

HONORING MICHAEL CARRIGAN

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Carrigan on the occasion of his retirement as the president of the Illinois American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO). I have appreciated Michael's leadership of the Illinois AFL-CIO and his vision and hard work towards improving the quality of life for workers in Illinois and across the region and country.

Mike Carrigan served for 12 years as president and 7 years as secretary-treasurer of the Illinois AFL-CIO. During his 19-year tenure, he worked on many successful initiatives that have helped the Illinois workforce and families, including gradually raising Illinois' minimum wage to \$15 an hour, a \$45 billion infrastructure program, the legalization of cannabis and many legislative initiatives and programs that improve the lives of Illinois residents.

Mike serves on the national AFL-CIO State Federation and Central Labor Council Advisory Committee and was the chairman of the 12-state AFL-CIO Midwest Labor Federation Council. In Illinois he serves on the Workers' Compensation Advisory Board and the Illinois Prevailing Wage Council.

Prior to his work with the Illinois AFL-CIO, Mike was elected to the Decatur City Council in 1995 and served nearly four terms before being appointed Mayor of Decatur in 2008. He was business manager/financial secretary for IBEW Local 146 in Decatur from 1992 to 2000; he was a journeyman wireman in Decatur from 1978 to 1990 and became business manager of the local.

Mike Carrigan is a fierce champion of the labor movement and a fighter for worker's rights and his leadership will be remembered and missed. On a personal note, I have appreciated his advice and counsel, his friendship and support and his steady leadership on behalf of Illinois workers and their families. Congratulations to Mike on his retirement, and I thank him for his years of service.

HONORING THE HOMESTEAD GRAYS

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Homestead Grays, a baseball team deeply rooted in the District of Columbia, for its legendary success in the National Negro League.

In light of the Major League Baseball World Series championship won by the Washington Nationals this year, we must also remember a team that shaped the game of baseball and brought World Series glory to the District long before the Nationals, the Homestead Grays. In 1948, the Grays won their third National Negro League World Series title against the Birmingham Black Barons to become one of Washington's most successful baseball teams.

The Homestead Grays came to D.C. in 1940, when Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, saw a lucrative opportunity for the Grays to use Griffith Stadium while the Senators played away games. By 1943, the Grays, originally from Pittsburgh, played over half their games in the nation's capital. Griffith Stadium, located in the heart of D.C.'s African American community and close to Howard University, became a hub for Black baseball.

The Grays played at a time when the face of baseball was changing in America. As the National Negro League continued to demonstrate excellence in baseball, the sport began to integrate. It became too impossible for white teams to ignore African-American players. This led to the folding of the National Negro League in 1948 but to the rise of many African-American Major League Baseball players like Jackie Robinson.

Found on the Ring of Honor in Nationals Park, the team's stadium, are several names of Homestead Grays' most iconic players, including Cool Papa Bell, Ray Brown, Josh Gibson, Buck Leonard, Cumberland Posey and Jud Wilson. These men led the Grays to three National Negro League World Series and 10 National Negro League pennants.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Homestead Grays for their enduring place in Washington and U.S. baseball history.

OCTOBER VETERAN OF THE MONTH

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma's October Veteran of the Month, Senior Airman Kelli Ingraham.

A Public Health Journeyman in the United States Air Force, Senior Airman Ingraham honorably served our nation for four years. Upon returning home from service, Senior Airman Ingraham followed her passion for service and has dedicated her life to serving her fellow veterans.

As a Veterans Services Representative with the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA), Senior Airman Ingraham works with our nation's veterans to help them in navigating the federal bureaucracy. Assisting veterans with claims for service-related disabilities, education opportunities, advance medical compensation, as well as employment and housing placement, Ingraham's work with the ODVA is truly admirable. Her devotion to ensuring that our nation's heroes receive the benefits they deserve is honorable and she sets an example we should all strive to follow.

In addition to working as a Veterans Services Representative for ODVA, Ingraham is involved with the Tulsa Vet Center, the Tulsa Stand Down for Homeless Veterans committee, and the Oklahoma Women Veterans Organization. Senior Airman Ingraham lives a life of unmatched dedication, sacrifice, and service to our great nation. She answered the call to defend freedom across the globe and sacrificed whatever was necessary in the name of that noble cause. She continues to serve our country, community, and her fellow

veterans at a high level on a daily basis. It is my honor to recognize Senior Airman Kelli Ingraham as the 1st Congressional District of Oklahoma's October Veteran of the Month.

