

Chief Spiller's commitment to law enforcement has left an immeasurable impact that extends far beyond his own department. In his time as chief he has modernized the department's training, technology, and equipment. He has fostered lasting partnerships that have shaped the future of his community and local law enforcement.

Chief Spiller's passion for public service is reflected by his pursuit of higher education which culminated in his master's degree in public leadership from St. Mary's College. Through his service as an advisory board member on the Administration of Justice Board and an adjunct faculty member at Las Positas College, Chief Spiller is cultivating a future police force that will reflect the same integrity and commitment that he has brought to the law enforcement community.

In addition, Chief Spiller serves as a member of the International Criminal Justice Board at the University of San Francisco, a member of the Board of Directors for the California Police Chiefs Association, and he is an independent contract trainer and group facilitator serving non-profit organizations and municipal governments.

I want to thank Chief Spiller for the contributions he has made to the Pleasanton Police department and community. Your extraordinary vision and leadership will be missed, and we wish you a fulfilling retirement.

HONORING MS. MARY E. STUART

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize an outstanding individual who has been volunteering for sixty consecutive years. At the age of 91, Ms. Mary Stuart can be found working seven hour shifts at Medical City Plano five days a week.

In 1959, Ms. Stuart began her hospital volunteer efforts in Newfane, New York, and later relocated to Tallahassee, Florida where she continued her work in area medical centers. In 1997, Mary moved to Plano and soon became a valued volunteer at Medical City Plano. In fact, just this year Ms. Stuart received her 25,500 hours volunteer pin which is the most hours a volunteer has ever given to Medical City Plano since they opened their doors in 1975.

Her unbelievable track record as a community servant who puts the needs of others above her own has earned her other prestigious titles such as the Texas Yellow Rose from former Texas Governor Rick Perry and Honorary Georgia Peach.

The Plano community is very proud of her leadership in volunteerism. Ms. Stuart exemplifies a passion for helping others and she undoubtedly betters the world around her.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in thanking Ms. Mary Stuart for her sixty years of volunteer work.

RECOGNIZING LYNNE AND MYRON MALNAA OF GLASGOW

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lynne and Myron Malnaa of Glasgow for their dedication to and compassion for Montana's children.

After her eldest daughter graduated from high school and with their son and Myron rodeoing, Lynne felt like she had an empty nest, and she says she found her quiet house unsettling.

One day Lynne, who ran a daycare out of their home for 25 years, got a call that changed her life. She was told there were a few desperate kids who needed a home right away. Lynne instantly stepped up and took them in. It happened so quickly, Myron, a law enforcement officer for 25 years, says he doesn't even remember Lynne talking to him about taking on such a big responsibility. Lynne says she did.

Since that day 18 years ago, the Malnaas continue to provide a safe haven for many kids in need. They have welcomed more than 150 foster children into their home, embracing them with the unconditional love they need.

Lynne and Myron nurture and care for the kids, who come to them from various backgrounds. They watch them grow and give the opportunity to let the kids be kids.

Lynne and Myron have also adopted two children and are guardians to another.

For their commitment to Montana's children, Lynne and Myron were recognized recently as 2019 Angels in Adoption honorees.

Madam Speaker, for freely giving over 150 foster children unconditional love and a home, I recognize Lynne and Myron Malnaa for their Spirit of Montana.

WENDELL "SKIP" BROWNFIELD

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Wendell "Skip" Brownfield for his heroic service in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

On February 5, 1970, Skip and nine others set out to a location where increased enemy activity had been noticed. In route, Skip's unit triggered a booby trap, detonating a large explosive. The explosion was followed by heavy enemy fire.

During the attack, two members of Skip's unit were injured. Despite the enemy fire, Skip and a fellow soldier got the two injured men to an opening so that a helicopter could rescue them.

