

the Lifetime Achievement Award. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the dedication and incredible service of Mr. Pat McCormick. I ask my distinguished colleagues to join in me in thanking him for all that he has done for our community on the Central Coast and congratulating him on a well-earned retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF ST. JOSEPH MERCY LIVINGSTON HOSPITAL'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a hospital that embodies the spirit, standard, and strength of the community it has now served for 90 years. As St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital celebrates its 90th anniversary in the community, I would like to offer my congratulations and appreciation to the hospital's leaders, caregivers, and volunteers on this most extraordinary accomplishment.

In its 90 years, St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital has grown its healing mission from humble roots in a 3-story home to a state-of-the-art, modern hospital with two campuses in Livingston County. With a staff that today includes more than 500 physicians, St. Joseph Mercy Livingston is the county's only full-service hospital, and includes state-of-the-art robotic surgical services, a cancer center, 3-D breast imaging, a sleep disorders facility, and Michigan's very first short-stay center, which provides overnight care for patients not requiring hospital admission.

St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital has received numerous accolades for its dedication to patient safety, quality of care, and excellence. But the organization stands out not just for its commitment to the health of its patients, but for its devotion to the health of the entire region. Before a single patient enters the hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital is reaching out to. As one of the county's main employers, the organization generously donates time, talent, and treasure to countless community events, school groups, and nonprofits each and every year. The residents of Livingston County are so fortunate to have at their disposal this level of quality care and community support so close to home. I am honored to represent the fine men and women who work hard every day to make St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital a source of pride.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital for 90 years of service, and to the promise of many more years of healing to come.

CONDOLENCES IN MEMORY OF DR. IFTIKHAR AHMAD

HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, in March 2019, the Black Hills Veterans community lost one of South Dakota's

best. Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad was kidnapped and murdered when he returned to his native country, Pakistan, on a personal trip. Dr. Ahmad provided compassionate care to Veterans for over three years throughout the VA Black Hills Health Care System working in Sturgis, Hot Springs and Rapid City, South Dakota.

For years, Dr. Ahmad served our community and our Veterans and specialized in care for hospitalized patients at Fort Meade Medical Center. His courteous and friendly demeanor only amplified his dedication to helping his patients. We are grateful for his service.

On behalf of the constituents of South Dakota, I extend sincere condolences to his family. He is sorely missed.

RECOGNIZING BRUCE GLASSCOCK

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bruce Glasscock for his twenty-nine years of dedicated service to the City of Plano and our north Texas community.

As a veteran of the United States Air Force, Bruce Glasscock earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice management from Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado, and later received a master's degree in public administration from the University of Colorado at Denver.

Bruce began his career with the City of Plano in 1990 when he was selected as the Police Chief of the Plano Police Department. During this time, Mr. Glasscock was elected to the Board of Officers of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and would later be inaugurated as the President of the organization.

In 1998, the City of Plano provided Bruce with additional responsibilities as the Deputy City Manager. He would hold these dual roles until assuming the full-time position of Deputy City Manager in 2001. In 2011, he would once again be promoted to his current role as City Manager. As an executive level leader, Mr. Glasscock has been responsible for overseeing a city with \$2.5 billion in assets, and over 2,300 municipal employees.

Under Bruce's steadfast leadership, Plano has earned numerous accolades as one of the best cities in which to live and raise a family. Due to his keen foresight, he has also been instrumental in the city's economic development and unprecedented growth.

Bruce has held numerous civic positions including playing a pivotal role in the founding of the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center. As a recognized servant leader, he was chosen by his peers as President in the Plano Rotary Club and received recognition from the Plano Independent School District Council of Parent Teacher Associations (PTA). Additionally, as a longtime and active member of the nationally recognized Plano Chamber of Commerce, he was awarded the coveted Business Executive of the Year.

On a personal level, Bruce and his wife, Memrie, are the proud parents of two sons, and three grandchildren with whom he looks forward to enjoying his retirement with.

