

in the Mississippi Delta. Dr. Williams is recognized for her service to God, her family, her country, her community, and the people that seek her help.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Mary Williams for her dedication to serving this great state and country.

RECOGNIZING THE WILLIAMSON FAMILY

HON. DONNA E. SHALALA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ed, Carol, and Trae Williamson. The Williamsons are pillars of the South Florida community and have been named Citizens of the Year by the Biscayne Bay Kiwanis Club, one of my District's most active community service organizations.

The Biscayne Bay Kiwanis Club serves disadvantaged children in Miami through partnerships with more than a dozen local schools. In addition, the Club has awarded over \$200,000 in college scholarships over the past seven years.

This year marks the first time the Biscayne Bay Kiwanis Club has selected an entire family for the Citizen of the Year Award. Ed, Carol, and Trae have made tremendous contributions to our community, both through Ed's business, the Williamson Automotive Group, and through their involvement with numerous community organizations in Miami, including the Orange Bowl Committee, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, the Beacon Council, the Dade Foundation, the United Way of Dade County, the Rotary Club of South Florida, and the Miami Business Forum. The Williamsons are also generous supporters of the University of Miami, where Trae is currently a PhD candidate and adjunct professor in management.

The Williamson family exemplifies extraordinary dedication to the South Florida community. I am pleased to celebrate their achievements as community leaders.

CELEBRATING THE LOVE BETWEEN MICHAEL AND ESPERANZA

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my greatest congratulations to Michael Ortiz Ayala and Esperanza Padilla Ayala for their 70th wedding anniversary.

On this special anniversary, I'm delighted to know Michael and Esperanza are surrounded by their loving family including their three children: Carlos, Dolores and Teresa; and their nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. They join this lovely couple in celebrating the love and partnership they have shared for nearly three quarters of a century. The love shared between these two continues to inspire their friends and all their loved ones in Fort Worth.

I'm delighted to wish them many more years together.

HONORING VERNA MUSTICO AS WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Verna Mustico, whom I have named the 2019 Woman of the Year in Solano County, California. Woman of the Year recognizes women who have made important contributions to California's 5th Congressional District in Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation or Community Service.

Ms. Mustico has been dedicated to our community for over 60 years. She has served as the Chair of the Board of the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce. During her tenure she helped establish a new headquarters downtown and started the Leadership Vallejo Program. The Chamber was also awarded several awards under her leadership. Ms. Mustico assisted the Salvation Army with finding a Vallejo location and opening a soup kitchen. Ms. Mustico led the effort to build a helipad at Sutter Solano Medical Center. She organized our community to raise \$250,000 for the project. She was also instrumental in the successful \$500,000 fundraising campaign for the East Wing expansion of the Medical Center. Most recently, Ms. Mustico worked to rename the main post office in Vallejo after Janet Capello, her longtime friend and a prominent Vallejoan.

Ms. Mustico has participated on numerous boards and received many awards for her selfless service. She is a past president and a member of the Vallejo Rotary Club, which awarded her Rotarian of the Year. She is also the past president and a member of the Vallejo Symphony Association Board. Ms. Mustico is a lifetime member of the Solano Association Board of Realtors and serves on the Scholarship Committee. She has also been honored by the California State Assembly for her professional and civic achievements.

Ms. Mustico was born in Oklahoma and moved to San Diego at the age of four. She moved to Vallejo in 1951 and began her career at the Coca Cola Bottling Company and Staats & Bell Furniture. She is the Broker and Owner of Mustico Realty in Vallejo, a successful real estate company that she founded. She was married to Peter Mustico, with whom she has two daughters, for 58 years. She has five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Verna Mustico is an incredible member of our community whose tireless work throughout her career has benefited the women throughout Solano County and California. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

CONGRATULATING HARVIE CHISHOLM

HON. MICHAEL CLOUD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Harvie Chisholm, who resides on Padre Island in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Ms. Chisholm recently celebrated her 104th birthday, which makes her the oldest Islander. She accredits her spry longevity to a diet consisting of chocolate and bananas.

