

providing rides to the parents of athletes who have no way to get to the games. As a community leader, Tina organized the 1st Annual Soapbox Derby, a family friendly event that inspires children and adults to create the fastest gravity-powered, or most creative vehicles, they can and race in front of cheering fans. This was especially important to Lake County in that it was simply a joyous occasion for the entire community after four straight years of disastrous fires. Tina Viramontes is a Deputy City Clerk for the City of Clearlake who has a heart for public service and a strong desire to help people. She greets everyone with a smile, a cheerful attitude, and helps them navigate through the various departments with professionalism and integrity. On behalf of the Clearlake community and the people of the 3rd Congressional District, I offer Tina Viramontes congratulations and my well wishes in her future endeavors.

Dr. Vajra M. Watson has had immense influence the community during her career at UC Davis as the Director of Research and Policy for Equity. Her poise, work-ethic, and commitment to making the world a better place stands unmatched. Dr. Watson devotes her time to creating and expanding upon various academic and community-based programs. She digs in to solve problems on the ground, putting her renowned academic research to work. Just a few of the programs that she helped develop include Sacramento Area Youth Speaks (SAYS), the UC Davis Campus-wide Equity task Force, and the UC Davis Outreach Center. Dr. Watson has been an invaluable figure for the African American Community, creating and fighting for these life-altering programs. Her work supports the education and elevation of marginalized youths from disenfranchised communities. Her SAYS program has been instrumental in helping teachers learn to incorporate authenticity in the classroom environment to engage and enrich their students. In addition to her hands-on work in the community, she has contributed to the education canon of academia with a multitude of books and peer reviewed studies. Her book *Transformative Schooling* addresses many of the central aspects of our time as she delves into the structure and nuances of America's education structure, as well as the necessary action that must be taken. On behalf of the 3rd Congressional District, I offer Vajra M. Watson my sincere best wishes and continued success.

Jeanine Werner has dedicated much of her life to improving the lives of children who are deaf and hard of hearing, or those that have physical and cognitive disabilities. Her empathy and drive started early in her life, leading her to begin working with these populations in high school. As she continued to develop her professional career, she never abandoned her original goal. After working with these populations as a classroom aid, she eventually took on the opportunity to work with adults and children known as "Campers". These "Campers", who are attendees of Lion Camps for people with disabilities, undoubtably benefited from her kindness and commitment to improving the lives of those around her. Upon returning to Yuba City, Jeanine involved herself with Casa de Esperanza, a shelter for those suffering from abuse and violence. Jeanine then began work as a Counselor Advocate for the First Responder program. Shortly after, she was promoted to be Project Director for the

program because of her skill and passion. During her time at Casa de Esperanza, Jeanine transformed several programs and projects through expansive training, education, and outreach efforts. Her desire to improve the lives of those around her continues to benefit our community. On behalf of the people of Yuba City and the 3rd Congressional District, I am pleased to congratulate Jeanine Werner as a 2019 Woman of the Year for her dedication, passion, kindness, and intellect.

Kristina Wiley's dedication to helping others is unparalleled. In her tireless work to improve her community, she has served as president of Soroptimist, a non-profit organization devoted to improving the lives of women and girls across the country. In addition, Kristina has raised money for charities and even traveled to Haiti to perform dental surgery for those in need. In her work in Dixon, Kristina has raised tens of thousands of dollars for breast cancer research, donated to the funeral funds of those in need and raised \$47,000 for animal welfare. In addition to these great contributions, Kristina has devoted her time to mentoring children and even taken children in need under her wing while they get back on their feet. Kristina has also used her skills as a DDS in Haiti, traveling there 5 times in order to perform much-needed procedures on those who would otherwise not have access to dental care. Her involvement in the community has improved many lives and will continue to do so in the future.

I congratulate each of them and commend them for their work. I am inspired by them and firmly believe when women succeed, America succeeds.

#### IN SUPPORT OF THE SAFE RETURN OF AUSTIN BENNETT TICE

##### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2019*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to Austin Bennett Tice's prolonged captivity in Syria, where he has been held since August 14, 2012; over seven years.

Austin is an American journalist who headed to Syria to work as a free-lance reporter for the McClatchy News Service between his second and third years at Georgetown Law School. A native of Houston, Texas, and a Georgetown alumnus, Austin is an exceptional young man who demonstrated his determination and potential early in life as both an Eagle Scout and a National Merit Finalist.

After graduation from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, he was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corps. As an infantryman, his service included tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq. At the time of his capture, Austin sought to ensure that the world understood the tragic situation in Syria. Because of his dedication to our country, we owe this young man every possible effort to affect his release.

