

RECOGNITION OF SHEIDA
SAHANDY

HON. DENNY HECK

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Mr. HECK. Madam Speaker, today I recognize Sheida Sahandy for her extraordinary and unwavering dedication to the people of Washington state and efforts to restore Puget Sound. For over five years, Sheida served as the Executive Director of the Puget Sound Partnership, the state agency leading the coordination of Puget Sound recovery.

Sheida received her bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and then went on to study law at Columbia University. After working as an attorney for several years, Sheida returned to the classroom and earned her master's degree in Climate, Energy, and Environmental Policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Back in Washington state, Sheida used her notable background and legal expertise to spearhead programs and initiatives as Assistant to the City Manager for the City of Bellevue, where she created the City's first citywide environmental stewardship initiative.

In January 2014, Governor Jay Inslee appointed Sheida to serve as Executive Director of the Puget Sound Partnership, where for years she demonstrated her commitment to sustainability and conservancy issues in Washington state. The Puget Sound Partnership works with hundreds of partners and stakeholders to coalesce around a common goal: accelerating the collective effort to recover and sustain the Puget Sound. On federal-level issues, Sheida worked with the Congressional Puget Sound Recovery Caucus—which I co-chair along with my friend and colleague, DEREK KILMER—to convene key decision-makers here at the Capitol for the annual Puget Sound Day on the Hill. This event brings people from across the political spectrum to Washington, D.C. to advocate for increased federal attention to Puget Sound. Sheida also worked tirelessly with the Congressional Puget Sound Recovery Caucus to successfully craft and garner support for the PUGET SOS Act, which would increase federal and state coordination on recovery efforts.

Whether it's leading efforts at the state level to revitalize the salmon and orca populations, or working with legislators in Washington, D.C. to enact critical legislation, Sheida has always been an effective leader and the driving force behind the Puget Sound Partnership's success.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service of Sheida Sahandy, and I wish her and her family happiness as Sheida proceeds to the next chapter in her remarkable career.

COMMEMORATING THE 213TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE CANEY FORK
BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

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Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Caney

Fork Baptist Church in honor of their 213th anniversary.

A longstanding pillar in the Cookeville community, the Caney Fork Baptist Church, originally referred to as "Brown's Mill Church," is Putnam County's oldest Baptist Church. Joshua Bartlett and his wife, Winnie Williams Bartlett, founded the church after relocating to Tennessee from Boonesborough, Kentucky, in 1806. They constructed a fort, and within it was the cabin first used to host worship gatherings for the Caney Fork Baptist Church. The congregation relocated in 1931 to Highway 70 East in Cookeville, which is where they remain today.

In the early days of Tennessee's statehood, churches far outnumbered preachers. As was common then, the Caney Fork Baptist Church hosted traveling "revival preachers" for their services.

Throughout its history, the congregation affiliated with the general tenets of the Baptist denomination. From 1865 to 1897, the congregation embraced the Independent Baptist Christian denominational beliefs; they affiliated with the Free Will Baptist congregation from 1897 to 1918; and in 1918, the congregation joined with the larger Baptist denomination. Today, the Caney Fork Baptist Church is affiliated with the Stone Baptist Association, the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

I hope my House colleagues will join me in recognizing the Caney Fork Baptist Church for their longstanding service to the community, commitment to strengthening family values, and unwavering faith.

RECOGNIZING TOM MORRISON

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life's work of Thomas Roger Morrison, who served as a trusted local reporter and staple on televisions in my district since 1982.

Tom was born in Oakland, California on January 7, 1936 to proud parents, Lozetta and John Morrison. Shortly after his graduation from Oakland High School in 1954, Tom joined the Army and deployed to Korea. He patrolled the newly established Korean Demilitarized Zone in 1956 and 1957.

Tom took on the role of a volunteer reporter for local Channel TV 30 in 1982. After reporting on local stories for a time, Tom joined the TV 30 staff and became the anchor of the 580/680 News. He served in this role for 10 years and received two prestigious Bay Area Television Association awards for his work during that time.

