDs, at his side.

Joe served his country with courage and strength. But as Joe's wife Stephanie put it: "He risked his life fighting beside an even stronger force, Tess." She was Joe's partner, his protector, and his best friend. When their service together ended, Joe returned home to Indiana, and Tess moved on to her next mission for the Connecticut National Guard. But their bond remained strong.

Over the next five years, Joe never stopped thinking about Tess and never gave up on the idea of adopting her. Like so many of our brave veterans do when they return from war, Joe struggled with PTSD. But his love for Tess and his determination to bring her home

gave him strength and hope. And that's when Stephanie wrote me a letter asking to help them complete this mission.

It was a great honor to work with Joe and Stephanie, the U.S. military, and the Connecticut National Guard to ensure once Tess was retired she could be adopted by her former handler. And I was thrilled to be able to call Joe a few weeks ago with the good news: Tess would soon be his again. Now she is with the Steenbeks in her forever home in Culver, Indiana, taking on her latest mission as Joe's partner, protector, and best friend.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the courage and sacrifice of Joe Steenbeker and the loyal companionship of his beloved dog Tess. On behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I am grateful for their service to our country and the powerful example they set. This is more than a story of man's best friend. This is the story of an unbreakable bond between two American heroes.

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IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE  
MICHAEL S. MCMANUS

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Judge Michael S. McManus and his retirement from the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of California. As his colleagues and local community leaders gather to honor his remarkable career, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Judge McManus' service to the federal judiciary.

Judge McManus graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 1975 with Bachelor of Art Degrees in Criminology and Psychology. In 1978, Judge McManus received his Juris Doctor from the University of California, Los Angeles. Prior to becoming a judge, he practiced bankruptcy law at Diepenbrock, Wulff, Plant & Hannegan. In the late 80's, he also served in many capacities on the Debtor/Creditor Relations and Bankruptcy Committee of the Business Law Section of the State Bar of California.

Judge McManus has dedicated his career to public service. Appointed on January 11, 1994, Judge McManus initially started his first and second terms on the bankruptcy bench in the Modesto Division of the Eastern District of California and subsequently transferred to the Sacramento Division. He served as Chief Bankruptcy Judge from 2000 to 2008, as District of Nevada Judge through 2010, as the Chair of the Ninth Circuit Conference of Chief Bankruptcy Judges, as an observer on the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit, and as an ex officio member of the Court-Council on Bankruptcy Judge Appointments. In addition to these great accomplishments, he is a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.

Madam Speaker, as Judge McManus, his friends, and colleagues celebrate his retirement, I ask all my colleagues to join me in thanking and recognizing him for his many years of service. Judge McManus has contributed immensely to the bankruptcy bench and our community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MICHIGAN FARM BUREAU

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Michigan Farm Bureau upon the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. Through its trusted services and invaluable community investment, MFB has become an indispensable part of the state of Michigan.

Founded in February 1919, the Michigan Farm Bureau was formed when representatives of 57 county-level Farm Bureaus gathered on the campus of the Michigan Agricultural College—now Michigan State University. Over the next century, MFB would weave together a fabric and community of farmers from across the state. Today, the organization includes more than 40,000 farmer members that produce hundreds of different agricultural commodities and represent every facet of Michigan's incredibly diverse agricultural industry.

In the last 100 years, the Michigan Farm Bureau and its affiliates have provided its members with a vast array of goods and services, from farm equipment and supplies to commodity marketing, price negotiation and insurance. Today, MFB serves as the voice of Michigan's farmers at the state and national level, speaking on their behalf in Lansing and Washington, D.C. Its Young Farmers initiative helps develop the skills and leadership needed to ready the next generation to take the reins, and Farm Bureau volunteers help take the farm into classrooms statewide—keeping Michiganders informed about where their food comes from. Every year, MFB members donate tens of thousands of dollars' worth of food products and assistance to the needy, working directly with established food banks and other charities throughout the state. Day after day, the Michigan Farm Bureau sets a positive example of what can be achieved when the people of a state work together for the common good.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate the Michigan Farm Bureau for 100 years of success, service, and community investment. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing our state is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish MFB all the best in its future endeavors.

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HONORING PAUL RIPLEY

**HON. JIM BANKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the amazing life of Paul Ripley. On February 8, 2019, Mr. Ripley will receive the highest French order of merit for military and civil excellence, the French Legion of Honour. The Legion of Honour was founded by Napoleon Bonaparte as an order of merit for those who serve France and its people with honor.

At the age of 95, Paul Ripley has lived a distinguished life. He was born in Smithton, Missouri, on February 28, 1923, and attended Smithton High School before going to work for

a pipe company in Sedalia, Missouri. Paul answered the call to serve his nation during World War II. Upon entering the Army on April 6, 1943, he underwent basic training at Camp Blanding and was later deployed to France with the Ninth United States Army.

Stationed at Army Headquarters near Rennes, Mr. Ripley was assigned to the Graves Registration Division, assisting with the identification and burial of his fallen brethren. He served honorably, ensuring that American servicemembers were buried with dignity and respect. Technician 5th grade Paul Ripley was honorably discharged on November 14, 1945.

After returning home Mr. Ripley attended the University of Tulsa under the G.I. Bill and then entered the nursery products industry, becoming the first entrepreneur to sell products directly to large department stores such as Ames, Target and Sears. This innovation led to the creation of the modern gardening department at many national retailers. He moved his family to Fort Wayne, Indiana, so that he could expand his business and better connect with his clients. Throughout his career, Mr. Ripley received many awards and accolades for his ingenuity and ethics.

I would like to congratulate Paul Ripley and his family on this distinguished honor.

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MARY J. TROST CELEBRATES  
100TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, February 4, 2019*

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of Mary Josephine Trost from Yucaipa, California. Mary was born as Mary Josephine DeHetre on January 30, 1919 in Currie, Minnesota.

Growing up during the Great Depression, Mary saw her formal education end before the start of high school. Family medical issues and a failing national economy forced her into the workforce, where she held a variety of jobs. In 1938, Mary married Joseph Trost, and moved with him to his family's farm in Seaford, Minnesota. They later moved to another farm in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota in 1944, where Joe began working as a mechanic in addition to his farming business. In 1951, Mary and Joe moved across the country to Colton, California, where Joe worked at nearby Norton Air Force Base. Following a three year trip to Guam for work, the family finally settled in Yucaipa, California in 1963. Over the next 56 years, Mary has become a staple in the local community. She has been active in St. Frances Xavier Catholic Church and the Catholic Daughter's Court Holy Spirit, where she serves as Grand Regent and recently received her 50 year pin. Mary has also seen the birth of 6 children, 13 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Mary has lived an incredibly rich life that has spanned an entire century. I wish her a happy birthday as well as continued joy and happiness as she continues to be active in her church, family, and community.