

council dais about the evolution of San Mateo through the eyes of an immigrant family. She recounted the older stores and businesses that made San Mateo, in the eyes of its residents in the 1920's, 30's, 40's and 50's, a place where neighborhoods and neighbors mixed freely as everyone raised families and watched generations grow through peacetime and wars.

Many of these memories served her well as she sat on the city's planning commission and also guided her decisions as a councilmember. During her tenure, she supported the redevelopment of Bay Meadows race track into a thriving commercial, residential and transit hub. The city straightened out a convoluted intersection at Highway 92 and El Camino Real, began a \$1 billion + project to add to the sewer treatment system, saw an explosion of jobs and amenities downtown, witnessed the rebirth of its major shopping center, and undertook transformational work at 25th Avenue and the Caltrain line.

As the economy recovered, she encouraged high technology companies to settle into downtown San Mateo and advocated for restaurants and in favor of a lively downtown at nighttime and on the weekends. While many contributed to these successes, few were as vocal as Maureen Freschet in making the point: Downtown San Mateo is a destination that is fun, safe and lively from morning to night.

She's an active member of the San Mateo Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club. She was the President of the Belmont Chamber of Commerce during her 23 years as a government and community relations officer for Notre Dame de Namur University, in Belmont. If there was a public event or civic engagement that needed attention in either city, Maureen Freschet was present, energetic, often a leader, and always a beneficial force for community improvement.

Many of Maureen's most visible contributions will never have her name on them. Due to her service on the county's transportation authority, she was involved in major projects to improve traffic and transit. As people move through the community, and despite traffic woes created by a 2 percent unemployment rate and high technology job growth that is essentially engulfing our community, travelers have Maureen to thank in part for recent and coming improvements that will benefit them for generations to come.

Maureen is an enthusiastic supporter of San Mateo's adopted Army unit, the 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles," and worked tirelessly to welcome them on the 50th anniversary of their adoption by San Mateo. She spearheaded the effort to create a memorial in Central Park to honor San Mateo's fallen military and local public safety heroes.

Her dedication to law enforcement is multifaceted. She served on the county's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission and on the Executive Board of the Service League. She is also a staunch opponent of human trafficking and made numerous presentations on this important subject.

Maureen raised her two daughters, Nicole and Kristen, as a single mother. She is now known as "Nini," to her grandson, Carson. Out of all the titles she's earned over the years, this one is her most cherished. She also

earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services Administration and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Notre Dame de Namur in Belmont.

For decades, Maureen Freschet has been the quintessential pillar of the community. In America's democratic tradition, no leader can honestly say, "Only I can lead us or all will perish." No one is irreplaceable. That being said, in San Mateo, Maureen is close. She wishes to spend more time with her husband, Andy, and her family. I commend her for keeping her priorities straight. However, exemplary citizenship is inspiring to us all. Maureen will likely roar at times with her private voice, continue to lead by personal example, and thus inspire all who know her to remain engaged in the awesome task of governing this great nation.

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HONORING THE KNOWLES TEACHER INITIATIVE FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

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**HON. ANDY KIM**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 21, 2019*

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Knowles Teacher Initiative of Moorestown, New Jersey, for their 20 years of work developing teachers that transform math and science education for students across the United States.

Established in 1999 by Janet H. and C. Harry Knowles, the Knowles Teacher Initiative supports a network of math and science teachers nationwide in expanding innovative practices and teaching expertise. Through their programs like the Knowles Teaching Fellows Program and the Knowles Senior Fellows Program, Knowles brings in early-career high school math and science teachers to aid in their professional development and create a lasting network of highly qualified educators across the country.

Over their 20 years serving our nation's teachers, Knowles has supported more than 400 Fellows who have taught math and science to more than 250,000 students. There is no doubt that the Knowles Teacher Initiative has made a lasting impact in not only the lives of the educators that took part in their fellowships, but also the students that have benefited from the high-quality instruction stemming from Knowles programs.

I commend the Knowles Teacher Initiative for the important work they have done to help to provide development opportunities for our nation's math and science teachers. I'm proud to support their work and look forward to many impactful years to come.

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HONORING THE RETURN OF THE REMAINDER OF THE TULUWAT TO THE WIYOT TRIBE

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**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 21, 2019*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the long-awaited return of

the remainder of Tuluwat to the Wiyot Tribe. This transfer of land from the City of Eureka is an exceptional gesture that recognizes the sacredness of the island to the tribe, which considers it the center of the universe.

Also known as Indian Island, the 280-acre island was home to the Wiyot people, which held its annual World Renewal Ceremony there for many hundreds of years. In the winter of 1860, white settlers coordinated attacks on Wiyot women, children, and elders while the men were away. As many as 250 unarmed Wiyot people were massacred. Indian Island was later diked and drained and a boatyard and lumber mills were built there, leaving behind a toxic legacy.

In 2000, the Wiyot Tribe purchased a 1.5-acre parcel of the island. Four years later, the City of Eureka transferred 67 acres to the tribe. In 2014, the Wiyot Tribe restored the World Renewal Ceremony to that part of the island. In December 2018, the Eureka City Council voted to repatriate the rest of its land on Tuluwat to the Wiyot Tribe. The Wiyot Tribe has worked for years to clean up toxins on the island, as well as to protect shell middens and other important sites and resources from erosion.

The Wiyot Tribe will continue to use the site for ceremonies, including at the Etpidolh Village site, and work to remove invasive *Spartina densiflora* on the island's wetlands.