Skip Brownfield's heroism that night was not the only time he served meritoriously in battle during the Vietnam War. For actions he took in previous engagements with enemy forces, Skip was awarded a Bronze Star with "V" device and Air Medal with "V" Device, among other decorations.

Madam Speaker, I wish to send my most sincere gratitude to Mr. Brownfield for his service to our nation. Skip is a hero to us all.

IN RECOGNITION OF LEITH DAGHISTANI

HON. LAUREN UNDERWOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Leith Daghistani for his service in my office in Washington, DC.

Leith joined our office as a legislative fellow and served as an advisor for my work on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, in addition to handling a policy portfolio that included defense, foreign affairs, agriculture, and trade. Among other accomplishments, he developed multiple pieces of legislation to improve health care delivery at the VA and helped our agricultural community navigate a challenging year of tough weather and unprecedented trade tensions. Leith was also instrumental in ensuring House passage of the Veterans' Care Quality Transparency Act and the Caring For Our Women Veterans Act.

Leith's diligence, intelligence, and compassion were invaluable assets as we worked to establish our legislative operation from scratch during my first year in office. I commend his drive to advance mental health and suicide prevention services for veterans and to improve outcomes for women veterans and younger veterans. Although Leith may be leaving our office, our veterans in northern Illinois and our community that supports and honors them will continue to benefit from the results of his hard work and expertise.

Prior to joining my staff, Leith earned a Bachelor of Science from the United States Naval Academy and served our country as an officer in the United States Navy. I am grateful he chose to continue his career in public service by joining my office. Our office will miss his kindness, diligence, sense of humor, and expertly-brewed coffee.

Madam Speaker, I would like to formally thank Leith Daghistani for his service to my office, to Illinois's 14th Congressional District, and to our country.

RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK OF CALIFORNIA WIC

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of California Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) for its tremendous contribution to enhancing equity in access to healthy foods for low-income families with young children. The WIC program has been an important resource for vulnerable families, providing a critical nutritional safety net for low-income pregnant women, infants, and young children across the United States.

WIC's contribution to the health and welfare of Orange County residents is unparalleled. With its continued supply of nutritious foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and nutrition-related information, WIC has had a significant positive impact on communities in Orange County. In addition, thanks to WIC

programs, many residents have benefited from the substantial cost savings that have been accrued from early investments in maternal and child nutrition.

On November 11, 2019, the first wave of WIC sites in Orange County began providing food benefits in a new way—through the California WIC Card. Previously, families served by WIC received paper vouchers instead. This change is expected to greatly improve the WIC participant experience, while also improving the reimbursement experience for WIC vendors to ensure the dollars redeemed in stores in our community are received more efficiently.

I ask all members to join me in recognizing the extraordinary work and contributions of California WIC and their efforts to modernize operations to ensure a better and more efficient experience for all who participate.

RECOGNIZING PERRY MILLER FOR
THE 2019 MONTANA CONGRES-
SIONAL VETERAN COMMENDA-
TION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Perry Miller of Chinook for the Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and dedication to his community.

Mr. Miller served in both the U.S. Marines and the Montana Army National Guard. During his combined 12 years of service, Mr. Miller deployed overseas and received multiple commendations, including the Meritorious Service award.

Following his service, Mr. Miller became active in the community. He currently serves as a Judge and the Justice of Peace for Blaine County. Outside of his work, Mr. Miller has coached youth baseball, football, and wrestling, bringing many teams to state and individual championships. Through the VFW Post 4620, he volunteers for Memorial Day and Veterans Day services. Mr. Miller is also active in his church, teaching CCD class to high schoolers.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Perry Miller for his dedication and service to his community.

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR RODNEY
COLES, SR.

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Pastor Rodney Coles of Greenville, North Carolina. In the fall of 2007, Pastor Coles formed the Churches Outreach Network in Greenville, North Carolina. Its mission is to aid the community through feeding the hungry and furnishing resource assistance to those in need.

