

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING SENIOR DIRECTOR RICK PHILLIPS 35 YEARS OF WORK AT SEMPRA ENERGY UTILITIES COMPANIES (SoCalGas & SDG&E)

**HON. JIMMY GOMEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2019*

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rick Phillips, Senior Director of the Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan (PSEP) at SoCalGas, one of the nation's largest natural gas distribution companies. As the Sr. Director of PSEP, Mr. Phillips oversees a multi-year, three-billion-dollar project that advances SoCalGas' natural gas transmission. This project requires him to oversee a team of 800 contractors and manage 230 projects that range from San Diego to Visalia.

In over 35 years at Semptra Energy utilities companies (SoCalGas & SDG&E), Mr. Phillips has held various leadership roles such as Director of Engineering, Director of Supply Management, Director of Regional Operations, and Director of Underground Storage. As Program Director in IT, Mr. Phillips led a half-billion dollar IT upgrade project that made improvements to GIS, call centers, and field workforce applications.

Previously, Mr. Phillips graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in Engineering from UC Irvine, and he served on the UC Riverside Foundation Board of Trustees and the Industry Advisory Board for UC Riverside's Anderson School of Management.

Mr. Phillips has demonstrated tremendous leadership within his company and the 34th Congressional district through his direct involvement in community projects, and by mentoring young professionals at the Gas Company. It is leaders like him that keep paving the path for future generations to continue the positive impacts in our communities.

I ask all members to join with me in commending Mr. Phillips for his 35 years of hard work, leadership, and mentorship of young professionals at SoCalGas & SDG&E.

HONORING RICHARD NACLERIO

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I want to take a moment to recognize a dedicated member of the community and a friend, Mr. Richard Naclerio. Richard is an honoree at this year's J.A.D.E. 35th Annual Scholarship Dinner and he is most deserving of the recognition.

Born in the Bronx to Elizabeth and Salvatore Naclerio, Richard is one of ten children. He attended Christopher Columbus High School and graduated from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Science in Economics.

Following school, the United States Army called, and Richard served with the 7th Infantry G2 Section in Korea before receiving an Honorable Discharge.

Richard's involvement and dedication to many charities and organizations is well documented, and they have filled his years with many wonderful memories. He has been affiliated with Montefiore Sound Shore Medical Health Systems; he served as Vice President on the Board of Trustees of Montefiore Mount Vernon Hospital; and he is a former Trustee of Calvary Hospital and Our Lady of Mercy Hospital. Richard is also a retired Director of Patriot National Bank. He served on the Board of the Bronx Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, is a member of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce and is an Ellis Island Medal of Honor recipient. Richard is also the creator of the Richard and Barbara Naclerio Faculty Scholars Program.

Outside of charity work and his day job as CEO of Maestro's Catering Hall, Richard enjoys spending time with his lovely wife, Barbara, with whom he is celebrating 59 wonderful years of marriage. Together they live in Pelham and are very proud of their family, which includes an astounding 12 grandchildren whom they love dearly.

Madam Speaker, few have done more to strengthen New York's 16th Congressional District over the years than Richard Naclerio. As he is honored this year by J.A.D.E. I want to take the opportunity to congratulate him for all his accomplishments and thank him for all he has done to better our community.

RUTH HEIDE TRIBUTE

**HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2019*

Mr. TIPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional journalist of the Valley Courier, Ruth Heide in Alamosa, Colorado.

Ruth recently retired after dedicating an impressive 35 years to the news business. Ruth has chronicled the events of the San Luis Valley since 1983 and has since become one of the most highly regarded, significant and respected journalists in Colorado. Her career began with the Del Norte Prospector and after a couple years, she joined the Valley Courier as a staff reporter in December 1985. She worked herself up to an editor in mid-2008, where she has spent the last 11 years at the helm of the paper.

Ruth's success as a journalist derives from her deep understanding of the many issues impacting the San Luis Valley. During her career, Ruth took deep dives into local affairs covering stories spanning from crime, food borne disease outbreaks, and major wildfires in the area. Ruth always ensured that her stories were told objectively and completely. I especially appreciated her diligent coverage of

water issues affecting the San Luis Valley where I was reassured by her commitment to getting the details right. The Courier is the go-to news source for many in the San Luis Valley because of Ruth's leadership, commitment to the truth and high standards. She continued to serve the community through many changes in the print news industry allowing the Courier to thrive while other publications have not weathered so well.

Ruth's commitment to the highest journalistic standards have received high praise from her colleagues who noted that her love for the news was second only to her love and devotion for her community, faith, and family. Ruth has spent her life in service to others, she is a well-respected member of the Alamosa community and the Valley Courier and her legacy in this region is significant. Her reputation as a reliable resource for the community was not limited to the San Luis Valley. She garnered statewide recognition recently when Colorado established March 30th as Ruth Heide Day.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Ruth Heide here today and on behalf of the people of the San Luis Valley, Colorado's Third District, and the entire state, I want to thank her for all of her years of journalistic excellence. I wish Ruth the very best as she begins her next chapter.

