

of crime scene investigators. She has attended trainings on crime scene reconstruction and scene logistics, crime scene photography, and the FBI's Field Evidence Response course, among others. She teaches crime scene investigation classes to police officers and investigators across California. Ms. Porter also regularly gives presentations to Lake County high school and middle school students, Boy and Girl Scouts, college classes, and Sheriff's Citizen's Academy students.

Madam Speaker, we thank Ms. Porter for her dedication. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

VETERANS' ACCESS TO CHILD CARE ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 7, 2019

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 840) to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide child care assistance to veterans receiving certain medical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs:

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of the Veterans' Access to Child Care Act. This bill ensures that Veterans in my district and around the country have convenient access to no-cost child care when visiting a VA facility for a medical appointment.

After a survey conducted by the VA last decade found that access to child care was a top reason as to why some veterans were missing their medical appointments, a pilot program providing no-cost drop-in child care service for veterans was established as part of the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010. I am proud that the Dallas VA Medical Center is one of four VA facilities that are currently piloting the program. This legislation would make the pilot program permanent across the country.

This program has made it easier for parents within my district to schedule appointments at the Dallas VA Medical Center without having to deal with the stress and worry of finding safe and affordable child care options for their children. I am pleased to see that thanks to this important legislation, child care facilities like the Carousel Academy at the Dallas VA Medical Center may soon open up across the country. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation because veterans nationwide should have access to the same quality child care services that veterans in North Texas have been fortunate to have for the past six years.

HONORING FIRE CAPTAIN RICHARD LAWLER AS PUBLIC SAFETY HERO OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor CAL FIRE Fire

Captain Richard Lawler, whom I have named a Public Safety Hero of the Year in Lake County, California.

Mr. Lawler is from Huntington Beach, California. He began his career in public service in the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to Operation Desert Storm. Mr. Lawler then joined the United States Forest Service's firefighting team. He worked on Hot Shot Crews and fire engines in southern California until he was assigned to the Mendocino National Forest. In 2008 Mr. Lawler joined the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). He spent three years serving at Parlin Fork Camp, three years at Konocti Camp and two years at Kelsey Cobb Station. For the last three years he has been assigned to Clearlake Oaks Station.

For over twenty years, Mr. Lawler has been a member of the Northshore Fire Protection District. He is a senior member of the Water Rescue and SCUBA Dive Team that serves Lake County and is a firefighter and paramedic for the district. He is also a member of the Lakeport Fire Protection District. Mr. Lawler is also a certified paramedic, rescue diver, and Haz-Mat technician.

Mr. Lawler is committed to public service and dedicated to protecting our community from the ever-present threat of fires. During the Tubbs Fire in 2017, Mr. Lawler was part of a small group that worked to prevent the fire from crossing Calistoga Road, stopping additional damage to Sonoma County. He was then reassigned to the Napa County portion of the fire. He joined the leadership and they worked to stop the fire's advancement towards Lake County. When the Pawnee Fire broke out in 2018, Mr. Lawler raced to keep the fire from spreading into Colusa County in just a few hours. He was also active in the response to the Ranch and River Fires. He was part of the initial attack against the fires and still helps property owners fix their damaged fencing.

Madam Speaker, we thank Mr. Lawler for his dedication. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I was unavailable to vote in the House on January 30, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted: Roll Call 60: NAY; Roll Call 61: NAY; Roll Call 62: YEA; Roll Call 63: YEA; Roll Call 64: YEA; and Roll Call 65: NAY.

HONORING FIRE CAPTAIN STEVE BECKER AS PUBLIC SAFETY HERO OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Fire Captain Steve Becker, whom I have named a Public Safety Hero of the Year in Napa County, California.

Mr. Becker was born in Auburn, California, moved to Napa as a young child, and has lived in Yountville for the past twenty years. He took general education courses and received EMT and Law Enforcement certifications from Napa Valley College. He graduated from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo with a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation Administration, with a focus in Programming and Leadership.

