

HONORING HECTOR GODINEZ FUNDAMENTAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR FIRST CIF SOUTHERN SECTION SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize the Hector Godinez Fundamental High School softball team who recently won their first CIF Southern Section Championship in school history.

On Saturday, May 18, the softball team clinched their first ever title, defeating El Segundo High School by a score of 15–1, becoming the CIF Southern Section Division 4 Champions. They won all five of the CIF games by five or more runs, making a dominating run to the championship.

It has been a truly outstanding season for both Godinez Fundamental High School softball and the City of Santa Ana. Their head coach, Ed Medina, has been the coach since the school opened in 2007 and was named the 2019 Orange County Softball Coach of the Year. His assistant coaches are Clarissa Castellanos, Kevin Pola, and Selene Pola.

In 2017, they made it to the CIF-SS Semi Finals and in 2018, they made it to the 2nd round of playoffs. This season, they outdid themselves with an overall regular season record of 21–4. They won the Golden West League Championship, with an undefeated record of 10–0 in their first year in the league. This is their fourth league championship in a row, previously winning three Orange Coast League Championships in 2016, 2017, and 2018.

The Hector Godinez Fundamental High School softball team has truly been a dominating force on the softball field this season, especially during the playoffs. They have six graduating seniors and many more returning, and I am confident they will be a force to be reckoned with in the 2020 High School softball season. The team is truly a special group of young women and I am proud of all their accomplishments. Congratulations again on being the 2019 CIF Southern Section Division 4 softball champions.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO AGENTS AND OFFICERS OF U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PATROL

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, the mission of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is broad and diverse. The men and women of CBP protect our borders at and between ports of entry. They protect the American people against terrorists and the instruments of terror. They enforce the laws of the United States while fostering our Nation's economic security through lawful international trade and travel. CBP employees provide selfless service to their nation and they do so with honor and distinction under an ever-present threat.

As a former judge, I know firsthand the essential role law enforcement officers play in maintaining law and order and the risks they face every time they report for duty. I would like to pay tribute to the agents and officers who lost their lives in the service of our Nation. While their watches have ended, the legacy and the commitment of all who wear the badge live on.

Lawrence B. Pierce, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Border Patrol, Chula Vista, California, End of Watch: August 17, 1995.

James P. Epling, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Yuma, Arizona, End of Watch: December 16, 2003.

Travis W. Attaway, Senior Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Harlingen, Texas, End of Watch: September 19, 2004.

Jeremy M. Wilson, Senior Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Harlingen, Texas, End of Watch: September 19, 2004.

George B. Debates, Senior Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Casa Grande, Arizona, End of Watch: December 19, 2004.

Nicholas D. Greenig, Senior Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Tucson, Arizona, End of Watch, March 14, 2006.

David N. Webb, Senior Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Ajo, Arizona, End of Watch: November 3, 2006.

Ramon Nevarez, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Lordsburg, New Mexico, End of Watch: March 15, 2007.

David J. Tourscher, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Lordsburg, New Mexico, End of Watch: March 16, 2007.

Clinton B. Thrasher, Air Interdiction Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, McAllen, Texas, End of Watch: April 25, 2007.

Richard Goldstein, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Indio, California, End of Watch: May 11, 2007.

Robert F. Smith, Air Interdiction Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, El Paso, Texas, End of Watch: May 22, 2007.

Eric N. Cabral, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Boulevard, California, End of Watch: July 26, 2007.

Julio E. Baray, Air Interdiction Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, El Paso, Texas, End of Watch: September 24, 2007.

Luis A. Aguilar, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Yuma, Arizona, End of Watch: January 19, 2008.

Jarod C. Dittman, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, San Diego, California, End of Watch: March 30, 2008.

Nathaniel A. Afolayan, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Artesia, New Mexico, End of Watch: May 1, 2009.

Cruz C. McGuire, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Del Rio, Texas, End of Watch: May 21, 2009.

Robert W. Rosas, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Campo, California, End of Watch: July 23, 2009.

Mark F. Van Doren, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Falfurrias, Texas, End of Watch: May 24, 2010.

Charles F. Collins II, CBP Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Anchorage, Alaska, End of Watch: August 15, 2010.

Michael V. Gallagher, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Casa

Grande, Arizona, End of Watch: September 2, 2010.

John R. Zykas, CBP Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, San Diego, California, End of Watch: September 8, 2010.

