

In addition to his 26 years of dedicated service to our country as a Marine, Ray has diligently served members of the military and veterans across the Third District of North Carolina since 2011, originally under Congressman Walter B. Jones, Jr. and continuing on my current staff.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking Ray for the work he has done and continues to do for the veterans in NC-03 as well as the service members stationed at Camp Lejeune, and Marine Corps Air Stations Cherry Point and New River.

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JONATHAN ZUMKEHR DEPARTS
FCC VICTORVILLE

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, Jonathan Zumkehr has worked for the Federal Bureau of Prisons for over a decade. He began his work at Metropolitan Detention Center Los Angeles in May 2007, where he guarded inmates standing trial in federal court. After two years at MDC Los Angeles, he transferred to FCC Victorville in March 2009.

While at FCC Victorville, he became involved in improving the lives of his community and his fellow correctional officers. He worked with Be The Match to help raise awareness for finding bone marrow matches for those with blood cancers, and he supported Mothers Against Drunk Drivers in their campaign to fight intoxicated driving. Jonathan's passion for improving his community also led him to improve the lives and working conditions of his fellow correctional officers. He was successfully elected to serve as the Vice President for AFGE Local 3969, where he consistently advocated for better and safer working conditions. Among other important issues, Jonathan was instrumental in bringing to light the understaffing of FCC Victorville and highlighting the risky practice of augmentation.

Jonathan Zumkehr is an outstanding law enforcement professional whose dedication to those around him has improved lives and made our community a safer place. He will be sorely missed as he departs for AUSP Thomson, and I wish him continued success in his Bureau of Prisons Career.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JOAN
ALBERT LAWLER

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to reflect on the life of Joan Albert Lawler, a respected businesswoman and passionate philanthropist, who touched countless lives by her life and work throughout Washington, D.C., Northern Virginia, and Westmoreland County, Virginia.

Born in Syracuse, New York, Joni, grew up in McLean, Virginia. After earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Vermont, she worked at the U.S. House of Representatives

on the staff of Hon. Ron Marlenee and Hon. Albert Johnson, as well as the Clerk of the House and the Territorial Caucus. The positive feeling of helping others through legislation was a foundation for her good works that she continued throughout her life. It was here on Capitol Hill that she met her husband, John. They opened a watering hole for the young political community called "The Third Party" and were active members of the Congressional Flying Club. While raising her family, Joni earned a real estate license and co-founded a financial consulting firm, East West Financial Services.

In 2005, Joni moved with her family full-time to the Northern Neck of Virginia where she used her wide-ranging experience in business and philanthropy to become a pillar of the community, admired for her leadership, generosity, and grace. She served on the boards and committees of numerous organizations, creating many fundraising events that became beloved local traditions.

She always volunteered her time and leadership, establishing successful fundraising events that became longstanding traditions, with Our Lady of Victory Church and the elementary and high schools her three daughters attended including Our Lady of Victory School, Washington Waldorf School, and St. Margaret's School where she also served on the Board of Governors. Joni was guided by her deep faith, and spearheaded a successful capital campaign to support the construction of a new church rectory and office for St. Paul's Mission in Hague, VA. She truly was a doer of good works.

A pillar in the Commonwealth of Virginia, she was always striving to make a difference. I can assure you that our nation and Commonwealth is a greater, more successful place, due to her ever-present leadership and generosity. She is an example of community leaders that we all wish to emulate.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in remembering the life of Joan Albert Lawler, a life lived serving her community. Words alone cannot express our gratitude. May God bless Joni and her family.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRESNO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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.

CONGRATULATING BOB LOZINAK

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Altoona Curve Owner, Bob Lozinak, on being named the 2019 King of Baseball by Minor League Baseball. Mr. Lozinak of Blair County, Pennsylvania, will receive this honor during the league's winter meetings in San Diego on December 8.

In 1999, Mr. Lozinak brought baseball to Altoona. Since then, he has grown the Curve's fanbase and garnered national recognition for his work not only with the Curve, but throughout his 40-year history in Minor League Baseball.

Mr. Lozinak's passion both for the sport of baseball and for our community is an immense asset to Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District. This recognition is well-deserved, and I congratulate our "King of Baseball" on this outstanding accomplishment.

HONORING THE 2019 WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2019 Women of the Year. The honorees represent some of the most outstanding and dedicated women in the 3rd Congressional District. Nominated by their peers, these women and the leadership they have provided are being recognized for playing an integral and crucial role in improving the lives of everyone in their communities.

During the last 50 years women have made great strides in America. It used to be almost unheard of to see women as elected officials, CEOs, senior military officials, doctors or attorneys, but today many of our most successful leaders in the world are women. This progress has not come easy and many women before you have worked hard and strived to achieve the independence and rights you have today. I realize there is more work to be done to ensure that women have equal pay, flexible work schedules and affordable education. Each of the honorees will be a vital part of the future successes for women.

2019's Women of the Year are:

Bobbi Abold is a dedicated, passionate, and invested advocate who brings over a decade of experience in education to her work on behalf of at-risk students. Bobbi currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction for the Yuba County Office of Education. In this position as well as during her time as Principal at Durham Elementary School, Bobbi has leveraged her unique capacity for positive reinforcement and decision making to administer critical resources and engaging programs for all her students. As a true model and champion of the very best in leadership in alternative education, Bobbi has continuously gone out of her way to improve her skills by training in restorative practices and is always challenging others to become better educators. Her inclusivity allows her to foster a positive and constructive environment for students to learn and grow as individuals, and she lends a special focus to those facing the greatest challenges. Bobbi is a passionate public servant who consistently demonstrates her unparalleled dedication to securing bright futures for her students.