Presidental Policy Directive 30, U.S. Nationals Taken Abroad and Personnel Recovery Efforts, clearly commits the Government to working in a coordinated manner and utilizing all instruments of national power to safely recover hostages. We appreciate that commitment and were grateful when the FBI announced last

April a \$1 million reward for Austin's safe return. We are aware that the Hostage Recovery Fusion Cell has been engaged with efforts to secure his release for several years.

Madam Speaker, it has now been over four years since that Presidential Policy Directive was finalized, and we strongly urge the President and State Department officials to personally ensure that the U.S. government galvanizes its efforts and employs all appropriate means to secure this young man's safe and expeditious return to the United States.

#### WAR EMERGENCY PIPELINE HISTORICAL MARKER

##### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2019*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the November 11, 2019, dedication of an Illinois State Historical Society Historical Marker for the Completion of the War Emergency Pipeline in 1943 from Longview, Texas, to Norris City, Illinois.

Before the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and entry of the United States into World War II, 95 percent of the crude oil delivered to east coast oil refineries was transported by tanker ships, with 90 percent of that from Texas oil fields. In 1942, oil tankers from the Gulf of Mexico were being sunk by German submarines at the rate of three per day. A committee appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt recommended an overland pipeline be built from Longview to Norris City.

Work began at Longview on August 3, 1942, and a dedication ceremony at Norris City was held upon completion, February 19, 1943. Newspapers and radio stations recorded the event; the newsreels were shown prior to movies in theaters all over America. The first day, 60,000 barrels of crude oil flowed into Norris City. The first trainload left Norris City the night of the dedication with 96 oil tankers.

Fifteen 80,000-barrel storage tanks and three loading racks had been built. 13,500 barrels of crude oil were received hourly on this pipeline between February 19 and September 1, 1943. The railroad hauled 124,193 tankers of oil out of Norris City. The War Emergency Pipeline put 3,500 people to work.

Madam Speaker, the pipeline's impact on the war effort was tremendous, enabling the safe and timely transport of oil vital to the allies during the height of wartime service. I want to extend a warm thank you to the Enbridge-Texas Eastern Company and The Illinois State Historical Society for collaborating to ensure an important piece of this nation's history is preserved for future generations.

#### HONORING MARK BORBA FOR 2019 AGRICULTURIST OF THE YEAR IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY

##### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2019*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Mark Borba on the occasion of

his award for the 2019 Agriculturist of the Year. It is transparent that Mark's 40 plus years of continuous passion for the agricultural community.

With only 40 cows and 120 acres of land, A.J. Borba started the line of farmers near Hardwick, California. He later moved to Riverdale, California in the 1900's and started a dairy farm. A.J. with his two sons, began a row crop operation. An immigrant from Azores, Portugal, he did not realize the impact his family would make for the Central Valley.

His two sons, Ross Sr. and Darril began what we know today, the Borba Brothers Farms in 1958. Ross Sr. and his wife Justina had two sons, Ross Jr., Mark, and a daughter, Dwayne. In 1976, the family passed the business down to Mark and Ross Jr.

The family has been through droughts, different crops, and their share of hardships. Yet, they have survived and have been able to be proudly called fourth-generation farmers. Their share of crops includes almonds, tomatoes, melons, lettuce, wheat, garlic, and cotton.

Mark believes in education and was recognized for it in 1996 for the U.C. Davis Award of Distinction for his contributions and accomplishments. He helped with the Ross Borba Sr. Scholarship Endowment for agricultural college students. Mark wants people to be educated on water and agricultural issues. He constantly talks to members of the community and to elected officials about water rights issues and practices in fanning. His passion to grow for farmers and for his family is clearly shown.

In various capacities, Mark has been involved in the community. He served as Chairman of the Board at Community Medical Centers in Fresno. He was also on the board for the Maddy Institute, and a Chairman for the California Cotton Growers Association.

Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to congratulate Mr. Mark Borba on his recent award. His accomplishments to Fresno County made amazing impacts in the community. It is my honor to join his colleagues, family, and friends in honoring his award and achievements.

#### RECOGNIZING LYNNE AND MYRON MALNAA

##### HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, Lynne and Myron Malnaa of Glasgow, Montana are a shining example of dedication and compassion. For 18 years they have been active in the Montana foster care system, welcoming children into their home anywhere from overnight to 14 years. During this time, they have adopted two children and are the guardians to another.