It has been an honor to know and work with Bruce Glasscock. As Bruce begins this next

season of his life, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing him for his combined forty-nine year career in municipal government, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAFE STREETS

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 30th anniversary of Safe Streets. Since its founding in 1989, Safe Streets has made a lasting and transformative impact across the many diverse neighborhoods and communities throughout Tacoma and Pierce County.

Operating as a community-led grassroots effort, Safe Streets has thrived through a dedication to building a broad coalition of friends and neighbors that seek to create vibrant and flourishing neighborhoods across Pierce County. They are made up of interfaith leaders, business owners, school teachers, law enforcement, and devoted volunteers from the community.

Safe Streets has organized and trained a network of 125 Neighborhood Groups in neighborhoods, involving over 13,500 community leaders and 190,000 residents who work daily to ensure that their neighborhoods and schools are safe. Safe Streets' Community Mobilizers help these Neighborhood Groups define and address their own needs by utilizing organized block watches, youth leadership teams, graffiti removal teams, safe routes to school, and widespread substance abuse and violence prevention education initiatives.

Safe Streets is doing significant work in adapting and evolving as an organization to meet the ever-changing needs and demands of its communities. Through the development of their Non-English Speaking (NES) program, Safe Streets now provides services to residents who have limited or no English-speaking experience. As a result, Safe Streets has been able to regularly connect and meet with community members from the Japanese, Korean, Samoan, Chinese, Philippine, and Cambodian communities, among others, of Pierce County.

Safe Streets is also revered for their work in engaging, mobilizing, and mentoring young people across Pierce County. Many high schools in our communities have established Youth Leading Change (YLC) clubs that are made up of core students, guided by a teacher and coach, and supported by Safe Streets staff. Participants in YLC learn leadership skills and present on prevention issues to their fellow students throughout the year. Alumni of this program have won numerous awards on the state and local level, including a trip to Washington, DC in 2014 and multiple City of Destiny Awards for Youth Leadership in the City of Tacoma.

Madam Speaker, I can say with certainty that our neighborhoods and communities across Tacoma and Pierce County are safer because of the work of Safe Streets. It speaks to their tenacity that even after 30 amazing years, the many volunteers and staff that make up this organization are committed to

evolving and growing to ensure that every neighborhood in Pierce County is a thriving and safe place for all its residents. I wish them the best in this effort and pledge my commitment to supporting them however I can.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. SHARON
“NYOTA” TUCKER, J.D.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished scholar, dedicated attorney, and true visionary, Ms. Sharon “Nyota” Tucker. Nyota was honored for her contributions to academia and her community on Saturday, April 13, 2019, at the University of Georgia School of Law.

A native of Dublin, Georgia, Sharon “Nyota” Tucker was born to the union of Mr. Willis Tucker and Mrs. Cornelia Tucker. During her junior year of high school, she joined six of her fellow classmates from Oconee High School in the integration of the previously all-white Dublin High School. This first-hand experience with desegregation convinced her that becoming a lawyer was the most effective means of combating racism, upholding the constitutional rights outlined in the Declaration of Independence, and forcing a system to correct itself. Nyota went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Howard University, before becoming the first African-American woman to receive a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Georgia in 1974.

Upon becoming a member of the State Bar of Georgia in 1974, she served in a number of legal and academic positions, including staff attorney in the Albany office of the Georgia Legal Services Program; legal intern with the Earl Warren Fellowship Program in the San Francisco office, NAACP Legal Defense Fund; and associate with the Albany, Georgia Law Firm of Mary Young & Associates. During Nyota’s impressive tenure at Albany State University (ASU), she served as a faculty member and pre-law advisor, as well as a dual role as ASU’s University Counsel (for eight years) and ASU’s Chief of Staff (for five years). Her time at ASU allowed her to work with some of the brightest, most creative, and determined students in higher education.