After budgets no longer allowed the 580/680 News program to continue, Tom kept our community informed on local news and developments through his bi-weekly "Mayor's Report." With this platform, he would meet with local mayors and county supervisors to ensure that local residents had access to information about upcoming events and what was happening in their local government.

Tom's connection to the community was deep. His voice became synonymous with the

annual Saint Patrick's Day parade in my hometown of Dublin, as he served as the announcer for so many years. Whether he was reporting from the tarmac at the Livermore Airshow, hosting an election special, or a segment of the Slice of Life show, Tom was a trusted and revered source of news in my district.

Tom's work on behalf of our community continued until just two months ago, very shortly before his passing. His passion and commitment were recently memorialized when the studio at TV 30 adopted the honorary title, "Tom Morrison Studio."

After a long and valiant battle with cancer, Tom Morrison passed away peacefully on April 18, 2019. He is survived by a large and loving family, including Kathy, his wife of 23 years, his two sons, Kevin and Michael, his step-children, Stacey, Kristin, Amy, and Bradley, his sister Jenean, and the eight grandchildren he absolutely adored.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JOHN
K. VADAS

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I was saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. John K. Vadas, age 69, who passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

John's son Matt is one of my longest serving staff members. I very much depend on him to help me fulfill my duties and I am very proud of his service.

John was born on January 19, 1950, in Warren, Ohio to John and Margaret. He was a 1968 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School in Warren. I too am a graduate of JFK.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1969 to 1972, where he was the radar operator on the USS *Wasp*. Upon his honorable discharge, John took a position working for Packard Electric. He retired from Delphi in 2001.

On April 11, 1970, John married the former Sandra Allen.

John loved the outdoors and found peace in the woods by carving out time to go hunting and camping. He was an avid fan of the Cleveland Indians and NASCAR, cheering on driver Kevin Harvick. He stayed in touch with his shipmates as a member of the USS *Wasp* Association. Most importantly, John was a patriot who loved his family and was a devoted husband and father.

After 49 years of marriage, John is survived by his wife Sandra, and also survived by his sons, (Jon) Kristopher, Jason and Matthew Vadas; his brother, Michael (Judy) Vadas; as well as many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Kevin Vadas; his parents; and his brother, William Poppal.

I extend my deepest sympathies to Matt and all the family and friends whose lives were blessed by John Vadas.

HONORING CHIEF JEFFREY
WALCOTT, SCHUYLKILL HAVEN
POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise today to honor Schuylkill Haven Police Chief Jeffrey Walcott for his 25 years of service. Chief Walcott has been a remarkable leader of the Schuylkill Haven Police Department. Through promoting public safety and community he has become a fixture of Schuylkill Haven Elementary Center's "Salute to Blue Program."

A veteran of the United States Air Force, Chief Walcott has been a model officer and public servant for citizens of all ages. He is a skilled officer, certified in firearms instruction, active shooter response, and teaches G.R.A.P.L.E for Law Enforcement and Military Personnel. He has certainly earned the respect of the community he protects and the officers he serves alongside.

After 25 years leading the "Salute to Blue" Program, I invite my colleagues to join me in saluting Chief Jeffrey Walcott for his dedicated service and dedication to the Greater Schuylkill Haven Community. On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the citizens of Pennsylvania's Ninth Congressional District, I extend my sincerest appreciation and respect for Chief Walcott's lifetime of service.

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL
POLICE WEEK

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as a member of the Law Enforcement Caucus and a senior member of the Committees on Judiciary and Homeland Security, I rise to commemorate National Police Week, which runs from May 12 through May 18, 2019.

It is altogether fitting and proper that we do this.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is the nation's monument to law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty.

Dedicated on October 15, 1991, the Memorial honors federal, state and local law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and protection of our nation and its people.

Carved on its walls are the names of 21,910 officers who have been killed in the line of duty throughout U.S. history, dating back to the first known death in 1791.

Added to the Wall this year will be the names of the 158 police officers killed in the line of duty in 2018.