Mr. Becker began his career in 1990 as a Reserve Firefighter with the Napa Fire Department. From 1991 to 1996 he served in other fire departments as well. He worked for the San Luis Obispo County Fire Department, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Fire Department, Cal Poly Police Department and the San Luis Obispo County Sheriffs Office. In 1996 Mr. Becker became a Professional Firefighter in the Napa Fire Department. He was appointed as a Department Shift Inspector/Investigator in 2001 and in 2010 was promoted to be a Department Captain.

Throughout his life Mr. Becker has remained focused on public service and safety and the greater good of our community. After a Napa student caught on fire from a flame jetting incident at a science camp in the summer of 2018, Mr. Becker became determined to prevent such instances from occurring. He devoted much of his time to researching flame jetting and has become a passionate advocate for flame arrestors and H.R. 806, which would require compliant flame mitigation devices to be used on portable fuel containers for flammable liquid fuels.

Madam Speaker, we thank Steve Becker for his dedication. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

HONORING MRS. MICHELLE CROWLEY ON HER RECEPTION OF THE MOLLY PITCHER AWARD

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, today I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Michelle Crowley, a resident of Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania, who is receiving the Exchange Club of Carlisle's prestigious Molly Pitcher Award.

Chartered by the National Exchange Club in 1949, the Exchange Club of Carlisle gives individuals the opportunity to use their time and talents to benefit their local communities and the country as a whole. The Molly Pitcher Award, which has annually honored citizens for their outstanding service to the Carlisle community since 1969, is named after the revolutionary war heroine who risked her life to bring water to artillerymen under fire. As evidenced by receiving this honor, Mrs. Crowley's charitable endeavors have made a significant impact and improved the lives of many in central Pennsylvania.

Throughout her successful career in business, Mrs. Crowley has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Association of Chamber Professionals, the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation, and the United Way of Carlisle & Cumberland County, as well as serving as president of the nearly 700-member Carlisle Area Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Crowley's

devotion to bettering her community is also underscored by her participation in education and workforce development efforts, such as working with Dickinson College and area school districts on student internships, job shadowing, and placement.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's Tenth Congressional District, I express my sincere gratitude to Mrs. Crowley for all she has done and continues to do for the Carlisle community, and congratulate her on receiving the Molly Pitcher Award.

HONORING DAVE WOODS AS PUBLIC SAFETY HERO OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fire Captain Dave Woods, whom I have named a Public Safety Hero of the Year in Contra Costa County, California.

Mr. Woods was born in Pasadena, California and raised in nearby Glendale. In March of 1999 Mr. Woods joined the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District and has been heavily involved since. He is trained and certified as a Strike Team Leader and Fire Line Paramedic to assist on Strike Team assignments. Strike Teams consist of highly trained wildland firefighters, who are prepared to respond to wildland fires anywhere in the state with little support. They carry enough food and supplies to fight fires in the wilderness for multiple days and are essential in cutting off fires before they destroy population centers. Mr. Woods was assigned as a Strike Team Leader to the Thomas Fire that burned much of southern California in December of 2017. Mr. Woods also shares his knowledge and skills with others as a Wildland Firefighting Instructor.

Mr. Woods works in Contra Costa County Fire Protection District's busiest battalion. However, he does not let the fast pace prohibit his development as a leader within the battalion and Fire Protection District. For the past twenty years he has spent at the Fire Protection District, Mr. Woods has shown unrelenting commitment to serving the people of Contra Costa County and protecting our community and state from wildfires.

Madam Speaker, we thank Dave Woods for his dedication. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF TOMMY PAYNE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an exemplary public servant, Police Chief Tommy Payne, upon his retirement from the Aubrey, Texas Police Department. During his more than four decades in law enforcement, Chief Payne has endeavored to provide safety and security for those he has served.

Chief Payne's career began in his home town of Dublin, Texas in 1977. He spent many years serving in various jurisdictions across Texas, including Stephenville, Llano, Brady, and Somervell County. He has been a Master Peace Officer since 1994, and was first named Police Chief in 2003 while serving the City of Brady.