Nyota has been recognized numerous times for her professional and community work. She has received several Teacher of the Year Awards in addition to the 2015 Trailblazer Award by the UGA Black Law Student Association; the Justice Leah Ward Sears Award for Distinction in the Profession by the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys in 2016; the USG Chancellor’s Recognition for Distinguished Service to the University System of Georgia in 2016; and both the 2018 and 2019 Beverly Burton New Board Member of the Year Award for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Georgia and the Southeast Region. Moreover, on April 13, 2019, the University of Georgia School of Law unveiled a portrait of Nyota honoring her impeccable legacy and influential leadership.

Former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm once said that “Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this

earth.” Nyota has paid her rent many times over and still continues to give a prodigious amount of love and service back to her community. She has served on the Board of Trustees for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, the Board of Directors for Liberty House, and as a member of the Advisory Committee on Law and Criminal Justice at the Washington Center. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany and a member of the Dougherty County Hospital Authority Board.

Nyota has accomplished many things in her life, but none of these would have been possible without the enduring love and support of her loving children, Nairobi (deceased), Sadiqa, and Macharia; and her granddaughter, Imani.

Madam Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia’s Second Congressional District, in recognizing and commending Ms. Sharon Nyota Tucker, J.D., on receiving a well-deserved effigy recognizing her commitment and contributions to her community and academic field.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.
KATHLEEN FINER

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of Mrs. Kathleen “Kay” Finer, who passed away on March 2, 2019 at the age of 68. Kay was a dedicated member of and leader in the business community in Los Angeles County’s South Bay.

Born on October 14, 1950, Kay grew up and attended school in Inglewood; after attending El Camino College, Kay started her career in the fashion industry before taking time off to raise her family. She was an active member in civic life, serving as a reserve officer for the City of Palos Verdes Estates and organizing a neighborhood watch group.

Kay also devoted herself to promoting local businesses, as a volunteer with the Malaga Cove Business Association and President and CEO of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce from 2005 to 2010. She also involved herself with a myriad of nonprofit organizations; she served as director of Community Helpline, which offers a confidential, safe, and empathetic space to talk for individuals experiencing mental health crises. Her energy, commitment, and warm smile helped her make a difference in the community she loved.

Kay is survived by her daughter, Jessica, and grandson, Colt. I hope that Kay’s family takes comfort in knowing her memory will live on in the people, businesses, and organizations she touched through her work.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL WALTER PIATT FOR HIS SERVICE TO FORT DRUM AND ON HIS CONFIRMATION TO DIRECTOR OF ARMY STAFF

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a lifetime of dedicated service. Major General Walter Piatt will be assuming his new role as Director of Army Staff at the Pentagon after serving as Commanding General of the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum for the past two years.

Major General Piatt’s military career has spanned nearly 40 years and taken him all over the globe. He has previously served at the Pentagon as the Director of Army Operations, Readiness, and Mobilization and then as the Director of Operations, Army Rapid Capabilities Office. Through all that, his roots in the North Country remained strong. Major General Piatt served in the 10th Mountain Division twice, from 1999 to 2003 and from 2012 to 2013. During his tenure commanding Fort Drum, Major General Piatt led efforts to strengthen ties to the local community on the premise that a ready post and division depends heavily on the strength of the surrounding communities. His leadership has not only been beneficial to those stationed at Fort Drum but everyone in the surrounding communities as well. While we are sad to see him leave the North Country, I know I speak for everyone in New York’s 21st Congressional District when I wish Major General Piatt great success in his new role and thank him for his service.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF VIETNAMESE AMERICANS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, today, I am introducing a House Resolution recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of Vietnamese Americans. I represent one of the largest Vietnamese communities in the United States, and I am proud to recognize the valuable contribution of 1.7 million Vietnamese Americans living in this nation. The United States is home to the largest number of individuals of Vietnamese descent outside of Vietnam. Currently more than 70,000 reside in California’s 46th Congressional District.

In the aftermath of the Vietnam War, approximately 800,000 Vietnamese refugees fleeing persecution resettled in the United States. Today, Vietnamese Americans contribute to American society through their work in business, education, science and technology, engineering, mathematics, literature and the arts, gastronomy, the armed forces, and public service at every level of government.

Vietnamese Americans add to the rich cultural and religious diversity of our nation. As a