Madam Speaker, enshrined on the Memorial Wall of Honor also are the names of 1,751 fallen peace officers from the state of Texas, the most of any state, including 115 members of the Houston Police Department who gave their lives to keep their city safe.

Madam Speaker, today there are more than 900,000 law enforcement personnel serving

the people of our country, the highest amount ever.

About 12 percent of them are female.

These brave men and women risk their lives to keep the peace and keep us safe, but they are too often taken by the violence they are working to prevent.

Every year, a law enforcement officer is killed somewhere in the United States every 55 hours, and there are also 60,211 assaults against our law officers each year, resulting in 17,476 injuries.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent the people of the 18th Congressional District of Texas in paying tribute to the 158 fallen heroes who will be joining the 21,910 gallant men and women who gave the last full measure of devotion to the communities they took an oath to protect and serve.

Madam Speaker, I ask for a moment of silence in memory of the 158 officers who died in the line of duty in 2018 and an additional 213 officers who died in previous years but whose story had been lost to history, the names of all of whom will be added to the National Peace Officers Memorial Wall of Honor.

HOUSTON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
MEMORIALIZED ON THE WALL OF HONOR

1. Timothy Scott Abernethy; End of Watch: December 7, 2008; Houston, Texas, P.D.
2. Charles H. Baker; End of Watch: August 16, 1979; Houston, Texas, P.D.
3. Johnny Terrell Bamsch; End of Watch: January 30, 1975; Houston, Texas, P.D.
4. Claude R. Beck; End of Watch: December 10, 1971; Houston, Texas, P.D.
5. Jack B. Beets; End of Watch: March 30, 1955; Houston, Texas, P.D.
6. TROY A. BLAND; End of Watch: May 19, 1999; Houston, Texas, P.D.
7. James Charles Boswell; End of Watch: December 9, 1989; Houston, Texas, P.D.
8. C.E. Branon; End of Watch: March 20, 1959; Houston, Texas, P.D.
9. John M. Cain; End of Watch: August 3, 1911; Houston, Texas, P.D.
10. Richard H. Calhoun; End of Watch: October 10, 1975; Houston Texas Police Department.
11. Dionicio M. Camacho; End of Watch: October 23, 2009; Harris County, Texas, S.O.
12. Henry Canales; End of Watch: June 23, 2009; Houston, Texas, P.D.
13. Frank Manuel Cantu, Jr.; End of Watch: March 25, 2004; Houston, Texas, P.D.
14. E.C. Chavez; End of Watch: September 17, 1925; Houston, Texas, P.D.
15. Charles Roy Clark; End of Watch: April 3, 2003; Houston, Texas, P.D.
16. Charles Robert Coates II; End of Watch: February 23, 1983; Houston, Texas, P.D.
17. Pete Corrales; End of Watch: January 25, 1925; Houston, Texas, P.D.
18. Rufus E. Daniels; End of Watch: August 23, 1917; Houston, Texas, P.D.
19. Johnnie Davidson; End of Watch: February 19, 1921; Houston, Texas, P.D.
20. Worth Davis; End of Watch: June 17, 1928; Houston, Texas, P.D.
21. Keith Alan Dees; End of Watch: March 7, 2002; Houston, Texas, P.D.
22. Reuben Becerra DeLeon; End of Watch: October 26, 2005; Houston, Texas, P.D.
23. William Edwin DeLeon; End of Watch: March 29, 1982; Houston, Texas, P.D.
24. Floyd T. Deloach, Jr.; End of Watch: June 30, 1965; Houston, Texas, P.D.
25. George D. Edwards; End of Watch: June 30, 1939; Houston, Texas, P.D.
26. Dawn Suzanne Erickson; End of Watch: December 24, 1995; Houston, Texas, P.D.
27. J.C. Etheridge; End of Watch: August 23, 1924; Houston, Texas, P.D.