Chief Payne began serving the citizens and businesses covered by the Aubrey Police Department in April of 2010. For the past nine years, he has been a well-respected leader by his peers and colleagues and beloved by his community.

After 42 years of dedicated service, Police Chief Tommy Payne has more than earned his retirement. He has put strangers' safety above his own, and we are indebted to him. I wish Chief Payne and his family all the best in the years to come.

HONORING CORPORAL RYAN BAILLIE AS PUBLIC SAFETY HERO OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Corporal Ryan Baillie, whom I have named a Public Safety Hero of the Year in Contra Costa County.

Mr. Baillie was born in the Bay Area and has shown a penchant for public service since he was a member of the Boy Scouts of America. He was a Merit Badge Counselor and an Eagle Scout, the highest honor in the Boy Scouts of America, before beginning his career in law enforcement. Mr. Baillie joined the Martinez Police Department as a Cadet in 2004. In 2007, he became a Police Assistant and a Reserve Police Officer. He was sworn in as a full-time Police Officer in 2008 and has many roles within the Department since then. He has worked as a patrolman, detective, and a corporal. His collateral duties have included Hostage Negotiator and Explorer Advisor and he has been a member of the Patrol Rifle Team, Bicycle Patrol Unit, Off-Road Motorcycle Team and Honor Guard.

As a detective, Mr. Baillie works tirelessly to bring offenders to justice so victims can begin to heal. Mr. Baillie came across a March 2012 report of a woman detailing her kidnapping and forced sexual servitude. He dedicated three years to leading an investigation into the woman's claims. Mr. Baillie's investigation led him to additional victims and he uncovered what is considered Contra Costa County's worst human trafficking case. Mr. Baillie listened to many hours of recorded conversations from the perpetrator's time in jail on gun charges and persuaded some of the additional victims of the perpetrator of the trafficking ring to cooperate. In no small part because of his diligence and methodical approach to the case, the perpetrator was charged on 40 felony charges and sentenced to 180 years to life in prison.

Madam Speaker, we thank Ryan Baillie for his dedication. For this reason, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF LISA FERRERO AT CORNING INCORPORATED

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of Lisa Ferrero at Corning Incorporated, and congratulate her on her retirement.

For more than thirty years, Lisa Ferrero has served Corning Incorporated in a spectrum of roles and functions. Her dedicated service and exceptional management has led her to rise from a statistician in the Corning Big Flats Plant to become Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of the company.

Throughout her career, Lisa has traveled the globe managing various aspects of Corning business. Her many years spent working in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and China, have fostered her success as head of Global Supply Management and Global Information Security. Lisa's leadership at Corning has touched many aspects of the company, lending her skills to Environmental Technologies, Display Technologies, Information Technology, and Government Affairs.

As Lisa moves forward with the next chapter of her life, we applaud her tireless dedication to Corning Incorporated, a cornerstone of our community, and we wish her all the best in her retirement.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate Lisa Ferrero and her extraordinary career.

HONORING DANIELA FLORES AS PUBLIC SAFETY HERO OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 8, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Emergency Medical Technician Daniela Flores, whom I have named a Public Safety Hero of the Year in Solano County, California.

Ms. Flores was born in Santiago, Chile and immigrated with her family to Vallejo, California when she was five years old. She was raised in Vallejo and has been a member of our community for the past nineteen years. When Ms. Flores was fifteen, she found out she was undocumented. She had hoped to get a job and begin to earn her own money, but was unable to because of her documentation status. After she graduated from Vallejo High School, she began taking classes at Napa Valley College. When the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program began accepting applications in 2012, Ms. Flores applied for a work permit through it, but was unsure of the career she wanted to, or could, pursue. She knew she wanted to find a path where she could help people, so she enrolled in an emergency first responder class. Emergency medicine quickly became Ms. Flores' passion. She took emergency medical technician classes and in February of 2019