

church, over \$200,000 has been done in renovations since 1989. In August 1998 Pastor C. Nathan Edwers was led by the Lord to move Friendship Unified Freewill Baptist Church into \$1.3 million edifice located at 261 East Lincoln Avenue in Mount Vernon at present. The church seating capacity is 1,200.

In September 1998 the church was renamed Friendship Worship Center, The Family Center. In March 20, 1999 Pastor Edwers was consecrated as a Bishop. Friendship Worship Center is now on the cutting edge of the 21st Century and every day its parishioners are helping to improve the Mount Vernon community and beyond.

On this special occasion, I want to congratulate the entire Friendship Worship Center community on 75 amazing years of love and service.

#### JULIE NORTON DEPARTS THE HIGH DESERT PHOENIX FOUNDATION

##### HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2019*

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible work of Julie Norton, who has served as the Executive Director of the High Desert Phoenix Foundation for the past ten years. The Phoenix Foundation provides financial assistance to families in the High Desert who have lost a loved one due to an accident, criminal act, or suicide.

Julie has served as Executive Director for the ten years that the Phoenix Foundation has been in existence. She is the founding member of the Foundation, and was motivated to create it after dealing with a tragic loss in her personal life. Over her ten years as executive director, Julie has helped well over 500 families lay their loved ones to rest. Additionally, Julie helped start the HALOS (Healing Loved Ones After Suicide) Program, which is a peer support group for those affected by the suicide of a friend or family member.

Julie has had an incredible impact on thousands of people during some of their toughest and most vulnerable moments, and I cannot thank her enough for all the work she has put in over the last ten years to make the Phoenix Foundation the success it is today. I offer my sincere congratulations to her for a decade as Executive Director of the High Desert Phoenix Foundation and I am certain that wherever she goes she will continue to have a positive impact on people's lives.

#### RECOGNIZING ERNIE BELL'S LIFE- LONG COMMITMENT TO SIERRA SANDS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

##### HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2019*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Ernest "Ernie" M. Bell Jr., who retires this year after an extensive career in education from his position as the Superintendent of the Sierra Sands Unified

School District (SSUSD), which serves the Indian Wells Valley in my congressional district in California.

Born and raised in Ridgecrest, California, Ernie graduated from Sherman E. Burroughs High School and attended Bakersfield College before receiving a degree in Biology from the University of California, Davis, and a Masters of Arts in Educational Leadership and Administration at California State University, Bakersfield. He then returned home to Ridgecrest, beginning a career in education at Murray Middle School, where he taught and coached for ten years, then served as the school's Vice Principal for four years, and finally as Murray Middle's Principal for ten years. Throughout his career as an educator, Ernie achieved extensive knowledge of the interworking and importance of education through his participation on SSUSD leadership committees and peer review panels. And it was by tackling issues critical to the district, such as student safety, collective bargaining, budgetary issues, and accreditation, that Ernie seamlessly transitioned from the classroom to SSUSD administration. In 2014, Ernie accepted the position of Superintendent of Sierra Sands Unified School District, a position that capped a lifelong career dedicated to education in the Indian Wells Valley. As Superintendent, Ernie led and successfully pushed to renovate and modernize Murray Middle School and Burroughs High School, and spearheaded the effort to secure funding for the construction of Richmond Elementary School. Ernie's legacy will be defined not only by his esteemed career as an educator to countless students, but by the fruits of his tireless advocacy for quality education in the Indian Wells Valley on future generations of students.

I know Ernie Bell as a man of his word and as a public servant who tirelessly advocated for the needs of our community's students and teachers better than almost anyone. I know that despite his retirement, he will remain just as active in the Ridgecrest community as ever. On behalf of a grateful community, I wish Ernie, his wife, Deanne, and their children, Jacob, Zachary, and Rebecca, all the best as they begin this new chapter of his life.

#### HONORING JILL SPIELER

##### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2019*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor a woman who has done a tremendous amount to build and strengthen the Scarsdale community in my district, Ms. Jill Spielier, this year's recipient of the prestigious Scarsdale Bowl Award.

For over 70 years, the Scarsdale Bowl has been awarded a Scarsdale resident who "has given unselfishly of time, energy, and effort to the civic welfare of the community." Nothing could better describe Jill. She has a long and distinguished record of volunteer services to Scarsdale and well beyond.