28. James E. Fenn; End of Watch: March 14, 1891; Houston, Texas, P.D.

29. E.D. Fitzgerald; End of Watch: September 30, 1930; Houston, Texas, P.D.

30. C. Edward Foley; End of Watch: March 10, 1860; Houston, Texas, P.D.

31. Joseph Robert Free; End of Watch: October 18, 1912; Houston, Texas, P.D.

32. Guy P. Gaddis; End of Watch: January 31, 1994; Houston, Texas, P.D.

33. James T. Gambill; End of Watch: December 1, 1936; Houston, Texas, P.D.

34. Florentino M. Garcia, Jr.; End of Watch: November 10, 1989; Houston, Texas, P.D.

35. Ben Eddie Gerhart; End of Watch: June 26, 1968; Houston, Texas, P.D.

36. G.Q. Gonzalez; End of Watch: February 28, 1960; Houston, Texas, P.D.

37. Charles R. Gougenheim; End of Watch: April 30, 1955; Houston, Texas, P.D.

38. Carl Greene; End of Watch: March 14, 1928; Houston, Texas, P.D.

39. Leon Griggs; End of Watch: January 31, 1970; Houston, Texas, P.D.

40. Maria Michelle Groves; End of Watch: April 10, 1987; Houston, Texas, P.D.

41. Gary Allen Gryder; End of Watch: June 29, 2008; Houston, Texas, P.D.

42. Antonio Guzman, Jr.; End of Watch: January 9, 1973; Houston, Texas, P.D.

43. Howard B. Hammond; End of Watch: August 18, 1946; Houston, Texas, P.D.

44. James Donald Harris; End of Watch: July 13, 1982; Houston, Texas, P.D.

45. David Michael Healy; End of Watch: November 12, 1994; Houston, Texas, P.D.

46. Timothy A. Hearn; End of Watch: June 8, 1978; Houston, Texas, P.D.

47. Oscar Hope; End of Watch: June 22, 1929; Houston, Texas, P.D.

48. Elston M. Howard; End of Watch: July 20, 1988; Houston, Texas, P.D.

49. David Huerta; End of Watch: September 19, 1973; Houston, Texas, P.D.

50. James Bruce Irby; End of Watch: June 27, 1990; Houston, Texas, P.D.

51. Bobby L. James; End of Watch: June 26, 1968; Houston, Texas, P.D.

52. John C. James; End of Watch: December 12, 1901; Houston, Texas, P.D.

53. Rodney Joseph Johnson; End of Watch: September 21, 2006; Houston, Texas, P.D.

54. Ed Jones; End of Watch: September 13, 1929; Houston, Texas, P.D.

55. P.P. Jones; End of Watch: January 30, 1927; Houston, Texas, P.D.

56. Frank L. Kellogg; End of Watch: November 30, 1955; Houston, Texas, P.D.

57. S.A. Buster Kent; End of Watch: January 12, 1954; Houston, Texas, P.D.

58. James F. Kilty; End of Watch: April 8, 1976; Houston, Texas, P.D.

59. Kent Dean Kincaid; End of Watch: May 23, 1998; Houston, Texas, P.D.

60. Louis R. Kuba; End of Watch: May 17, 1967; Houston, Texas, P.D.

61. J.D. Landry; End of Watch: December 3, 1930; Houston, Texas, P.D.

62. Robert Wayne Lee; End of Watch: January 31, 1971; Houston, Texas, P.D.

63. Fred Maddox, Jr.; End of Watch: February 24, 1954; Houston, Texas, P.D.

64. Eydelen Mani; End of Watch: May 19, 2010; Houston, Texas, P.D.

65. A.P. Marshall; End of Watch: November 8, 1937; Houston, Texas, P.D.

66. Charles R. McDaniel; End of Watch: August 4, 1963; Houston, Texas, P.D.

67. E.G. Meinke; End of Watch: August 23, 1917; Houston, Texas, P.D.

68. Harry Mereness; End of Watch: October 18, 1933; Houston, Texas, P.D.

69. Noel R. Miller; End of Watch: June 6, 1958; Houston, Texas, P.D.

70. Kenneth L. Moody; End of Watch: November 26, 1969; Houston, Texas, P.D.

71. Horace Moody; End of Watch: August 23, 1917; Houston, Texas, P.D.