

Shellhammer, Officer Helios Blanco, Officer Kevin Campbell, Officer Sean Carter, Detective Patrick Comac, Officer Terry Crenshaw, Officer Nicholas Dominis, Detective Dustin Luciano, Detective Gary McDowell, Officer Jacob Nelson, Officer Michael Schultz, Officer Michael Skinner, Officer George Terris II, Officer Jonathan Misiewicz.

Sarasota Police Department's Crisis Negotiation Team: Sergeant Tammy Featherstone, Officer Luis Paris, Officer Michael Dreznin, Officer Matthew Grochowski, and Officer Aaron Stoll.

Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award: Corporal Angel Uruchima and Officer Madison Peters of Palmetto Police Department, Sergeant Orval Walker, Deputy Jeffery Cowling, Deputy Gerrod Huff, Deputy Kenneth Jewett, and Deputy Rodney Norris, Deputy Richard Young, Deputy Krystal Carpenter and Deputy Peter Papas of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOANNE HAYES-WHITE

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Joanne Hayes-White as she responds to her final call as Chief of the San Francisco Fire Department. Chief Hayes-White will be retiring after 29 years with the department. Hers is a long and storied career that spans the transformation of the department from an all-male bastion to a modern department in which merit is measured by your capacity to save lives and property through working as part of a team, and celebrating the differences that make this nation great.

Joanne Hayes-White was born in San Francisco. She graduated from the University of Santa Clara with a degree in business and immediately applied to the San Francisco Fire Department. She was hired in April of 1990. She climbed the career ladder almost as quickly as the ladder on a truck. In 1993 she was promoted to Lieutenant and in 1996 to Captain. Also in 1996, she was assigned as the Acting Battalion Chief with oversight of the department's dispatch and communications systems. The department selected Battalion Chief Hayes-White to oversee the installation of the Computer-Aided Dispatch system (CAD) and the Automated Information System (AIS). Along the way, Chief Hayes-White combined the communications functions of police, fire, and emergency response, improving response times and inter-agency communications.

Firefighters live and die based in part on their training. As Director of Training, Joanne Hayes-White developed the Battalion-Based In Service Training Program which almost tripled the number of formal training hours for all members of the department, with almost no fiscal impact. As Chief, she has implemented random on-duty alcohol and drug testing, reconfigured emergency medical services, and restored promotional exams, all steps that have increased accountability within the department.

The fire department is noticeable in the community through the training of civilians and even school children. Ninth graders in San

Francisco learn CPR. The department is committed to reducing pedestrian deaths and works to right-size equipment to San Francisco's streets.

In April of 2010, the Chief was offered a fellowship to attend the Harvard Kennedy School Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program. It was an investment in excellence, as evidence a few years later. In August 2018, Chief Hayes-White was named as the 2018 Career Fire Chief of the Year by the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

San Francisco is a complex city to protect. The department's personnel are famous for valor and for protecting the forty-nine square miles of dense community that constitutes the city. The fire department goes beyond fighting fires and preventing death and injury due to medical emergencies. Under Chief Hayes-White's leadership, the department was a leader in environmental and sustainability initiatives, such as transitioning the fleet to renewable diesel, composting and recycling.

It has been a privilege to work with Joanne Hayes-White during my time in the State Legislature and in Congress and to call her a dear friend. She is an inspiration to girls and young women throughout San Francisco. She has attended multiple of my When I Grow Up events and spoke before 600 girls and family members at Grenentech. During her remarks, she noted that it was not easy to make her way in the 1990's-era department. The department only began hiring women in 1987. As of 2017, 30 years later, 15% of firefighters were women. Yet the department is also a close-knit community. Even as Chief, she knows every firefighter by name.

As a human being, Joanne Hayes-White excels. Her ready smile, respect for traditions that strengthen the department, and love of community are second to none. She is a native of San Francisco's winding streets, fog-shrouded hills and beautiful beaches. She has managed the department when its budget was cut and fought hard to get positions and capabilities restored as the economy recovered. We are all safer because Chief Hayes-White assumed the helm of the San Francisco Fire Department.

Now, it's time for Joanne to take time to smell the roses. She will see more of her sons Riley, age 25, Logan, age 21, and Sean, age 19. They grew up with the department with her, and now they get to reclaim some of the time she offered to the city by the bay.

For those of us who have lived in and grown up around San Francisco, there are two bells that immediately trigger an image of the city that we love: Cable car bells and the bell at the fire house as another rescue commences. San Franciscans are proud of both. For 29 years, they've had Chief Hayes-White to respond to the fire house bell. Sláinte mhaith, Chief Hayes-White. We are all deeply grateful for a job so well done.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONOR FLIGHT OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 27 veterans

from Tennessee who visited Washington, D.C., on May 1, 2019, with Honor Flight of Middle Tennessee. On behalf of a grateful state and nation, I was honored to welcome these heroes to our nation's capital.