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Harvie Chisholm and look forward to her soon celebrating her 105th.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON COUGARS MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Houston Cougars Men's Basketball Team on its extraordinary success during the 2018-2019 season.

I am proud to represent this exceptional university, which is located in the heart of the 18th Congressional District of Texas.

The University of Houston men's basketball team were dominant throughout the season, compiling a 30-2 overall record and 16-2 in conference play.

This season marks the first outright American Athletic Conference Championship, which confers an automatic berth to the NCAA Men's College Basketball Tournament.

The Cougars were consistently ranked in the Top 20 all season and currently are ranked No. 11 in the Associated Press Poll and No. 10 in the Coaches Poll.

The Cougars opened their March Madness quest on Thursday, March 21, in Tulsa, Oklahoma as the No. 3 seed in the Midwest Region, where they defeated Georgia State, 84-55.

After defeating Ohio State 74-59, on Sunday, March 24, the Cougars advanced to the Sweet 16 for the first time in 35 years.

The Cougars next take the court this Friday against the No. 2 seed Kentucky Wildcats at the Sprint Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

Madam Speaker, you should also know that this historic season includes the selection of Cougars Head Coach Kelvin Sampson as AAC Coach of the Year.

This year's success of the student athletes at the University of Houston, together with its first-rate academic program, shows the nation and the world the formidable prowess of this fine institution led by its dynamic and visionary Chancellor and President, Dr. Renu Khato.

I commend congratulate Coach Sampson, the Cougars and wish them continued success at the Big Dance.

IN HONOR OF JEFF
SHELLEBARGER

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Jeff Shellebarger on his retirement of 38 years of service with Chevron Corporation.

After graduating from the University of Georgia with a bachelor's and a master's in geology, Jeff Shellebarger began his Chevron career in 1980 as an exploration geologist in New Orleans. Throughout the 1980s, Jeff continued to earn assignments of increasing responsibility at Chevron. He established himself as a highly respected, effective leader, and by 1990 was named division geologist of Western Gulf of Mexico.

Jeff's career continued to accelerate. Not only did his work in managerial and development roles take him to Houston, San Francisco, and Bakersfield, but also overseas to Angola and Indonesia. Regardless of location, Jeff earned the trust and respect of his colleagues and the surrounding community.

In his last and most recent role, Jeff served as President of Chevron North America Exploration & Production Company. He worked to reshape and reposition the company, leading to record-setting production, increased revenue, and stronger, more competitive performance.

Jeff's focus on the Permian Basin strengthened Chevron's North American portfolio, and as production continues to soar, will play a vital role in America's energy renaissance.

Over his 38-year career, Jeff has led with ethics, integrity, and a commitment to community. During his tenure as President, Jeff worked to advance Houston's standing as a world-class city. He served as a Vice Chairman of the Houston Super Bowl LI host committee, Chairman of the Greater Houston Partnership, and Chairman of the 23rd World Petroleum Congress Houston Organizing Committee. Over the years he has also served on the American Petroleum Institute's Upstream Committee, the Board of the United Way of Greater Houston, the Houston Museum of Natural Science, and the Kinder Institute.

In retirement, Jeff and his wife Sydney look forward to having more time to read, travel, attend University of Georgia sporting events, and of course, spend time with their grandchildren.

I am proud to join Jeff's family, friends, and colleagues to congratulate Jeff on his retirement and thank him for his diligent service to our community. I wish him all the best that his well-earned retirement has to offer.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICKEY
KANE, RECIPIENT OF THE WYOMING
VALLEY CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION'S
2019 "MAKING A DIFFERENCE" AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mickey Kane who re-

ceived the Wyoming Valley Children's Association's (WVCA) "Making A Difference" Award along with her husband Kevin Kane on Friday, March 22, 2019 during the organization's 95th Anniversary Gala.

The WVCA provides quality, early childhood education as well as physical, occupational, and speech therapy programs to students and developing children that have been diagnosed with Autism, Down syndrome, or speech delays. The "Making A Difference Award" recognizes individuals who go above and beyond in their commitment and service to the WVCA.