Jill began her service to Scarsdale in 1981 as a founding member of Kids B.A.S.E. and The Little School. She served as a board member from 1983 to 1988, then became President of the Board where she served two terms. She continued on the board till 1998,

and during her tenure she provided outstanding leadership, especially during some difficult times. Jill continued her commitment to the community by serving on the Scarsdale Village Board of Ethics, the Advisory Council on Youth, and the Village Parks and Recreation Council, becoming Chair of the Recreation Committee in 2000. She was also active member of the League of Women Voters and chaired the Voter Service Committee.

There are many other examples of Jill's community involvement, but they are too many to mention. She is, without question, a highly respected, trusted, insightful and collaborative community leader who has contributed a great deal to Scarsdale. Jill's selfless contribution of time and energy to community affairs epitomizes the principles symbolized by the Scarsdale Bowl.

Madam Speaker, the Bowl Award is considered the highest and most prestigious recognition given for volunteer service in Scarsdale. It is no surprise then that this year that award is going to Jill Spieler. As Member of Congress representing Scarsdale, I want to congratulate Jill on receiving this wonderful honor and thank her for her years of dedicated service to the community.

#### HONORING THE SUNY PLATTSBURGH WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM FOR THEIR 7TH NCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY

##### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2019*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the SUNY Plattsburgh Women's Hockey Team for winning their Seventh NCAA Division III National Championship.

Having previously held the record for Division III Women's Hockey championship titles, on March 16th, 2019, the Cardinals broke their own record, securing their seventh title in program history after winning a shut-out victory against Hamline University. As if that were not enough, they also finished the season on an eighteen-game winning streak, tying the program record for most wins in a single season with a near perfect 29-2 overall record.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate every member of the team, their families and the coaching staff on this impressive accomplishment. The Cardinals make the North Country very proud.

#### HONORING THE 60TH REUNION OF "THE EL COROLS BAND AND SHOW"

##### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2019*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring members of "El Corols Band and Show" (El Corols) on their 60th reunion celebration, which will take place on Sunday, April 28, 2019, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Southwest, Washington, D.C.

In 1959, a group of students in the music department at Shaw Junior High School formed El Corols, the first rhythm and blues band in the District of Columbia. El Corols was highly sought-after for school and private parties all over the city and beyond. The band performed for many charitable and community organizations throughout the city. During the summer, the group spent the majority of its time performing at Carr's Beach, a public beach for African Americans in Annapolis, Maryland. (African Americans were not welcome at any of the "white" beaches. Although our nation was segregated, many found comfort and joy through the vibrant musical talents of El Corols.)

The band consisted of teenagers, yet the members were honored and privileged to be the "house band" at the beach. The band was presented with opportunities to perform and accompanied many of the famous stars of that era, including Dionne Warwick, Patti LaBelle and the Bluebells, Bobby "Blue" Bland, Billy Stewart, Gene Chandler, and James Brown, to name a few. As teenagers, the band members had no idea that they were making history. They were simply excited about playing music and entertaining.

The apex of El Corols' experience was their performance with Nat King Cole in 1963 at Eastern High School, where United States Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy was an honored guest. Another highlight of El Corols' experience was the invitation to perform at the Debutante Cotillion of New York Socialite Fernanda Wetherhill Wannamaker in South Hampton, Long Island.

As the members of El Corols reflect on their teenage years, they continue to cherish the lifelong memories and experiences they were afforded simply due to their dedication to and love of music.

El Corols is indebted to its manager, Captain William Rumsey, who was Dunbar High School's Military Science Teacher. Captain Rumsey later became the Principal of McKinley Technical High School, and upon his retirement from the public school system, he became Director of the District of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department. Captain Rumsey was a strict disciplinarian and assured the band members' parents that they were in capable hands and would be well cared for under his management. Captain Rumsey never failed in his commitment to the band and stands in a proud space in history alongside the members of El Corols.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the rich history of El Corols on the occasion of its 60th reunion. I ask my colleagues to join me in this recognition.

HONORING DAVID M.C. STERN

**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 distinguished member of the Edgemont community in my district, Mr. David M.C. Stern, who this year is being honored by the Edgemont Community Council with their Silver Bowl Award for Distinguished Community Service.