As a new Member of Congress, this marked the first time I have had the privilege of meeting with an Honor Flight from Tennessee. I was pleased to welcome several veterans on this flight who were from the district I represent, the Sixth District of Tennessee. They were: Earl E. Higley, U.S. Army; Jimmie M. Pitts, U.S. Air Force; Glenn Wade Bennett, U.S. Army; John Anthony Jones, U.S. Army; Billy R. McElhaney, U.S. Navy; C. M. Tosh, U.S. Army; Joseph P. Clark, U.S. Marine Corps; Daniel N. Lynch, U.S. Navy; William T. Cook, U.S. Navy; LeGrand Dawes, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps; James Franklin Shields, U.S. Army; Richard T. Sain, U.S. Air Force; John Wayne Pullen, U.S. Army; Bienveuido V. Hassell, U.S. Air Force; and Virgil C. Morgan, Jr., U.S. Navy.

Also on this flight were: Joe J. Sage, U.S. Army; Randy G. Lancaster, U.S. Marine Corps; Gerald Joseph Guerin, U.S. Army; John Floyd Cole, Jr., U.S. Air Force; Johnny Jaco, U.S. Navy and U.S. Army; Johnnie Louis Walker, U.S. Army; Bobbie L. Swinea, U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force; Jack L. Giddens, Jr., U.S. Navy; Joseph Karl Pehm, U.S. Marine Corps; Danny Ray Sisk, U.S. Air Force; Robert Ernest Tapscott, U.S. Army; and Curtis W. Posey, U.S. Army.

Madam Speaker, the men and women from Honor Flight of Middle Tennessee exemplify the greatness of the United States. Though we can never fully repay them for their service to our country, it was my privilege to offer our most sincere gratitude for the sacrifices they made on behalf of the Sixth District of Tennessee.

I would also like to extend a special "thank you" to the local communities and volunteers who worked together to make this special visit possible. I would especially like to thank Claude Morse (USAF Ret.), the President and Chairman of the Board for Honor Flight of Middle Tennessee, for his tireless work organizing this event. Without this team, the Honor Flight would not have been possible.

To my colleagues here today, I hope you will join me in thanking these veterans and their families for their dedication and service to our country.

CONGRATULATING THE 2019 ENLISTEES FROM FLORIDA'S 20TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor 40 high school seniors from Florida's 20th Congressional district, who have chosen to enlist in the United States Armed Forces.

Of these forty fine young people, seventeen have joined the United States Army, to include: Yvelande Blanc, Brisa Gonzalez, Coraleigh Little, Josue Aguilar-Gonzalez, Terry Akins, Jovaughn Campbell, Rusheem Gibbs, Richard Joseph, Patrick Newton, Andrea Velez, Christopher Whyte, Tyreik Kelly, Brandon Lee, Yuliana Osoria, Terry Hines,

Vanessa Perez-Morales, and Tae'Lonte Wainwright.

Eleven have joined the United States Marines Corp, to include: Ernesto Ibarra, Jefremias Mazariegos, Harold Khyle Ong, Caleb Walker, Jose Diez Munoz, Jesus Juarez, Jay Marine, Anthony Medina, Shiloh Robinson, Joseph Saavedra and Alberto Velazquez. Furthermore, eleven have joined the United States Navy, to include: Alessandro Riccio, Shahine Beaumont, Jacob Carrigan, Juliandra Faust, Shakarra Haigood, Julia Hernandez, Dakota Downs, Noah Gonzalez, Jorge Salmeron Gomez, Ciclary Rosas Carranza and Brandon Diaz Guzman.

One has joined the Air Force, to include: Alexia Ayers.

Thanks to the dedication of patriots such as these, we are able to meet here in the United States House of Representatives and openly debate the best solutions to the diverse issues that confront our nation.

On behalf of myself and all my constituents in Florida's 20th Congressional District, I thank them for their service. I wish them the very best of luck now and in the future.

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HONORING LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS OF CHARLOTTE EGAN

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**HON. J. LUIS CORREA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 3, 2019*

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor the achievements of one of my constituents, Charlotte Egan, who is celebrating her 50th year of service for the OC Health Care Agency and her well-deserved retirement.

Mrs. Egan began her career at the OC Health Care Agency as a Public Health Microbiologist Trainee in 1969, after seeing an ad for the opening in a newspaper. Since then, she has worked her way through every section of the HCA laboratory. In 1985, she was promoted to Public Health Microbiologist II in the Virology/Serology section where she served as the lead microbiologist. Mrs. Egan has played an instrumental role in the research and identification of viruses such as Influenza, Mumps, Chicken Pox, and Rubella. She has also been at the forefront of combatting outbreaks of HIV, H1N1 Influenza, and Measles. Charlotte is known for the quality and standard of her work. She served as an outstanding model to her trainees and peers. In the words of Mrs. Egan, "Find work that you're passionate about and do it well. Serve your community with patience and have respect for patients."

