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HONORING THE NAPA VALLEY VINTNERS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Napa Valley Vintners on the 75th anniversary of its founding.

The Napa Valley Vintners is an important association in our community. Since its formation in 1944, the institution has supported an exchange of ideas and worked to elevate the status of Napa Valley wines. Napa Valley Vintners has grown from seven founders to an organization that represents over 550 wineries in Napa County. The Napa Valley Vintners has provided more than \$185 million in support to Napa County non-profit organizations since 1981 through its annual fundraiser, Auction Napa Valley. The members of the organization have worked tirelessly for more than seven decades to protect the integrity of the Napa Valley name and have advocated for those who earn the right to carry its prestigious name on their labels.

It is the Napa Valley Vintners mission to promote, protect, and enhance Napa Valley, which they have honored. The Napa Valley Vintners has been recognized on local, state, federal and international stages as a premiere trade organization and a commanding leader in the global wine industry. The Napa Valley Vintners is committed to environmental stewardship in our community. It is a founding member of the Napa Green program and received the Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award (GEELA) in 2018. With this highest statewide honor of environmental leadership, the Napa Valley Vintners have proven their commitment to the cultivation of our community.

Madam Speaker, the Napa Valley Vintners is an essential institution in Napa Valley and in the wine community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the association on the 75th anniversary of its founding.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the FY 2019 Transportation and Housing Appropriations Bill, which provides more than \$71 billion to partially re-open the government.

Families living in housing supported by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) deserve to know they will have a roof over their heads.

This bill will ensure that struggling families are not evicted from their homes because of

the Trump Administration's incompetence and cruelty.

There was a report this week that thousands of families could be evicted because HUD officials forgot about Section 8 contracts that expired last month.

Let me reiterate: families could become homeless—in the depths of winter—because these Trump officials couldn't keep track of this program.

Madam Speaker, this is just downright unacceptable. And it's hurting people across the country. In my home district, renovations on an affordable housing project has been put on hold because of this shutdown.

There is an affordable housing crisis in this country, Madam Speaker. A delay in projects like this will mean fewer people have a place to rest their heads at night.

These families deserve better.

Madam Speaker, the Trump shutdown is hurting real families and it's hurting our economy.

Let's pass this bill to reopen the government, and make sure families can stay in their homes.

I urge my colleagues to vote yes.

IN HONOR OF RANDY WILKES BEING NAMED ALABAMA SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize Randy Wilkes who was named Alabama Superintendent of the Year.

Randy serves as Phenix City Schools Superintendent and was given the honor at the School Superintendents of Alabama 2018 Fall Conference at the Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa in Florence, Alabama. He was chosen out of over 130 superintendents.

The Phenix City Schools have made much progress under his leadership including a rising graduation rate and the highest math ACT score in the system's history.

Randy is a graduate of Goshen and Troy University and the son of Gerald and Juanita Wilkes.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Randy Wilkes on this deserved honor.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LAMAR STATE COLLEGE ORANGE

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Mr. BABBIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lamar State College Orange on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

Lamar State College Orange is a unique campus on the Sabine River in Orange, Texas, composed of re-purposed buildings that revitalized the downtown area creating a beautiful campus. LSCO opened in the fall of 1969 as an extension center of Lamar University.

sity and first held classes for 362 students in the vacant Tilley Elementary School located on the site of the former naval base in Orange. That structure burned in 1971, prompting community leaders to raise funds for the purchase of a new facility. The fund raising campaign produced \$250,000 that allowed for the purchase of a building located on Front Street in downtown Orange. That same year the Texas legislature approved the operation of a two-year educational center in Orange and appropriated \$125,000 to support the operation of the center then known as Lamar University at Orange.

Dr. Joe Ben Welch played a key role in the early growth and development of the college. He served as director, dean, provost and president during his nineteen-year tenure at the institution. The initial class offerings focused on academic courses that would transfer and count toward a baccalaureate degree. Welch, however, saw the need to offer career-oriented programs that would prepare students for immediate entry into the workforce, and he began to add programs such as vocational nursing and welding. This mix of academic and career-oriented programs defines the campus mission to this day. Dr. Welch retired in 1989 after nineteen years of service to Lamar.

In 1994, the Board selected Dr. J. Michael Shahan as President of LSCO. Under Shahan's leadership, the campus has grown to over 2,000 students and made significant improvements to the campus infrastructure. The Ron E. Lewis Library was completed in 2001, the first new construction in the college's history. A new nursing school and classroom building was added in 2013. Dr. Shahan saw Lamar through hurricanes and floods and still managed to continue the growth that led to an enrollment of more than 2,600 students today. After twenty-four years, Dr. Shahan retired in 2018 with the honor of having the new Cypress Event Center being renamed the J. Michael and Bridget Shahan Event Center.

In 2018, Dr. Thomas Johnson was selected as President, and under his leadership Lamar State College Orange will no doubt continue its legacy of two-year academic programs, numerous technical programs and customized training programs to meet the needs of local business and industry playing a key role in southeast Texas' growth and development.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize Lamar State College Orange on this important anniversary. May God continue to bless and grow LSCO and the community and students it serves.

HONORING MARY PARZIALE OF DRACUT, MASSACHUSETTS ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Mrs. TRAHAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Parziale of Dracut, Massachusetts who is turning 100 years old on Friday, January 25, 2019. Mary dedicated her life to raising a large family and working hard to help benefit those in her community. Mary has lived her life admirably, and her legacy of hard work

and public service continues to inspire many in our community.

Mary Parziale was born in Trapani, Sicily and arrived in the United States at the young age of 18 months. Mary lived in the North End of Boston, Massachusetts where she grew up to have 8 children of her own. At the age of 44, Mary received her driver's license and worked in a shoe factory until she was recruited by a police officer to work in the Labor Division at the Massachusetts State House. After 20 years of commitment to this new line of work, Mary retired.

Mary's lifetime commitment to our community and her work at the Massachusetts State House Labor Division has been invaluable to Massachusetts.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Ms. Mary Parziale today.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR.
RICHARD ALLEN SHIRLEY

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the storied life of one of my constituents, decorated Vietnam War veteran Richard Allen Shirley.

On September 14, 1947 in the small town of Toppenish, Washington, our nation was blessed with Richard Shirley. A true patriot, Richard knew he wanted to serve our country, so he joined the United States Military. From 1964 to 1970, Richard proudly served six years in the United States Navy, four of those years aboard the USS *Yorktown* during the Vietnam War. While in the Navy, he earned several medals for his service, including the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

After being honorably discharged from the Navy, Richard moved to Biggs, California. For the next 46 years he worked at the Butte

County Rice Growers Association in Richvale, California, where he met his wife Terry. During that time is when I had the pleasure of getting to know Richard. He was always friendly, helpful, and never without a smile. Richard was always beaming about his lovely family and the sense of fulfillment they constantly brought to his life.

Seen as a father figure to many, Richard was the kind of man that would give someone the shirt off his back if they needed it. He often opened his home to strangers, and many of those strangers soon felt they were part of his extended family.

On Sunday, January 20, 2019, we lost Richard Shirley to a difficult battle with cancer. The sadness that many in Butte County feel right now is immense, but we must take comfort in knowing that his legacy will not be forgotten. May the Lord continue to guide his family and may they be consoled by the knowledge that they too will see Richard again someday.

Please join me and the constituents of California's First Congressional District in remembering and honoring the distinguished life of Richard Allen Shirley. He will be greatly missed.