

and has what the military calls “command presence.” My office works regularly with him on security issues that impact my office and the broader community. He is a rock-solid source of advice, even outside his formal job duties.

For example, in 2010, a 30-inch high pressure natural gas transmission pipeline operated by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company exploded in San Bruno, north of Hillsborough, killing eight persons and injuring dozens more. Mark O’Connor is a master welder. Through the months after the explosion, he lent his judgments to my staff and to federal and state officials as they sought the cause of the rupture. He also noticed the vulnerability of Hillsborough and other cities to a similar disaster. In part because of his recommendations to me and to others, new pipes have been installed. Thousands have been removed from the path of possible harm, in part due to the insights lent by Chief Mark O’Connor.

It is Chief O’Connor’s integrity, grit, and determination to be of service to all law-abiding residents that has been the secret to his success. It’s hard to imagine a man with such an active mind sitting still. Maybe, he’ll write a book about his years in law enforcement. Hillsborough is visited regularly by Presidents, Ambassadors and other global leaders. Mark’s career-based police thriller might be entitled, “I Saw The President—But He Never Saw Me.” It’s likely that many citizens and luminaries never saw Mark O’Connor, but we know that he had their backs all along their way through the community. This, in the end, is the highest mark of police service in any town—no flash, just skill and professionalism. That’s Mark O’Connor, the retiring Chief of Police of Hillsborough, California.

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**HONORING JOAN BROCK FOR RECEIVING THE 2019 LENORA MATHEWS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

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**HON. ELAINE G. LURIA**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Ms. Joan Brock for receiving the 2019 Lenora Mathews Lifetime Achievement Award through Volunteer Hampton Roads. This is an amazing accomplishment.

This award recognizes Joan’s lifetime of hard work and service to the community. Her dedication to improving global health and the Chesapeake Bay is truly inspiring. Her input on various boards and councils such as Virginia Wesleyan University’s Board of Trustees, the National Board of the United Way Women’s Leadership Council, the Chrysler Museum Board, and her leadership on the ACCESS College Foundation—just to name a few—has been invaluable. Joan’s generosity with her time and resources to improve the environment, education, and health of our community is exceptional.

I want to thank Joan for her leadership in philanthropy and the role she plays in making our community a better place. Hampton Roads has significantly benefited from her presence.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

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**HON. JOSH HARDER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. HARDER of California. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, my voting card did not properly register my vote, so I was counted not present. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 123.

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH—BETTY REED**

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**HON. KATHY CASTOR**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor beloved community leader, Florida State Representative Betty Reed. She was raised in Thomasville, Georgia, in a close-knit family of hardworking sharecroppers and with 12 other siblings Representative Reed and her husband, James, moved to Tampa after he was discharged from the military to raise a family of their own.

Representative Reed was an active parent while her children attended school, and her involvement grew over time in the Parent Teacher Student Association, then the Hillsborough County Council of PTSAs and all the way to the Florida State PTA.

As her children became older, she was prompted to complete her own high school diploma by attending night and weekend classes. Her pursuits only grew over time—she earned an associate’s degree from Hillsborough Community College, then her bachelor’s degree in behavioral science from National Louis University.

Representative Reed’s commitment to access to education grew as a financial aid assistant for Education America (which eventually became Remington College) and then as its director of financial aid. All the while, she was active in her own community, becoming president of the Lucy Dell Civic Association. But advocating for her community didn’t stop there. She was elected as a Florida State Representative for the 59th District, a seat she held until she was elected to represent the 61st District in 2012.