CONGRATULATING SHELLY LUTZ ON RECEIPT OF THE VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate Shelly Lutz of Lake Harmony on being named the recipient of the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development's Volunteer & Community Impact Award.

Shelly is both the owner and director of golf at the Split Rock Golf Club in Lake Harmony, Pennsylvania. Shelly oversees the operations of a beautiful 27-hole golf course and restaurant. Of her many honors and accolades, Shelly is perhaps best known for her annual "Let's Save the Dogs" golf tournament, which raises much needed funds for the NEPA Pet Fund & Rescue, the Carbon County Animal Shelter and the Red Rock Rescue of Northeast Pennsylvania. I applaud her hard work, business savvy, and dedication to her community.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Shelly Lutz on this great honor.

HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY: MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with Congressman DESAULNIER to honor the incredible performance and achievements of the University of California, Berkeley Golden Bear Men's Swimming and Diving team in the 2019 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Swimming and Diving Championships.

On March 30, 2019, the Cal Bears captured the 2019 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I, swimming and diving national championship following four impressive days of competition at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center in Austin, Texas.

The Cal Bears have won the NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving National Championship six times in program history. The championship was won in 1979, 1980, 2011, 2012, 2015, and 2019.

The Cal Bears also set a school record with 560 points accumulated at the NCAA championships and bested runner-up Texas by an 85-point margin of victory.

I am proud of my alma mater for having extended their run of placing in the top two at the NCAA championships to 10 consecutive years. It also brings me great pride to recognize the Cal Bears' Head Coach, David

Durden, whom will also lead the United States' Men's Swimming Olympic Team in competition in Tokyo, Japan, during the 2020 Summer Games.

Congressman DESAULNIER and I would like to also recognize the impressive student athletes of the victorious program beginning with Senior Andrew Seliskar, the first Cal Bears swimmer in 22 years to win three individual NCAA titles in one NCAA swim meet. He won the 200-yard breaststroke, the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard freestyle. Seliskar was named the 2019 College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America National Swimmer of the Year.

In addition, Congressman DESAULNIER and I would like to recognize Sophomore Ryan Hoffer for his victory of the 50-yard freestyle NCAA title. Senior Andrew Seliskar, Junior Michael Jensen, Junior Pawel Sendyk, and Sophomore Ryan Hoffer won the 200-yard freestyle relay NCAA title.

Today, on behalf of California's 13th and 11th Congressional Districts, I join Congressman DESAULNIER to commend the hard work, dedication, determination, and commitment to excellence of the student-athletes, coaches, families, and all others involved with the Cal Bears. Congratulations on a successful season and placing a finalist in every swimming event at the NCAA Championships.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 51

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of American Legion Post 51, located in North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District. Since its founding on November 20, 1919, Post 51 has made countless contributions to our community.

Over the years, Post 51 has been a fierce advocate for veterans' affairs and rehabilitation, national security, Americanism, and our children and youth. These Four Pillars of the American Legion serve as a guiding light for the organization and pervade all aspects of Post 51's philanthropic work.

Composed of service members, veterans, and military families, Post 51 represents the best our nation has to offer and I am proud to represent a district that has a strong military presence and is home to some of the bravest patriots in the country. Not only did these men and women serve our country while in uniform, they continue to give back to our community's robust veteran population.

Post 51 ensures our men and women in uniform have the resources and support they need throughout and after their service through local advocacy and assistance with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. In addition to these important services, Post 51 fosters a community of service for our children through local basketball and softball programs and the Boys & Girls Club of America.

I know I speak for our entire community in offering my most heartfelt gratitude to American Legion Post 51 for their century of service. The exemplary men and women of Post

51 are the heart and soul of our community and I wish them continued success as they serve our community.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in recognizing the 100th anniversary of American Legion Post 51.

IN HONOR OF JOHN HEALY, RETIRING FIRE CHIEF OF THE SAN MATEO CONSOLIDATED FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, at the end of this year, John Healy will officially step down as the Fire Chief of the Consolidated Fire Department of San Mateo. He leaves big shoes to fill, and they've grown larger over the course of his 36 year career in the fire service.