Pastor Coles has tirelessly served the community through Churches Outreach Network by supporting the Healthy Living Alliance

which collaborates with churches and ministries within the surrounding community to develop a healthy living program which aims to encourage individuals to develop a healthier lifestyle. Pastor Coles also supports the Joy Soup Kitchen which serves lunch to those in need. Further, his Outreach Network promotes and assists the Community Unity Network which brings resources to the community concerning health, food, community awareness, rental assistance, senior citizen programs, veteran assistance and educational assistance. Since his arrival he has been a shining star to the community in need.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring this incredible public servant, but more importantly, a wonderfully faithful servant of our Lord Jesus Christ, and my personal friend Pastor Rodney Coles, Sr.

HONORING THE LIFE OF VICKIE
HARTMAN NICKS

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Vickie Hartman Nicks.

Vickie was born on July 9, 1953 in Thomasville, North Carolina. She graduated from East Davidson High School in 1971 and married Steve Nicks in 1979. In 1981, she took a position as the Secretary of Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church, where she worked for 38 years.

While being the church secretary certainly kept her busy, her devotion to the community didn't stop there. Vickie was involved in many children and youth programs as well as being a member of the choir. She enjoyed painting and crafts and was known for her quick wit and keen sense of humor.

Outside of being active in her church, Vickie was even more proud of being a wife, mother, grandmother, and lifelong resident of Davidson County. She was an excellent role-model for and steadfast supporter of her daughters, Stefanie and Andrea, as well as her grandsons Steven and Jacob.

Vickie's enormous impact on the lives of her loved ones is indelible, and will live on for years to come.

Vickie lost her life to a long drawn out battle with cancer but her grit and tenacity never let her lose faith. Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with her husband, Steve Nicks, to learn about Vickie's bravery while facing the final stages of her life. Her battle with cancer was truly heartbreaking, representing a tragic loss to our Davidson County community. Her determination and grace provides an example to us all.

Today I wear this bracelet given to me by her husband that states, "Vickie Strong." I wear it today in her memory.

Madam Speaker, please join me in praying for Vickie along with her husband Steve and the entire Nicks family.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
WORK OF MARLENE DILILLO

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and work of Marlene DiLillo, the former Executive Director of the Greater Killeen Community Clinic, as she retires after years of incredible public service. With her "can-do" spirit and high-minded vision, she's a model citizen and trusted community leader.

During Marlene's nearly two decades as manager of a medical clinic, she has always shown great respect and support for both staff and colleagues as well as a willingness to make tough decisions. As the Executive Director, she worked tirelessly to nurture relationships with other community organizations, by convening and collaborating around community needs, and actively participating with government agencies, nonprofits, businesses and community leaders, and elected officials.

Marlene signs all her emails with the stirring words "Our job is not to climb the ladder of success, but to descend the ladder of servanthood." All who've been blessed by her presence know that to her this isn't a meaningless expression but a deep and lasting creed that has been the guiding force of the life of a true and devoted public servant.

Marlene DiLillo's retirement is the richly-deserved beginning of an exciting journey. I join her colleagues, family, and friends in honoring her career, commending her commitment to public service, and wishing my friend nothing but the best in the years ahead.

RECOGNIZING KAREN SEMPLE FOR
THE 2019 MONTANA CONGRES-
SIONAL VETERAN COMMENDA-
TION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Karen Semple of Montana City for the Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for her service and dedication to her community.

Ms. Semple served in the United States Air Force for almost a decade. Ms. Semple received multiple commendations during her time in the Air Force and continued to serve her community when she returned home.

Ms. Semple has served her community as a chaplain for various veteran groups and fire departments. In her role with the American Legion, she has led training for other chaplains to have the tools necessary to minister to veterans with moral injury, PTSD, and suicide ideation. In addition, Ms. Semple serves as a volunteer firefighter, and the American Legion of Montana Disaster Emergency Response Coordinator.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Karen Semple for her dedication and service to her community.