

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.

HONORING LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS OF CHARLOTTE EGAN

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.

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

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

from their experiences will last a lifetime and prove invaluable to them as they go about making their mark in this world.

Because of persons like them the future of our country is bright, and its best days lie ahead. I wish them all well.

Madam Speaker, I am grateful that such thoughtful committed young men and women can be found working in my office, those of my colleagues, and in every community in America. Their good works will keep America great, good, and forever young.

IN RECOGNITION OF SISTER
SUZANNE TOOLAN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Sister Suzanne Toolan, a longtime force for education and social justice within my district. She is being honored by her friends with the Catherine McAuley Award for her dedication to the education of young women. I join in their joy and celebration of her decades in service.

I first met Sister Suzanne while a student at Mercy Burlingame. She taught chorale, a subject for which I was singularly unqualified. However, as my fellow students noted, Sister Suzanne was a patient and inspiring teacher. The Mercy choir is known throughout the San Francisco Peninsula for its inspiring repertoire and joyful music, particularly during Christmas and other holidays. Sister Suzanne was the heart and soul of a generation of choral singers, providing spiritual and contemporary pieces for the girls to perform.

Her role in chorale, and the impact that she had on students, was only one measure of her long career. Sister Suzanne is the composer of the hymn entitled, "I Am the Bread of Life," a deeply moving piece that inspires Catholic and other Christian congregations around the globe. Sister put the words of Jesus to music in 1964 during her free period between two classes. The San Francisco Archdiocese was to hold an event and Sister wished to contribute.

As she later stated, she didn't initially like her work so when the bell rang for her to go back to class she ripped up the song and tossed it into the wastebasket. A student, who was nearby, came out of the infirmary and said, "What was that? It was beautiful!" So, Sister retrieved the song, scotch taped it together, and submitted it.

It may be irreverent to say so, but in January of 1964 the Beatles song "I Want To Hold Your Hand" hit No. 1 on the Billboard Top 100 Chart. However, for many of us, that song couldn't hold a candle to Sister Suzanne's "I Am the Bread of Life." The church has its relics, but in this instance the workpiece of the Beatles is the relic and that of Sister Suzanne is a perpetually inspiring song, translated into at least 20 languages, that reminds us of the everlasting. For her work, Sister Suzanne was called an "Icon of the Second Vatican Council" and received the Benedictus Award from the Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of San Jose, presented by Bishop Patrick McGrath, in 2016.

As noted by her supporters and friends, Sister Suzanne is also the author of a book enti-

tled Canticles and Gathering Prayers, a composite of services and canticles written for groups gathered in prayer. Her work allowed Catholics to understand their faith in the vernacular, making faith more accessible.

Sister Suzanne is immensely well educated. She holds a master's degree in humanities and a second master's degree from San Francisco State University. She did compositional work at Michigan State University, liturgical study at the University of Notre Dame, and choral work with Robert Shaw at San Diego State University. She introduced Taize Prayer and worship to the West Coast in 1983. After her stellar career at Mercy Burlingame, Sister Suzanne founded Catherine's Center, a transitional house for women released from prison. It is a ministry of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Mateo County.

I recently viewed a photo of Sister Suzanne during her era as a Mercy Burlingame teacher. She was swinging her baton and had a smile from ear to ear. Music has the power to inspire us to great deeds. Sister Suzanne conveyed that power in overwhelming force to impressionable minds seeking the knowledge of math, science, literature, and leadership. These are core subjects at Mercy Burlingame, and core subjects of any young woman seeking to come into her own as a young adult. Sister Suzanne never let them down. I know because I was one of those young women who was captivated by Sister Suzanne's powerful spirituality and joyful musical grace.

As we reflect upon her life, I cannot offer her a musical analogy to illustrate her impact upon her students and the world. However, I can offer an historical allusion that I believe is apt. When Churchill spoke from the floor during times of grave crisis, Parliament was roused to act and the course of western civilization was sharply and famously revised. We know that the music of Sister Suzanne Toolan, both famous and less so, inspires millions. She has never held high office in civic life but instead chose to announce the glory of the highest office that any of us may attain. Who can doubt that her accomplishments will shape our civilization for hundreds of years to come.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDREDDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
ELMIRA KIWANIS CLUB

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the Elmira Kiwanis Club.

The Kiwanis Club of Elmira is a branch of Kiwanis International, a global volunteer organization dedicated to bettering the world through their communities and the children in them. Over their century-long history, the Elmira Kiwanis have had more than ten thousand local residents join them in serving their community, providing over one million hours of community service.

In their mission to better their community, the Elmira Kiwanians have partnered with a variety of local organizations. They have lent their support to groups such as the YMCA, the Arctic League, Food Bank of the Southern

Tier, the Red Cross, and the Salvation Army, providing service or financial support to help make their community a better place to live. Over the last one hundred years, the Kiwanis Club of Elmira has donated more than five hundred thousand dollars to community groups and organizations.

The Elmira Kiwanis Club has been dedicated to helping children both at home and abroad. Elmira students have felt their support as the Elmira Kiwanis Club has backed programs such as the Terrific Kids and B.U.G.S (Bringing up grades) programs. Elmira Kiwanians recognize the potential of graduating high school seniors by awarding scholarships. To support children abroad, members have joined with Kiwanis International projects to benefit UNICEF.

Most recently the Elmira Kiwanis Club established the Hometown Heroes Banner program, proudly recognizing military service of more than two hundred twenty-five local men and women who have served our country and fought for our freedoms.

One hundred years of service in the community is certainly a cause for celebration. I congratulate the Elmira Kiwanis Club on this impressive milestone and look forward to their continued success in the years to come.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the Elmira Kiwanis Club.

IN RECOGNITION OF ANNA DIAZ-
WHITE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 3, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Anna Diaz-White as she is honored by 180 Turning Lives Around at their annual celebration on May 3, 2019. Ms. Diaz-White's exemplary leadership and contributions to 180 Turning Lives Around are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

For over 40 years, 180 Turning Lives Around has provided a safe outlet for victims of domestic and sexual violence, providing shelter, resources, counseling, and advocacy. The support that the agency provides to the community is truly immeasurable and Ms. Diaz-White's 35 years of service at 180 Turning Lives Around are indicative of her dedication to the agency and the care of the individuals and families they serve.

Joining 180 Turning Lives Around in 1985, Anna Diaz-White brought her experience from the financial sector to the non-profit in her role as Fiscal/Grant Administrator. Less than 10 years later, Ms. Diaz-White was unanimously selected by the Board of Trustees to serve as 180's Executive Director. Under her leadership, the agency has grown immensely, serving over one million people and expanding its outreach and services. Her vision and innovative thinking have created new standards of service in the field and serve as a model for other domestic violence agencies in New Jersey.

With her direction, 180 Turning Lives Around has built one of the largest and most inclusive domestic violence shelters in New Jersey, engaged and educated local law enforcement, created the Monmouth Family Justice Center, Amanda's Easel Creative Arts