Brian A. Terry, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Naco, Cochise, Arizona, End of Watch: December 15, 2010.

Hector R. Clark, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Yuma, Arizona, End of Watch: May 12, 2011.

Eduardo Rojas, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Yuma, Arizona, End of Watch: May 12, 2011.

Leopoldo Cavazos, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Fort Hancock, Texas, End of Watch: July 6, 2012.

James R. Dominguez, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Cline, Texas, End of Watch: July 19, 2012.

Jeffrey Ramirez, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Laredo, Texas, End of Watch: September 15, 2012.

Nicholas J. Ivie, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Bisbee, Arizona, End of Watch: October 2, 2012.

David R. Delaney, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Big Bend National Park, Texas, End of Watch: November 2, 2012.

Darrell J. Windhaus, CBP Officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Brownsville, Texas, End of Watch: December 29, 2013.

Alexander I. Giannini, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Benson, Arizona, End of Watch: May 28, 2014.

Javier Vega, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Santa Monica, Texas, End of Watch: August 3, 2014.

Tyler R. Robledo, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Carrizo Springs, Texas, End of Watch: September 12, 2014.

Jose D. Barraza, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Sierra Blanca, Texas, End of Watch: April 18, 2016.

Manuel A. Alvarez, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Casa Grande, Arizona, End of Watch: August 11, 2016.

David Gomez, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, El Paso, Texas, End of Watch: November 16, 2016.

Isaac Morales, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, El Paso, Texas, End of Watch: May 24, 2017.

Rogelio Martinez, Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, El Paso, Texas, End of Watch: November 19, 2017.

Christopher T. Bacon, Intelligence Collection Operations Manager, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Grand Forks, North Dakota, End of Watch: June 7, 2018.

IN MEMORY OF ROY APPLETON,
JR.

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Mr. Roy Appleton, Jr., who passed away on Monday, April 8, 2019 after a lifetime of service to our nation and his North Texas neighbors.

As a young man, Roy Appleton, Jr. served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He saw combat action for more than 35 months in the South Pacific, taking part in the invasion of Iwo Jima and fighting in multiple battles including the retaking Guadalcanal and Saipan.

Upon his return home to Texas, Mr. Appleton married Margie Lee Monroe of Denton in 1947. He earned a degree from the University of North Texas in 1949. Even before he graduated, Mr. Appleton began working at the Denton Record-Chronicle. He was employed by the paper for more than four decades, retiring in 1991 as president and general manager. Aside from his service in the U.S. Marine Corps, Mr. Appleton spent his entire career at the paper.

An engaged community leader, Mr. Appleton served in a variety of leadership roles for the Denton Chamber of Commerce, the Denton Economic Development Advisory Board, and United Way of Denton County. He was an active member of the Denton Rotary Club and Denton Jaycees, as well as a director of First State Bank and a ruling elder at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

In 2014, the Greater Denton Arts Council renamed their home the “Patterson-Appleton Center for the Visual Arts” in recognition of Mr. Appleton’s contributions to the art culture of Denton County, which include the creation of the Campus Theatre, annual Holiday Lighting Festival, and Denton Arts & Jazz Festival.

In recognition of his many contributions to the North Texas community, the Greater Denton Arts Council (GDAC) will honor Mr. Appleton’s legacy of philanthropy and civic engagement at its annual awards event on May 31, 2019.

I am grateful for Mr. Appleton’s many decades of selfless service to our nation and our community. On behalf of the 26th District of Texas, I offer my condolences to his family, friends, and neighbors.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF PIKE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor a remarkable organization, the Pike County Farm Bureau. The Pike County Farm Bureau in central Illinois is a vital organization in the area that promotes agricultural prosperity. After many years of success and service, the Pike County Farm Bureau is celebrating their 100th anniversary.

The Pike County Farm Bureau was chartered on May 10, 1919, to unite farmers in the area and advocate for central Illinois agriculture collectively. Today, the group has 2,200 members supporting the community and economy throughout the county.

The Pike County Farm Bureau provides a voice for farmers, promotes the development of agriculture, and educates and empowers future leaders in the industry. Additionally, Pike County Farm Bureau coordinates with other associations and agencies to promote the well-being and interests of its members.

Illinois has become a major economic force within the agricultural sector because of farm

bureaus like Pike County that come together and enhance opportunities for farmers, their families, and the community. I extend my sincere congratulations to Pike County Farm Bureau for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions to Illinois.