Mickey is a Senior Registered Associate with Morgan Stanley in Wilkes Barre, PA. She started with Morgan Stanley's predecessor firm in 1988. Mickey holds a General Securities Representative License (Series 7) and passed the Uniform Combined State Law Examination (Series 66). Mickey is essential to several Morgan Stanley Financial Advisor teams, and she is responsible for administrative and account services for Wealth Management clients.

Kevin and Mickey are the proud parents of two children: Katie and Sean. Together they established the Sean P. Kane Memorial Fund in honor of their son. It is intended to support services, programs, and causes aligned with health, wellness, and wellbeing of people across the community, with an emphasis on individuals with special needs.

Mickey has been active in the WVCA Walk-A-Thon for more than 25 years, coordinating "Team Katie" for that event. In addition, she also works on the committee for the annual Sean P. Kane Memorial Mixer.

It is an honor to recognize Mickey as she and Kevin accept the Wyoming Valley Children's Association's "Making A Difference" Award. May they continue to support the early childhood education needs of our community.

IN HONOR OF JULIA SORRENTINO
AND MEGAN STOTTS FOR THEIR
LEADERSHIP OF HEARTS
ACROSS QUEENS

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I along with Representative OCASIO-CORTEZ rise to recognize Julia Sorrentino and Megan Stotts who received a women's history month award from us and from Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas at a ceremony in Queens on March 22nd for their leadership of Hearts Across Queens, an organization that is dedicated to protecting, supporting and empowering their neighbors and acting together to create positive change. Lifelong activists, Ms. Sorrentino and Ms. Stotts joined with other local mothers to create an organization to amplify their concerns and bring like-minded neighbors together.

In 2016, an inspired group of women started Hearts Across Queens with the goal of sharing information about local events and social issues, while advocating for tolerance and diversity in Western Queens. Their aim is to help women understand and exercise their own power, while fostering beneficial relationships among people with common purpose. Hearts Across Queens creates a sense of

community through local activism and community events that support positive change, enabling and empowering people of all ages and backgrounds.

Every Wednesday, the members of Hearts Across Queens unite to meet other mothers and develop alliances, while teaching their children to face their fears and make plans for a brighter future. They have organized events, including a candidates forum, mini-speakouts, and a program to teach children how to get involved and de-escalate violence.

Ms. Sorrentino teaches at LaGuardia Community College. She is the creator of the series, Queens Women in STEAM, where local women are featured each day of Women's History Month, sharing their stories with District 30 students, and their neighborhoods. Ms. Sorrentino was also a founding member of No IDC NY, a highly successful grassroots movement that challenged a group of Democrats that had been caucusing with Republicans in the New York State Senate. Their progressive, Democratic candidates unseated 7 of the 8 Independent Democratic Caucus members in the 2018 election.

Megan Stotts has volunteered for several local organizations and campaigns. Her current focus is Immigrant Families Together, which works to combat anti-immigrant policies of the current administration. She also serves on the Queens County Committee. In 2017, Ms. Stotts helped organize a rally protesting the MTA's decision to renovate subway stations without making them accessible. She was inspired to take action because as a mother of young children she knows how difficult it is to travel with a stroller when there is no elevator.

Ms. Sorrentino and Ms. Stotts were co-recipients of the Taminent Regular Democratic Club 2018 Political Activism award.

Madam Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in honoring the work done by Julia Sorrentino, Megan Stotts and the members of Hearts Across Queens whose collaborative activism is making a real difference in their community.

IN RECOGNITION OF HERBERT
KELLEHER

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2019

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Herbert Kelleher.

Mr. Kelleher was born in Camden, New Jersey to Ruth and Harry Kelleher. He attended Wesleyan University and received his bachelor's degree in English and a minor in Philosophy. At Wesleyan, he was an Olin Scholar and president of the student body. He later attended law school at New York University where he was a Root-Tilden Scholar. He and his wife eventually moved to Texas, where he co-founded Southwest Airlines and helped build one of the world's largest and most successful airlines.

As CEO and Executive Chairman of Southwest Airlines, Mr. Kelleher, was known as a witty, inspiring, and compassionate leader and friend. He also valued his employees above all else and never laid off a single worker. He received many honors and awards including