David served two terms on the school board, from 2010 to 2016, was president in

2015–2016, and made his mark on the curriculum, audit and superintendent search committees, as well as liaison to the Edgemont School Foundation and the Scarsdale Teachers Institute. He has coached over 20 seasons of local youth sports—soccer, lacrosse, basketball and tee-ball—and now serves as president of Edgemont Youth Lacrosse. In the schools, David has taught Great Books and volunteered in the Wiggleworks reading program. He currently sits on the School Board Nominating Committee and is a former director of the ECC. David has been an assistant Cub Scouts den leader, and he has been a long-time member of Greenville Fire District's volunteer fire company, where he has served as a volunteer firefighter.

David also currently serves as chairman of the board of Westchester Institute for Human Development, a Valhalla-based organization that works with developmentally disabled men and women, and member of the board of MusicCorps/Renovation in Music Education in Washington D.C., which uses music to help wounded military veterans recover. David has also been a director of the Scarsdale-Edgemont United Way, and a member of the Woodlands Community Temple School Board.

Professionally, David runs a consulting firm that provides strategic business advisory services to healthcare organizations and investors. After graduating from Edgemont in 1982, David went on to get a BA and an MBA from Yale. David lives on Old Army Road with his wife Mary Elizabeth and their children Kasey, Gavin and Fiona.

As you can see Madam Speaker, David Stern is a very active member of the community who is most deserving of this wonderful recognition from the Edgemont Community Council. I want to congratulate him on this honor.

CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION  
OF THE HOBE SOUND NATIONAL  
WILDLIFE REFUGE IN HONOR OF  
NATHANIEL P. REED

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2019*

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge in honor of the late Nathaniel P. Reed. Nathaniel, who was known as Nat, was an environmentalist and champion of Florida's environment. He served as Assistant Secretary of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks at the United States Department of the Interior from 1971 to 1977, under President Richard Nixon and President Gerald Ford. Furthermore, had it not been for Nathaniel, our nation would be without the Marine Mammals Protection Act, the intact and expanded Redwoods National Park, the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act.

Originally born in New York City, Nathaniel spent much of his time growing up in Hobe Sound, Florida. His concern for the environment developed from his firsthand experience with the threat of overpopulation to Florida's natural landscape and by the example of his mother, who was a lead organizer in opposing the development of a theme park on an island near their home.

Nathaniel started his career in the family real estate and hotel business in Florida, where his concern for the environment steered him into public service. He went on to serve six Florida governors.

He was a member of many environmental advocacy groups, most notably the 1000 Friends of Florida, an organization which he founded, and served as president and chairman. He also served on the boards of the Everglades Foundation (which he helped found), the Nature Conservancy, the Atlantic Salmon Federation, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the National Audubon Society, Yellowstone National Park, the National Geographic Society, and the South Florida Water Management District. Throughout his career, he was one of the most eloquent and effective advocates for fish, wildlife and nature of the 20th and 21st centuries.

The Hobe Sound National Wildlife refuge is a part of the United States National Wildlife Refuge system, and is the type of vulnerable land Nathaniel dedicated his life to protecting. The newly named Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge will rightly honor his life's work.

Madam Speaker, Nathaniel was a powerhouse of Florida politics, but more than that, he was a dear friend and a mentor to me, as well as to countless others. During his six decades of activism, he was a tireless crusader for the environment and the Everglades. Nathaniel inspired generations of conservationists, and what he did for America's River of Grass is immeasurable. Hobe Sound represents the starting place of Nathaniel's love for our nation's environment, and this dedication of the Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge in his honor will allow his life and legacy to always endure.

REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF  
IRAN'S ISLAMIC REVOLU-  
TIONARY GUARDS CORPS AS A  
FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZA-  
TION

**HON. TOM McCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2019*

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following release which includes the statement by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, regarding the designation of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization.

Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, described the inclusion of the suppressive Revolutionary Guards (IRGC) in the State Department's list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO) as a long-standing and rightful demand of the Iranian Resistance, an imperative for Middle East security, peace, and stability, and an urgent and necessary step to end war and terrorism throughout the region and the world.

"This action, which was long overdue, should now be completed by designating the Iranian regime's Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS)," Mrs. Rajavi added.

The Revolutionary Guard Corps, which does not even carry Iran in its official name, constitutes the pillar of the velayat-e faqih regime