HONORING THE WORK OF MICHAEL KAHN

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael Kahn, who is stepping down from the Shakespeare Theatre Company (STC) after 33 years as Artistic Director, having revolutionized the performance of Shakespeare and classical theater in Washington, D.C. Kahn helped to transform D.C. theater from a small scene to the fastest growing professional theater community in the nation, renowned for its variety of theatrical productions.

Kahn believes that theater should be accessible and affordable to all, so he instituted programs such as Free For All, offering free performances of a Shakespearean classic to the general public each summer, the Happenings Happy Hour, offers free performances of local artists, musicians, and performers of a wide variety of disciplines, and the FREE WILL program, offering free tickets for every STC mainstage production in the season. Over 700,000 people have attended a free Shakespeare play, and over 90,000 young people have seen student matinee productions of classic works.

Kahn has built connections between classical theater and the political life of Washington, D.C. with contemporary and urgent productions of Shakespeare and beloved events such as the annual Mock Trial, presided over by Justices of the Supreme Court. I have had the opportunity to perform several times in Will on the Hill, a comedy performance based on Shakespeare’s works featuring Members of Congress, fostering bipartisan support for arts education. STC serves students in every traditional D.C. public and public charter high school, providing in-school workshops, free supplemental materials and free or deeply subsidized tickets and transportation to theatrical performances.

Kahn’s dedication to theater education can be seen through his various roles over the years, such as his tenure as Richard Rodgers Director of the Drama Division at the Juilliard School and his time as faculty at New York University Graduate School of the Arts, the Circle in the Square Theater School and Princeton University. He brought that expertise to Washington, D.C., where he launched the Academy for Classical Acting, a one-year master’s program at The George Washington University, which has been preparing the next generation of classically trained actors for 20 years.

Kahn’s visionary work has brought national and international recognition, including a Regional Theater Tony Award in 2012 for STC, and personal honors such as an induction as Honorary Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Hall of Fame. During his Artistic Directorship, STC has gar-

nered 104 Helen Hayes Awards and 442 nominations, with Kahn receiving nine wins for Outstanding Direction and an additional 12 nominations.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Michael Kahn for his leadership, his theatrical innovations and farsighted initiatives, and a life devoted to the theater.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOYCE HOWARD PITTMAN

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Joyce Howard Pittman of Irving, Texas.

Born in Dallas, Texas on August 31, 1940, Joyce Howard Pittman had a passion for family and serving others from a young age. Growing up in the Dallas suburb of Rylie, Texas, Joyce spent many days working in the fields as the child of a farmer. Her father, O.B. Howard, and mother, Thelma Louis Hiser Howard, worked to instill in her the values of hard work and personal responsibility. From early on, it was clear that Joyce was a natural servant leader and entrepreneur.

In June 1958, Joyce met Clyde Pittman at the Dallas Farmers Market, just south of downtown Dallas. Clyde and Joyce were married almost 61 years and together they had two children, Craig Howard Pittman and Clarissa Dawn Pittman Lindsey. While Clyde served in the United States Air Force, Joyce traveled with him on assignment to destinations including Omaha, Nebraska and San Angelo, Texas. Their growing family soon settled in Irving, Texas where Joyce began to engage in local politics. She was one of the founders of the Irving Republican Women’s Club where she served in various capacities and leadership roles. Additionally, Joyce served as a Republican Party Precinct Chair in Dallas County and was a fixture at election time in her neighborhood where she walked blocks and made phone calls for local, state, and national candidates.

In April of 1974, at the age of 33, Joyce was elected to the Irving City Council. Joyce was the first woman ever elected to the city council and helped pave the way for many women leaders in Irving and the North Texas community that would follow her. Throughout Joyce’s time serving as a councilmember, she was known as a consensus builder and a champion of good government. Following her service on the city council, Joyce joined the North Texas Commission as a consultant. Again, serving as the first woman in this role, Joyce worked to foster economic prosperity in the North Texas region.

Throughout her life, Joyce had an entrepreneurial spirit. As a small business owner, Joyce operated a residential building business which thrived during significant growth in the Dallas-Fort Worth area during the 1980s. In the late 1990s, Joyce and Clyde took over an Odessa, Texas telecommunications company, DMJ Communications. Joyce served as the COO and commuted weekly from Irving to operate the organization.

In 2012, Joyce was diagnosed with multiple myeloma. During Joyce’s battle, she remained