Today we celebrate not only her decades-long career, but her future beyond the laboratory. She looks forward to spending more time with her granddaughters, volunteering at the Hollywood Braille Institute and the Aquarium of the Pacific, traveling, and maybe even pursuing her dream of qualifying for a mission to the International Space Station.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mrs. Charlotte Egan for her commitment to excellence and dedication to serving our community.

HONORING CAPTAIN PAUL WHITESCARVER, UNITED STATES NAVY

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 3, 2019*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Paul A. Whitescarver, who retires this week from a nearly 40-year career of service to our nation in the United States Navy.

Captain Whitescarver has served as the 51st Commanding Officer of our nation's "first and finest" submarine base, Naval Submarine Base New London since December 2015. His leadership at the base will without question have a lasting impact on its operations and readiness for years to come. In his three and a half years as its Commander, he oversaw several significant environmental and energy upgrades which have helped to continue modernization of the facility, including innovative microgrid and fuel cell projects leveraging homegrown Connecticut technology to provide standalone power to the base. This effort was so successful that the Department of Energy recognized it with a 2018 Federal Energy and Water Management award.

Another tremendous accomplishment under his tenure was the completion of Superfund site cleanup. It is great to see the resolution of this significant undertaking which was recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Captain Whitescarver's leadership throughout this process has shown his drive to go above and beyond to improve the base.

Captain Whitescarver has substantially raised the military value of the base with his work and proven its enduring mission well into the future. He laid the groundwork for the future expansion of pier capacity as our submarine fleet continues to modernize and grow towards its overall goal of 66 attack submarines. He spearheaded the pier 32 project for which we are now seeing funding in this year's defense budget and expect it to be funded by Congress so that the project can commence on time. Many of the new boats constructed in the coming years will be stationed in Groton, and without Captain Whitescarver's efforts, the base would not be as prepared to accept them as it will be once these projects are completed.

At the same time, it is important to recognize that Captain Whitescarver's impact extends beyond the base, reaching the citizens and businesses in the surrounding community. He oversaw Connecticut's Submarine Century, the yearlong celebration of the 100th anniversary of the submarine force in 2015 and 2016, demonstrating strong support in his consistent participation at events and collaboration with local officials. He projected a positive image for the Navy in a critical time for recruitment and promotion of our military and particularly our submarine force. As if he did not have enough to do, he also managed the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Navy installation which would eventually become Submarine Base New London.

This milestone underscores how the base has effectively adapted over time to meet the needs of the Navy, and we thank Captain Whitescarver for his role in ensuring the base

continues to be equipped to handle our future needs as well.

A particular highlight of mine working with Captain Whitescarver over the last few years was his April 2018 engagement at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield, which he himself attended in 1989. His presence and poignant words to students, faculty, and staff reinforced the belief that our community colleges are stepping stones to any number of highly successful careers.

Madam Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Captain Whitescarver, and his wife Katie, for their service to our nation and in wishing them 'fair winds and following seas' as they move on to their next steps.

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TRIBUTE TO YOUNG STAFF MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES

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**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 3, 2019*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as Members of Congress we know well, perhaps better than most how blessed our nation is to have in reserve such exceptional young men and women who will go on to become leaders in their local communities, states, and the nation in the areas of business, education, government, philanthropy, the arts and culture, and the military.

We know this because we see them and benefit from their contributions every day. Many of them work for us in our offices as junior staff members, congressional fellows, or interns and they do amazing work for and on behalf of the constituents we are privileged to represent.

Madam Speaker, I believe there is no higher calling than the call to serve a cause larger than ourselves. That is why I ran for public office. I was inspired to serve by President Kennedy who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," and by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said:

Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. . . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

By this measure, there are several other great young men and women who served as volunteers this year in my offices. They may toil in obscurity but their contributions to the constituents we serve are deeply appreciated. That is why today I rise to pay tribute to 8 extraordinary young persons for their service to my constituents in the 18th Congressional District of Texas and to the American people. They are: Makaila Davenport, Hampton University; Jaida Hampton, University of Kentucky; Jacqueline Olvera, Texas A&M University; Syeda-Asma Mudassar, University of San Francisco; Ivy Smith, Oberlin College; Kali Morrison, Texas Tech University; Chloe Valcourt, The Madeira School; and Holly Crowley, The Madeira School.

Madam Speaker, the energy, intelligence, and idealism these wonderful young people brought to my office and those interning in the offices of my colleagues help keep our democracy vibrant. The insights, skills, and knowledge of the governmental process they gain