

husband Randy Barnette, her son John Hundrieser and his wife Maria, and their children, Oliver and Emma.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding Alderman Laurino's years of service to the City of Chicago. I hope that her dedication and hard work inspire us all to see the difference we can make by serving our local communities. I wish her a happy and successful retirement and all the best in her future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF PLEASANTON'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the City of Pleasanton, California, on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of its founding which will occur next week on June 18.

The valley where Pleasanton sits has been a source of valuable resources for over 5,000 years. Prior to the arrival of European settlers, it was home to wetlands and an immensely diverse portfolio of plants and animal life that sustained generations of Native Americans.

Spanish settlers were drawn to the vast and plentiful landscape and plentiful water supply established a ranching and farming culture that flourished and served as a magnet to others that passed through during the California Gold Rush in the foothills nearby.

In the decades that followed, the area was named for a Civil War general of the United States Army and Union cavalry and saw the arrival of the transcontinental railroads. The population was approximately 500 people at the time; however, that would not last long.

The same rich soil that sustained the Native American populations for so long was then home to vineyards and hop fields that yielded a supply that was sought after across the nation and internationally. By 1900, Pleasanton became home to all of this, in addition to its own bank and several hotels.

Since that time, growth and development has only continued. In the 1980s, Pleasanton broke ground on a massive project that would change the trajectory of the city and the region around it. The 850-acre Hacienda Business Park was the new magnet drawing industry and economic development into the valley.

With a current population of approximately 85,000, Pleasanton is now home to one of the top 10 school districts in the State of California and holds over 1,200 acres of recreational space that play host to festivals, parades, and year-round weekly farmers markets.

In recognition of its 125 years of incorporation, Pleasanton will be holding a Summer of Celebration, which will begin with a reception on the anniversary of its founding, June 18, 2019. Throughout the summer, residents of California's 15th Congressional District can take advantage of several events and exhibits throughout the city.

Congratulations to Pleasanton on their anniversary, and good wishes for a summer of fun and celebration of our local history.

HONORING THE DILLARD HIGH SCHOOL'S SUPPORTMUSIC MERIT AWARD

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, it is my great privilege to rise today to honor Dillard High School for being the recipient of the 2019 SupportMusic Merit Award by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM).

The Support Music Award recognized Dillard High School for outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. It recognizes the commitment and dedication of Dillard High School to music and the arts as innovative learning opportunities for a well-rounded education. Dillard High School has always supported and encouraged students in music education from the beginning, starting with Julian Edwin "Cannonball" Adderley teaching jazz to students to today when students get to work and perform with professionals at the Broward Center for Performing Art and the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art.

Dillard High School is one of 98 schools across the nation to be a SupportMusic Merit Award recipient demonstrating an unwavering commitment to providing comprehensive music education. I applaud the hard work and dedication of each person making Dillard an exceptional school.

The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit organization that advances active participation in making music throughout a person's life. The SupportMusic Award given by NAMM recognizes that Dillard High School is leading the way with learning opportunities as outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). ESSA recognizes that music is an important element of a well-rounded education for all children.

Madam Speaker, Dillard High School is an exceptional High School in our community, one that we can all admire and respect. I commend the students, faculty and staff for their inspiring commitment to music, and wish them many more years of continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE MANASSAS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT 2019 PRINCE WILLIAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend the City of Manassas Police Department and its outstanding members who have demonstrated superior dedication to ensuring the safety of their colleagues and members of the community and their designation as 2019 Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Award recipients. The annual Valor Awards ceremony recognizes the remarkable heroism and bravery above and beyond the line of duty exemplified by our public safety and law enforcement professionals. For the past 33 years, the Prince William Chamber of Com-

merce has paid tribute to police officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel for their extraordinary service.

Incorporated in 1975, the 10 square miles of the City of Manassas is located thirty miles southwest of the Nation's Capital and surrounded by Prince William County. Recognized as a "Gold Standard with Excellence Agency" by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, the City of Manassas Police Department maintains a proactive approach to crime prevention built on established relationships within the community. As a result, the 120 employees maintain a high-level of professionalism, dedication, and commitment to the more than 41,000 residents.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the City of Manassas Police Department law enforcement professionals. These brave men and women put their lives at risk on a daily basis to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. In recognition of their acts of valor, the following individuals are being honored for their extraordinary dedication and outstanding performance under unusually difficult or dangerous circumstances.

Valor Merit Award: Senior Police Officer Alexander, Officer Joshua Aussems, Officer Shaun Barrett, Officer Ethan Eustace, Officer Juan Armas, Parking Enforcement Officer Isabel Myers.

Hillary Robinette Valor Award: Detective Derrick Black, Senior Detective Speights, Lieutenant Elia Alfonso, Sergeant Serena Bowers, Master Detective Michael Gemmell, Master Detective Tim Urey, Master Detective Jonathan Agule, Detective Luis Armas, Officer Ryan McCarthy, Crime Analyst Alemayehu, Sergeant Gavin Young.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 2019 Prince William Chamber of Commerce Valor Award recipients of the City of Manassas Police Department. The selfless acts of heroism by this distinguished group of men and women merits our highest praise. I thank each honoree, as well as all City of Manassas Police Department law enforcement professionals, for their dedication and commitment to the protection of our communities.