HONORING THE 148 INVENTORS INDUCTED AS THE 2018 FELLOWS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS

**HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2019*

Mr. MCCAUL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 148 inventors who will soon be inducted as the 2018 Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) in an induction ceremony in Houston, TX that will feature a keynote address by U.S. Commissioner for Patents Andrew Hirshfeld. In order to be named Fellow, these men and women were nominated by their peers and have undergone the scrutiny of the NAI Advisory and Selection Committees, having had their innovations deemed as making significant impact on quality of life, economic development, and welfare of society.

Collectively, this elite group holds nearly 4,000 patents. The individuals making up this year's class of Fellows include individuals from 125 research universities and non-profit research institutes spanning the United States and the world. The now 1060-member group of Fellows is composed of more than 100 presidents and senior leaders of research universities and non-profit research institutes, nearly 500 members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; 30 inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, 57 recipients of the U.S. National Medal of Technology and Innovation

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and U.S. National Medal of Science, over 30 Nobel Laureates, over 300 AAAS Fellows, 200 IEEE Fellows, and 164 Fellows of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, among other awards and distinctions.

The NAI was founded in 2010 to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, encourage the disclosure of intellectual property, educate and mentor innovative students, and translate the inventions of its members to benefit society.

We are greatly indebted to innovators such as these for contributions to society through their inventions. I commend these individuals, and the organizations and taxpayers that support them, for the work they do to revolutionize the world we live in. As the following inventors are inducted, may it encourage future generations to strive to meet this high honor and continue the spirit of discovery and innovation.

The 2018 NAI Fellows include:

Seth Y. Ablordeppey, Florida A&M University; Rafi Ahmed, Emory University; Pulickel M. Ajayan, Rice University; Rodney C. Alferness, University of California, Santa Barbara; Emad S. Alnemri, Thomas Jefferson University; Hal S. Alper, The University of Texas at Austin; Evelina Angov, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research; Bernard P. Arulanandam, The University of Texas at San Antonio; Stephen F. Badylak, University of Pittsburgh; Harrison H. Barrett, The University of Arizona; Mark A. Barteau, Texas A&M University; Jacqueline K. Barton, California Institute of Technology; Susan J. Baserga, Yale University; Rashid Bashir, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Frank S. Bates, University of Minnesota; J. Michael Bishop, University of California, San Francisco; Elizabeth H. Blackburn, University of California, San Francisco; Sylvia M. Blankenship, North Carolina State University; Robert E. Burrell, University of Alberta; Ahmed A. Busnaina, Northeastern University.

Yihai Cao, Karolinska Institute; Federico Capasso, Harvard University; Ni-Bin Chang, University of Central Florida; Constance J. Chang-Hasnain, University of California, Berkeley; Russell R. Chianelli, The University of Texas at El Paso; Young I. Cho, Drexel University; Sang H. Choi, NASA Langley Research Center; Chih-Chang Chu, Cornell University; Walter G. Copan, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Mark S. Cushman, Purdue University; Karl A. Deisseroth, Stanford University; Calum J. Drummond, RMIT University; Lawrence T. Drzal, Michigan State University; Igor R. Efimov, The George Washington University; Hesham M. El Gamal, The Ohio State University; Mary K. Estes, Baylor College of Medicine; Omid C. Farokhzad, Harvard Medical School; Mauro Ferrari, Houston Methodist Hospital/Cornell Medical College; Alan S. Finkel, Monash University/Australia's Chief Scientist; Jessica Fridrich, Binghamton University; Elaine V. Fuchs, The Rockefeller University.

Judy L. Genshaft, University of South Florida; Durham Kenimer Giles, University of California, Davis; George T. Gillies, University of Virginia; Jay R. Goldberg, Marquette University; Jeffrey I. Gordon, Washington University in St. Louis; Craig J. Gotsman, New Jersey Institute of Technology; Linda G. Griffith, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; John L. Hall, University of Colorado Boulder; Tayyaba Hasan, Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School; Gary M. Hieftje, Indiana University; M. Cynthia Hipwell, Texas A&M University; Dean Ho, National University of

Singapore; Peter Høj, The University of Queensland; Robert A. Holton, Florida State University; Susan Band Horwitz, Albert Einstein College of Medicine; Matthew A. Howard, III, University of Iowa; Alex Qin Huang, The University of Texas at Austin; Shu-Yuen Ron Hui, The University of Hong Kong/Imperial College London; Bahram Javidi, University of Connecticut; Quanxi Jia, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York; Hongxing Jiang, Texas Tech University.