During her tenure as a Florida State Representative, she passed meaningful legislation, including the Black Health Practice Initiative (BIHPI, pronounced “Bippy”), which passed both chambers of the Florida Legislature without a single dissenting vote. With stark disparities between the infant mortality rates of different races—in some areas, the rate of black infant mortality was more than four times the rate for whites—the legislation funded state grants to local Healthy Start coalitions that served counties with significant disparities: Hillsborough, Gadsden, Palm Beach, Orange, Broward, Duval, Putnam and Miami-Dade. The University of South Florida and Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University were selected to provide technical assistance and scientific guidance. BIHPI produced positive outcomes and was particularly meaningful due to the relationships built in communities with the greatest needs. She also championed and helped

to secure state funding to help open numerous Tampa Family Health Centers and expand the robust safety net of comprehensive health services to medically underserved communities. Representative Reed passed legislation to end shackling incarcerated pregnant women during labor, delivery as well as postpartum, and legislation to provide additional funds to combat homelessness throughout the state of Florida. In her final two years, she served as the Democratic Ranking member of the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee.

Representative Reed is a compassionate leader, who immersed herself in the challenges of her neighbors, and that allowed her to serve as a strong advocate. Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Tampa Bay community, I am proud to recognize Representative Betty Reed for her drive for meaningful progress on behalf of our children, students, women, families and communities across the State of Florida.

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**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ROSE ENG**

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**HON. DAN NEWHOUSE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Rose Eng, who turned 100 years old on February 22, 2019.

Rose is a model citizen who truly encapsulates the highest ideals of the American dream.

She came to the United States from China in 1948, and together with her husband Bill Y.F. Eng, a veteran of World War II, owned and operated the Canton Cafe in Walla Walla, Washington between 1949 and 1980.

Through hard work, sacrifice and perseverance, Rose and her husband were not only able to send all five of their children to college, a remarkable feat onto itself, but were also able to put a down payment on the first home for each of their children, laying the foundation for a prosperous future.

In the words of her daughter, they are “forever grateful to such amazing parents.”

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating her on this milestone birthday and wish her the best in the future.

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**HONORING SUSAN COLPITTS FOR RECEIVING THE 2019 CORPORATE VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARD**

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**HON. ELAINE G. LURIA**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Ms. Susan Colpitts on receiving the 2019 Corporate VOLUNTEER Excellence Award through Volunteer Hampton Roads. This is an amazing accomplishment.

This award recognizes Susan’s lifetime of hard work and service to her community. Her dedication to her company and to her community is truly inspiring. She founded a highly competitive firm and led a group of advisors in the service of ensuring that clients have their

financial needs met. Her dedication to offer the best financial strategic and philanthropic planning stands out.

In addition to Susan's dedication to her work, she has held multiple leadership roles in the Hampton Roads community, such as Director of the Hampton Roads Community Foundation, Vice-Chair of Virginia Humanities, and Director of Building Goodness Foundation—just to name a few. Susan's commitment to various organizations, such as United for Children and Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore, displays her passion for the welfare of others and her community.

I want to thank Susan for her leadership in service and the role she plays in making our community a better place. Hampton Roads has significantly benefited from her presence.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2019*

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, due to my attendance at a public lands management event with President Trump at the White House, I was delayed in returning for votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 121 on H. Res 156.

IN MEMORIAM OF FORMER TEXAS CONGRESSMAN AND HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY CHAIRMAN RALPH HALL

##### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2019*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the entire Texas Congressional Delegation, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the life and legacy of former Congressman, Chairman of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, fellow Texan, and my friend Ralph Moody Hall for a life dedicated to his family, his country, and his constituents.

Congressman Hall first served his country as a Navy pilot during World War II. After the war ended, he served the people of the great state of Texas for nearly half a century; 10 years as a Texas State Senator from the 9th district and 34 years as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Texas's 4th district. He genuinely enjoyed public service, and he was good at it.

Congressman Hall and I first met and became friends in the Texas State legislature. When I was elected to the House of Representatives, he was the first to reach out and offer his assistance. He helped me learn the ins and outs of Washington. No matter the party affiliation or political leaning, Congressman Hall was a man that could always be counted on—and one who enjoyed a good joke.

Congressman Hall made the difficult decision to switch party affiliation in 2004, a move that irritated many Democrats. I fondly recall reaching out to him to let him know he was

still loved despite his decision. He admitted to being so happy to hear my message because his wife was mad at him.