John started as a volunteer firefighter at age 19 in 1986 with the Foster City Fire Department. He quickly turned professional as he joined the Hillsborough Fire Department the following year. Ten years later he was a Captain. In 2000, he crossed the bay to serve Union City, and in 2003 he returned to his hometown of San Mateo where he remained for the next sixteen and a half years.

Between the days of his teens in the 1980's until the end of his career, his hometown of San Mateo grew from a quiet suburb of about 77,000 to over 105,000. Growth like this presents any fire department with numerous challenges. An entirely new neighborhood at Bay Meadows emerged. On the east side, a shopping center and office developments demanded resources. Complex traffic patterns and tens of thousands of additional vehicle trips on freeways lacing the city prompted increased numbers of serious medical calls every year. The list goes on.

Importantly, over the decades the financing of public services became more difficult as salaries and pensions escalated steeply. When he returned to San Mateo as a Captain in 2003, John Healy faced a community different in many ways from the one in which he grew up. However, San Mateo remained a town that valued its public safety services. This was vividly illustrated in 2008 when the economy went into a steep recession and newly-elevated Deputy Fire Chief Healy assumed responsibility to enter into a shared services agreement. By 2015, Belmont, San Mateo and Foster City were ready to enter into an agreement to formally create a new and combined department. It wasn't easy.

Now Fire Chief Healy negotiated new labor MOUs with three cities, jumped through flaming hoops of pension contracts, axed through byzantine State governance laws, and delivered the equivalent of a new baby in the form of a charter amendment authorizing the new agency. By January of this year, the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department was up and running with a new governing board, an improved cost structure, and superior service. Chief Healy deserves the thanks of 168,000 residents in the communities that he serves.

During his career, Chief Healy served with the San Mateo County Operations Group and Communications Committee and built strong relationships with the county public safety dis-

patchers and management. He noted in a recent news article that, "Wearing the uniform and the badge was the greatest honor and it's difficult for words to fully express what that means to me."

John Healy holds a Bachelor's in Fire Administration and Fire Prevention Technology from Cogswell Polytechnical College and earned certification as Chief Officer, CICC Strike Team Leader, Fire Investigator I, Safety Officer and Division Group Supervisor. Chief Healy was aided greatly in his career by his family, notably his wife, Stacey. The couple have three sons. Two attend Sera High School. One is in college.

John Healy grew up in San Mateo with seven siblings and knows his hometown's history like he knows his own. Ask him whatever happened to the Borel estate and he'll probably tell you about the development of Borel Square and offices in its vicinity. That new library on 3rd Avenue? He'll describe its predecessor, and perhaps he even visited once or twice in his youth. Old St. Matthew's Church in downtown San Mateo? A beautiful brick building, but probably not the place a firefighter would want you to be in an earthquake. How many Fire Chiefs can claim to have responded to their first fire call in town by riding a bicycle? I don't know for sure if John Healy is one of them, but it's likely.

Today, let's give thanks for the humor and good nature of a San Mateo favorite son. With honor and great distinction, John Healy is leaving. We look forward to seeing him in Central Park during the Christmas holidays, perhaps skating at the annual ice rink, and hopefully avoiding a fire service call for a medical emergency.

CONGRATULATING THE CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON RECEIPT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF THE YEAR

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I rise today to congratulate the Carbon County Commissioners on receiving the Carbon County Chamber and Economic Development Corporation's Economic Development Project of the Year Award.

The Economic Development Project of the Year Award highlights an outstanding economic development project designed to bring jobs and economic growth to Carbon County. Founded in 1843 and named for its large amount of anthracite coal deposits, Carbon County's vibrant economy is driven by manufacturing, commerce, and tourism. In a shining example of public and private cooperation, the Carbon County Commissioners, Jim Thorpe Borough, and the D&L National Heritage Corridor constructed the much-anticipated pedestrian bridge in Jim Thorpe across the Lehigh River. The completion of this bridge allows Pennsylvanians of every age to step out across this beautiful gorge and appreciate the natural beauty of our state. It's just one more reason to visit Jim Thorpe.

On behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to