Lynne ran a daycare from her home for 25 years before she devoted nearly 15 years to the State of Montana Office of Public Assistance. Myron served our state as a law enforcement officer for 25 years. Together, their experiences helped them provide a safe haven, day or night, for more than 150 frightened and neglected children in need of care and love, which they have given so freely and unconditionally.

We can all learn from Lynne and Myron's decades of kindness and generosity. I am pleased to recognize Lynne and Myron Malnaa as 2019 Angels in Adoption Honorees.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF FREDDIE B. YELDER

##### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the memory of Freddie B. Yelder, a beloved Detroit community member.

Born July 15, 1934, Ms. Yelder spent her early years in Mosses, Alabama before moving with her husband and family to Detroit, Michigan. She quickly became a respected leader in her family, community, and church. Ms. Yelder was especially known for her kindness and generosity to others. The matriarch of the Yelder/Bain/Patton family, she cared for her large extended family, but especially her disabled brother, and as sole caregiver to her husband after he became disabled. As the owner of a party store, she never failed to donate goods and services to those in need. She never shied away from opening up her own home to others when someone needed shelter.

Ms. Yelder's openheartedness and charitable spirit were an asset in the leadership role she assumed in her forty-three years as a member and former Board of Trustees President of Sharon Missionary Baptist Church. She initiated the organizing of the church mission, which two years later lead to the mission deciding to purchase the permanent structure called Sharon Missionary Baptist Church. One of her proudest accomplishments was when she successfully negotiated in the church's favor the initial selling conditions and reducing the church's costs by several thousand dollars. In addition to her work on behalf of the missionary program, Ms. Yelder supervised the "Meet Up, Eat Up" program, which fed countless children in the surrounding community, as well as the church soup kitchen, which was funded solely through her own fundraising efforts.

In short, Ms. Freddie B. Yelder's life was distinguished by her generosity, kindness, and leadership. We give honor to her memory and tireless efforts in dedication to her surviving family.

#### CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRESNO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

##### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Fresno Pacific University in Fresno, California on the occasion of its 75th anniversary. The university is a valuable part of the community and plays an important role in educating students in the Central Valley.

Fresno Pacific University was established in 1944 as the Pacific Bible Institute in a two-story home near downtown Fresno. The

school had 5 faculty members and a student body of 28. The college's leadership took it upon themselves to expand its campus and curriculum. In 1958 land was purchased to build a larger campus, a biblical seminary and a Mennonite Brethren Church. Beginning in 1961, the biblical college expanded to a two-year institution, Pacific College, and eventually a four-year program in 1964. In 1997, Pacific College would henceforth be known as Fresno Pacific University, with satellite locations throughout the Central Valley.

The university has integrated five schools, including: School of Business, Natural Sciences, Education, a Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary, and Humanities, Religion, and Social Sciences. They have over 30-degree options, 40 programs, and more than 100 areas of study. Throughout its history Fresno Pacific has experienced tremendous growth that continues to this day.

Past presidents that have helped the campus and the university's mission to grow have also left their unique mark. Samuel W. Goosen was named the first president in 1944. George W. Peters started in 1947 and introduced the importance of church missions. Reuben M. Baerg began as president in 1953 and was once an instructor in Greek and the Bible's New Testament. Bernhard J. Braun was named president in 1955 and was instrumental in developing the junior college curriculum for the university. Arthur J. Wiebe became president in 1960 and facilitated the transition to a four-year campus and increased the enrollment of students. Edmund Janzen began his tenure in 1975 and helped to expand the mission program. In 1985, Richard A. Kriegbaum was named president and under his guidance, the undergraduate program became nationally ranked. Allen Carden's leadership started in 1997, followed by Harold H. Haak in 2000. In 2002, D. Merrill Ewert became the 10th President. Pete Menjares started in 2012 and was followed by Richard Kriegbaum as he returned in 2014 to help serve one more time. Dr. Joseph Jones now serves as president for the university and continues to work to advance the university's growth and student success.

With strong leadership, the last 75 years have been tremendously transformative for Fresno Pacific University. As they continue to grow and prosper, their values of faith, spirit, and innovation has allowed them to continuously evolve.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Fresno Pacific University as it celebrates its 75th anniversary. I commend Fresno Pacific for its 75 years of commitment to education and I wish the faculty, staff, students and alumni continued success.

#### TRIBUTE TO COLONEL RAYMOND CELESTE, USMC (RET.)

##### HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Colonel Raymond Celeste, USMC (Ret.) who has completed twenty-nine Marine Corps Marathons here in Washington, D.C. and was recently inducted into the Marine Corps Marathon Hall of Fame.