Jingyue Ju, Columbia University; Kenneth Kaushansky, Stony Brook University; Pradeep K. Khosla, University of California, San Diego; Robert P. Kimberly, The University of Alabama at Birmingham; Joseph W. Kloepper, Auburn University; Thomas L. Koch, The University of Arizona; Philip G. Koehler, University of Florida Jindrich Kopeček, The University of Utah; Sally Kornbluth, Duke University; William J. Koros, Georgia Institute of Technology; Adrian R. Krainer, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory; Tei-Wei Kuo, National Taiwan University; Joshua LaBaer, Arizona State University; Roger A. Laine, Louisiana State University and A&M College; Edmond J. LaVoie, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; Abraham P. Lee, University of California, Irvine; Anna M. Leese de Escobar, SPAWAR Systems Center Pacific; Warren J. Leonard, National Institutes of Health; Johannes Lercher, Technical University of Munich/Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

Teik C. Lim, The University of Texas at Arlington; Craig W. Lindsley, Vanderbilt University; Elizabeth G. Lobo, University of Missouri; Ted L. Maddess, Australian National University; Elizabeth M. McNally, Northwestern University; Muriel Médard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Ellis Meng, University of Southern California; Joachim Messing, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey; Lalit K. Mestha, The University of Texas at Arlington; Lyle R. Middendorf, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Shaker A. Mousa, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Science; William P. Murphy, Jr., Florida International University; William L. Murphy, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Prakash Nagarkatti, University of South Carolina; Nathan Newman, Arizona State University; Bert W. O'Malley, Baylor College of Medicine; Aydogan Ozcan, University of California, Los Angeles; Muthukumaran Packirisamy, Concordia University; Drew M. Pardoll, Johns Hopkins University; Roderic I. Pettigrew, Texas A&M University; Apparao M. Rao, Clemson University.

Theodore S. Rappaport, New York University; L. Rafael Reif, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Joshua Rokach, Florida Institute of Technology; Yoram Rudy, Washington University in St. Louis; Wheeler Ruml, University of New Hampshire; Thomas P. Russell, University of Massachusetts Amherst; Jagannathan Sarangapani, Missouri University of Science and Technology; Vinod Sarin, Boston University; Rahul Sarpeshkar, Dartmouth College; Steven J. Sasson, University of South Florida; Christine E. Schmidt, University of Florida; Zheng John Shen, Illinois Institute of Technology; Thomas E. Shenk, Princeton University; Mark B. Shiflett, The University of Kansas; Michael L. Simpson, Oak Ridge National Laboratory/The University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Koji Sode, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Costas M. Soukoulis, Iowa State University; John W. Spirk, Cleveland Clinic; Gary Stacey, University of Missouri; F. William Studier, Brookhaven National Laboratory; Samuel I. Stupp, Northwestern University; Koduvayur P. Subbalakshmi, Stevens Institute of Technology.

Bruce A. Sullenger, Duke University; Xiuzhi S. Sun, Kansas State University; Jing Sun, University of Michigan; Yu Sun, University of Toronto; Wanchun Tang, Virginia Commonwealth University; Susan S. Taylor, University of California, San Diego; Bhavani Thuraisingham, The University of Texas at Dallas; David A. Tirrell, California Institute of Technology; Don M. Tucker, University of Oregon; Jeffrey S. Vitter, The University of Mississippi; Israel E. Wachs, Lehigh University; Albert Wang, University of California, Riverside; Michael S. Waterman, University of Southern California; Alan W. Weimer, University of Colorado Boulder; Louis M. Weiner, Georgetown University; Robert G. Wilhelm, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Yushan Yan, University of Delaware; Jian Yang, The Pennsylvania State University; Eui-Hyeok Yang, Stevens Institute of Technology; Mark H. Yim, University of Pennsylvania; Michael J. Yost, Medical University of South Carolina; James M. Zavislan, University of Rochester; Ruiwen Zhang, University of Houston; Huda Y. Zoghbi, Baylor College of Medicine.

## HONORING FRIENDSHIP WORSHIP CENTER 75TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2019*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a wonderful institution in Mount Vernon, the Friendship Worship Center, which this year celebrates its remarkable 75th Anniversary in the community.

Friendship Worship empowers people with solid biblical principles, while advocating for justice, fairness, and delivering social services. The story of Friendship Worship begins in 1942, when a group of women from the Mount Vernon Community led by Mother Lillian Davis, an active missionary, began a Freewill Baptist Mission work. For two years these women shared in their homes the message and work of Christ. In 1944, the officials of the Freewill Baptist Conference came and officially organized the St. Paul Freewill Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, New York. Around the late 1940s the church was renamed Little Friendship United American Freewill Baptist Church. In 1950, Little Friendship became incorporated in the State of New York. During those early stages of the church development many different ministers and layperson held the church together. This was done under the supervision of the late Rev. N.E. Sharp, Moderator of the Northern Annual Conference of the United American Freewill Baptist Church. The first elected pastor of this church was the late Rev. B.T. Johnson who led the church from 1948–1956. During his tenure Little Friendship purchased its church building at 358 South Ninth Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York. The successions of Pastors were Rev. S.H. Wylie 1956–1957, Rev. H. Miller 1957–1958, Rev. O. E. Davis 1958–1959, Rev. Otis Park 1959–1983, Rev. Joe L. Brown 1983–1988, and finally my friend Elder C. Nathan Edwers 1988 to present. In 1997, the church name was changed, and Corporation papers were amended to Friendship Unified Freewill Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, New York.

Under the strong leadership of Pastor Edwers many new programs were established. Due to an expansion and betterment of the