Rose Mary Avila is a dedicated advocate for members of the Yuba County community. She is a highly regarded volunteer, community servant, and business woman. Rose Mary works to help the Marysville business community thrive through her involvement with the Focus on Marysville business forum. Rose Mary has been an executive member at the Alliance for Hispanic Advancement in Yuba County for 15 years and contributes her time to many events and fundraisers. Through this organization she has worked to enrich the lives of people of Hispanic heritage in her

community by awarding scholarships to Hispanic students, providing health resources and bilingual information for community members, and administering numerous other community programs. Rose Mary is also a member of the Marysville Kiwanis where she lends valuable assistance to their fundraising efforts. Rose Mary is also an active member of her church where she helps with annual fundraisers and volunteered as a catechism teacher. Rose Mary is a loving mother of two, grandmother of four, and a cherished friend to many. A life-long resident of Yuba County, she has had a positive impact on countless members of her community.

Lisa Baker is a tireless advocate working at the forefront of some of the most pressing issues facing her community. Her activism encompasses issues such as housing, social equality, and climate change. Her efforts to provide affordable housing, connect residents with social services, improve social equity, and address issues related to climate change have had a profound and positive impact on our district. As CEO of the Yolo County Housing Authority, Lisa works tirelessly to realize the organization's mission of working to provide quality affordable housing and community development services for all. Her organization and its allies provide essential services that meet the needs of thousands of underprivileged households throughout Yolo and Solano counties. Under her leadership, the Yolo County Housing Authority works with community partners to combat homelessness and does innovative work on climate resiliency. Over the years, her organization has earned numerous national recognitions, and last year won the City of Davis Environmental Special Recognition award for ongoing work in sustainability and equity. Beyond her groundbreaking work in building climate resiliency and sustainability into affordable housing, Lisa lends her time and expertise to a variety of community organizations. She is Vice Chair of the Winters Planning Commission, serves on the Citizen Advisory Committee for the Yolo County Transportation District, is a member of the Cool Davis Council of Advisors, serves on the Prop 47 Steering Committee, and is a member of the Yolo Resilience Collaborative. She is also a member of a number of statewide and national organizations focused on advocating for affordable housing in underserved communities. Lisa's passion for public service and positive impact on her community cannot be overstated.

Navjot Bala-Singh has a unique and unparalleled ability as an educator. When Navjot came to the United States in 2002, it was her dream to become an educator and share the history of Indian women with her community. The challenges of adjusting to a new culture and learning to communicate effectively in a foreign language did not stop her from pursuing her goals. On the contrary, this experience endowed her with patience and a unique perspective she could share with others. In 2010 she became a U.S. Citizen, enrolled in college, and later completed her degree in early childhood education. She became a Mentor Teacher at Yuba Community College where she shared her skills as a pre-school teacher and her passion for cultivating young minds flourished. Throughout her educational career she has learned the value of sharing her Indian culture with students and her community. Navjot now plays a leadership role in

the annual Indian Women's Teejan Meda, an event which shares the important contributions Indian women have made to national and local communities. She also plays a crucial role in putting on the annual Sikh Parade, Nagar Kirtan, which attracts over 100,000 visitors to Yuba City and provides a special opportunity to share Indian culture with the local community. Navjot and her husband lend the use of their local landmark restaurant, the Star of India, to make this event a resounding success year after year. Navjot plays an integral role in fostering cultural exchange and understanding that has helped to make Yuba City a vibrant and diverse community.

Dennise Burbank is a life-long resident of the Yuba-Sutter area with an extensive record of service to her community. Dennise is well known for her kind heart and unparalleled generosity. Fulfilling a lifelong dream to open her own business, Dennise founded Burbank Insurance in 2007. Outside of work, she spends her time doing a variety of volunteer work. Dennise and her son give their time training service dogs that are placed with children with autism all over the country. Dennise can also be found overseeing everything from the Olivehurst Christmas Parade to operating her non-profit organization SoYouCan. Under her leadership, this organization aids needy families across the county. For the last seven years, SoYouCan has partnered with the Yuba County Sheriff's Department, Olivehurst and Linda Fire Departments, and countless local schools and volunteers to put together Operation Turkey Swap. This annual event brings Christmas dinners and toys to over 250 families and 600 children, allowing those who might go without to participate in the Christmas spirit. Additionally, as President of the Marysville Kiwanis club, Dennise oversaw the BUGS program which focuses on incentivizing local middle school students to raise their grades with the promise of a new bicycle for the top-five most improved students, as well as an ice cream social for all who take the pledge to improve. In 2012, Dennise ran for Director of Public Utilities, going on to serve as President of the Board until 2015. With her vast array of accomplishments and caring spirit, Dennise serves as a shining example of philanthropic generosity and passionate service to everyone in her community.

Neelam Canto-Lugo is a community servant who has made contributions to the Yuba-Sutter area and beyond that cannot be overstated. As a retired adjunct professor of communications at Yuba College and a feminist ahead of her time, her main mission and purpose has always been to better the lives of students, children, and women in disadvantaged communities. In her two-plus decades at Yuba College, Neelam developed and coordinated the Crossing Borders—Building Bridges Events Series. Here she effectively promoted cultural, socio-political, and religious understanding through countless events and projects, including museum exhibits on the Japanese-American Internment experience, interfaith panel discussions promoting religious tolerance, as well as annual panels on women's health, domestic violence, human trafficking, and Women's History Month. Whether in the fight to reduce hate crimes in Yuba City or support women's entrepreneurship in Nepal and Bangladesh, Neelam's presence and service-oriented mindset are felt by all she meets. For her efforts, she has been recognized with numerous awards, including but