Congressman Hall was known throughout the halls of Congress as an effective legislator. He made strides in science and technology policy and was a reliable advocate for the country's space program during his time as both Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

Congressman Hall's service on the Science Committee was a significant milestone in his service to our nation. In many ways, he was able to transcend the extreme partisan climate which exists in Washington today. From the first time we met to that last time I visited him at his home in Rockwall, he remained the same caring, thoughtful, humorous, and hard-working man.

Congressman Hall was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ellen Murphy Hall, sister Rosemary Hall Scott, and brother Hugh Hall. He is survived by his three sons; Hamp, Brett, and Blakeley Hall, and many wonderful grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend my sympathy to his family, many friends across the country, and the people of his district. The Texas community will miss him dearly.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF KATHY LEROUX

##### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2019*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Katharine S. Leroux for almost three decades of outstanding public service to the town of Hillsborough, California, the last three years as the first female city manager. Kathy is a remarkable community leader and a force to be reckoned with.

After leaving her career in the telecommunication industry, Kathy started her public service career as a water rationing coordinator in 1990, in the midst of a severe drought. She credits that job with deeply connecting her with Hillsborough residents. When her second child was born in 1991, she took some time off to focus on her family and then returned to the city in 1992 as an account clerk in the Finance Department. In 1995, she was promoted to City Clerk in which role she updated the city council agenda process and the municipal code. She also attained her Certified Municipal Clerk designation.

In 2003, Kathy was promoted to Assistant to the City Manager and then two years later to Assistant City Manager where her responsibilities increased tremendously. She oversaw the office she formerly held, City Clerk, and Human Resources. She led labor negotiations, developed annual operating budgets and served as the Acting Director for the Building and Planning Department and the Public Works Department when there were vacancies.

Working in and with all of these departments perfectly prepared Kathy to become City Manager and to effectively run the town's business. In May 2015, she became Interim City Manager and the following January City Manager. She maintained Hillsborough's fiscal

stability and General Fund reserves, navigated State mandated water use reductions, developed a process for small wire development, revamped the website, developed the Climate Action Plan, expanded management teambuilding and employment recognition, and enhanced communication with residents—an impressive list of accomplishments that has benefitted the town and will continue to do so long after her retirement.

Kathy says she was afforded amazing growth opportunities by taking two life-changing educational programs. The first one was Continuing Education for Public Officials which she completed in Santa Barbara in the late 1990s. The second was the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program at the Harvard University Kennedy School which she completed in 2007.

During her tenure, Kathy served on several boards including The Cities Group, San Mateo County Telecommunications Authority, and the Association of Bay Area Governments. She was also the Administrative Officer for the Central County Fire Department.

Born in San Francisco, Kathy grew up in South San Francisco and attended El Camino High School. She took classes at San Diego State University, Michigan State University, Skyline College and the College of San Mateo and then spent three years working in the private sector for PacTel InfoSystems in San Francisco.

Kathy and Bert, her husband of 32 years, are devoted parents of Louie and Victoria. In her well-deserved retirement, Kathy plans to remodel her San Bruno house, adopt a dog, take golf lessons and spend more time reading, cooking and traveling.

Madam Speaker, I ask the members of the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Katharine Leroux, an exemplary public servant and dear friend, who leaves behind big shoes to fill for the next City Manager of Hillsborough. Her contributions to the town over the last 28 years will be felt for years to come.

#### HONORING ANNE SHUMADINE FOR RECEIVING THE 2019 CORPORATE VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARD, IN MEMORIAM

##### HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 13, 2019*

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the late Anne Shumadine for receiving the 2019 Corporate VOLUNTEER Excellence Award through Volunteer Hampton Roads, in memoriam.

This award recognizes Anne's lifetime of hard work and service to the community. Her dedication to her company and to her community was truly inspiring. Anne founded a highly competitive firm and led a group of advisors in the service of ensuring that clients have their financial needs met. Anne's dedication to offer the best financial strategic and philanthropic planning stood out.

In addition to Anne's dedication to her work, she held multiple leadership roles in the Hampton Roads community, including the President of the Norfolk Day Nursery Association, the President of the ACCESS College