Madam Speaker, the repatriation of Tuluwat from the City of Eureka to the Wiyot Tribe has profound importance to the Wiyot people, whose ancestors suffered greatly during the early white settlement of the region. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing this historic agreement that continues to try to heal the harms of the past.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. A. DONALD MCEACHIN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 21, 2019*

Mr. MCEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on October 16, 2019 during roll call no. 558, On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 629, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1815) SEC Disclosure Effectiveness Testing Act, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3624) Outsourcing Accountability Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 559, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 629, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1815) SEC Disclosure Effectiveness Testing Act, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3624) Outsourcing Accountability Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 560, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.J. Res. 77, Opposing the decision to end certain United States efforts to prevent Turkish military operations against Syrian Kurdish forces in Northeast Syria. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN CUMMINGS FROM THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the loss of my colleague, Congressman Elijah Cummings. He was a true leader in Congress and had the respect of his colleagues. I feel honored for having the opportunity to work with him as his Co-chair of the Congressional Oral Health Caucus. As a former dentist, I appreciated Congressman Cummings for being an advocate for oral health and advancing many important issues in a bipartisan manner. He will be missed in the halls of Congress and I send my deepest condolences to his family.

On behalf of the American Dental Association, I would like to include in the RECORD the following statement which recognizes Congressman Cummings for his dedication to oral health:

The American Dental Association (ADA) would like to offer its sincerest condolences to the colleagues, family, friends and constituents of Representatives Elijah Cummings. Representative Cummings dedicated his life of service to uplifting and empowering the people he was sworn to represent in Congress.

Since 1996, Congressman Cummings has proudly represented Maryland's 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, where we have discussed many of the complex challenges of health care in his state. Rep. Cummings understood the significance between oral health and general well-being for overall health.

As Co-chair of the Oral Health Caucus, Rep. Cummings was dedicated to increasing awareness of oral health care and to funding emerging dental research. Americans will forever be thankful for his support of initiatives that address oral health equity, including the Action for Dental Health Act. He was a staunch supporter and promoter of oral health as a part of overall health policy. Rep. Cummings knew that greater access to dental care needed to include education and awareness and made it a priority to help initiate Maryland's first statewide oral health literacy campaign.

Rep. Cummings often said that "Our children are the living messages that we send to a future we will never see." We admired his dedication to ensuring that our next generations have access to quality health care and education. Congress lost a true advocate for the people today. His willingness to work and fight for those who need him most is the biggest loss to our nation.

The ADA will sincerely miss the wisdom and dedication of Congressman Cummings to make real and lasting change with the continued commitment and collaboration of the oral health community. We will remain saddened yet dedicated to help make that lasting change as part of his legacy.

Sincerest condolences,

CHAD P. GEHANI, D.D.S.,

President of the American Dental Association.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KAY GRANGER**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Ms. GRANGER. Madam Speaker, I was unable to attend votes due to circumstances beyond my control.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 565; "yea" on Roll Call No. 566; and "nay" on Roll Call No. 567.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ALFRED JACKSON "A.J." POWELL

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Alfred Jackson "A.J." Powell.

A.J., as he was affectionately known by his family and friends, was a longtime resident of Quitman, Georgia. He graduated from Dixie High School and went on to study at the University of Georgia, earning a degree in Agriculture. Upon graduation, A.J. enlisted in the Army Air Corps, where he served our country honorably as a meteorologist and Ordinance Officer, ultimately achieving the rank of Captain.

A.J. had a broad and meaningful impact on his community in Quitman, Georgia. After returning from military service, he paired his love for agriculture with his experience in the Army to serve veterans in his community. He organized the first Veterans' Farm Training program in the county, serving as an agriculture teacher for groups of veterans, and later was promoted by the State Department of Education to Supervisor for the Veterans Agriculture Program for all the counties in South Georgia.

After leaving the Department of Education, A.J. opened Powell's Farm Supply, becoming a leading innovator in agricultural infrared photography and liquid fertilizer products. He raised beef cattle on his farm, Crooked Creek, and was actively involved in the agriculture community, assuming roles ranging from President of the Georgia Seedsmen's Association to President of the Chamber of Commerce.

Throughout his life, A.J. served his community in a variety of capacities. Among his greatest joys was serving in his church, Quitman First Baptist Church, where he was an active member, serving many roles, including as a Sunday school teacher and the Chairman of Deacons. First and foremost, A.J. was a man of integrity who was well known for his faith in Jesus and his love for others. He lived out Joshua 24: 15, ". . . as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

A.J. will be forever remembered as a man of faith, diligence, and integrity. Most importantly, he will be remembered as a loyal and faithful husband to his beloved wife, Mary; father to his three children, Beth, Jay and Lisa; grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, and friend. A.J. will be dearly missed, but his legacy will be felt for generations to come. On behalf of the people of Georgia, I hope you will join me in celebrating his wonderful life.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on September 25, 2019 during roll call no. 542, On Ordering the Previous Question on the Amendment and the Resolution, H. Res. 577, Providing for consideration of H.R. 2203, the Homeland Security Improvement Act; H.R. 3525, the US Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act; and H. Res. 576, expressing the sense of the House with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 543, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 577, Providing for consideration of H.R. 2203, the Homeland Security Improvement Act; H.R. 3525, the U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act; and H. Res. 576, expressing the sense of the House with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 544, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 1595, SAFE Banking Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 545, On Motion to Recommit with Instructions, H.R. 2203, Homeland Security Improvement Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "no." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 546, On Passage, H.R. 2203, Homeland Security Improvement Act. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 547, On Motion to Table, H. Res. 590, Raising a question of the privileges of the House. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye." I was also unavoidably detained during roll call no. 548, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 576, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING MICHAEL DUNLEA AS A RECIPIENT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING

**HON. ANDY KIM**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 21, 2019

Mr. KIM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Dunlea of Tabernacle Elementary School in Tabernacle, New Jersey, as a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

Each year, the PAEMST recognizes outstanding K-12 teachers for their contributions to the teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and computer science. Recipients of the award are