HONORING SEÑORA DOÑA CRUZ CORTEZ

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise in honor of Señora Doña Cruz Cortez, who passed away on May 30, 2019 at the age of 98. Señora Cortez hails from my hometown of San Antonio, Texas and is survived by four generations of Cortez family members. An entrepreneurial icon, her impact in our community is unparalleled after decades of work that has contributed to the overall success of San Antonio's economy, tourism, and workforce. She will be greatly missed.

Señora Cortez was born on May 2, 1921 near the banks of San Pedro Creek. Señora Cortez started from humble beginnings but held strong convictions from the beginning of the importance of family, culture and community.

In 1941, shortly after marrying her husband Señor Pedro "Pete" Cortez, the family opened Mi Tierra Café in San Antonio's El Mercado. From what began as a small three-table venue, Mi Tierra Café grew into a well-established community hub.

After 75 years, Mi Tierra still stands as one of San Antonio's cultural institutions. Today, La Familia Cortez Restaurants represent iconic local establishments throughout San Antonio and serves thousands per year.

At the age of 90, Señora Doña Cruz Cortez retired from La Familia Cortez Restaurants and left the booming family enterprise to her grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, the San Antonio community mourns the loss of this icon. Señora Doña Cruz Cortez embodied the American Dream and its impact on San Antonio better than most. She was truly remarkable.

I am proud to have known her and seen the immeasurable impact her warmth, commitment and dedication had on our community. Although we have lost a pillar in our community, her legacy will live on.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I was absent for the following vote on June 12, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll No. 250—On Motion to Adjourn.

IN RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS RECIPIENT AARON JACOBSON

HON. SEAN P. DUFFY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Mr. DUFFY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroism of WWII veteran, Aaron Jacobson, who through his actions was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

Mr. Jacobson enlisted in the Army at the age of 32 and shipped off to fight against the evils of National Socialism in WWII. He landed on the beaches of Normandy and fought all the way through to the Battle of the Bulge, where he was awarded the second oak leaf cluster on his Purple Heart Award after his finger was severed by a German bullet.

Mr. Jacobson's military records were destroyed in a series of fires. One took place in 1973 at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. His was among the roughly 16–18 million records containing individual stories of American servicemen destroyed in that fire. The other fire tragically took his home and the life of his brother.

Aaron's family and friends spent tireless hours combing through records, newspaper articles, websites and their recollection of his personal stories to re-construct the events of that day. Although we do not have the exact wording of his citation, I would like to tell you what happened on the day that Mr. Jacobson earned his Distinguished Service Cross.

On September 21, 1944, somewhere in the Parroy Forest of France, the 313th Infantry

Regiment, of the 79th Infantry Division, in which Private First Class Aaron Jacobson was serving, was mopping up a battlefield that had just been cleared. Suddenly, machine gun fire split the air and his men hit the ground. PFC Jacobson, without regard to his own life, low crawled towards a position from which he could flank the machine gun nest. As he approached the nest, he realized his rifle was full of mud and wouldn't fire. Undeterred, he fixed his bayonet and stabbed the rear guard of the nest. Using the firearm captured from the German soldier he had just killed, he neutralized the remaining three Germans in the machine gun nest. PFC Aaron Jacobson's heroic actions that day saved many American lives, and we as a nation owe him a great debt of gratitude.

HONOR FLIGHT OF OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize one Vietnam veteran, nine World War II veterans and thirteen Korean War veterans from Oregon who are visiting their memorials on the National Mall on Friday, June 14, 2019, through Honor Flight of Oregon. Every time I have the chance to meet one of these heroes, I am reminded of the poignant words of General Dwight D. Eisenhower. In a message to Allied troops just before D-Day, he said, "The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you."

He was right then, of course, Madam Speaker. But over seventy years later, liberty-loving people everywhere continue to owe these heroes for their extraordinary service and their incredible stories of sacrifice and bravery on behalf of our country. That's why it is my privilege to include in the RECORD their names today.

The veterans on this Honor Flight from Oregon are as follows: David Bagley, Marine Corps; Willis Bennett, Navy; Mount Blevins, Army; William Cadman, Marine Corps; William Collins, Navy; Marjorie Cook, Army; Lorin Culver, Army; Frederic DeGanna, Air Force; Walter Dye, Navy; Charles Elson, Army; Morris Fruitman, Navy; Ronald Gutekunst, Air Force; Harry Krogman, Air Force; Jack Lakey, Navy; Vernon Leshner, Navy; Harold Mehrtens, Air Force and Navy; Charles Nagy Jr., Navy; Henry Nussbaum, Navy; Walter Ridge, Navy; Bobby Ruth, Army; Jack Thompson, Army; Gerald Wellington, Air Force and Navy; and William Wilson, Army.

These twenty-three heroes join over 200,000 veterans who have been honored through the Honor Flight Network of volunteers nationwide since 2005.

I would also like to recognize the ten guardians traveling on this trip who have also served our country: Anginette Echols, Navy; Terry Haines, Navy; Daniel Johnson, Navy; Ronald Kohl, Air Force and Army; Mark Libante, Army; Peter Pringle, Navy; Walter Ridge Jr., Navy; Rachael Watters, Army; Kenneth Wilson, Navy; and Tanya Wilson, Navy.

Madam Speaker, at the height of the Civil War in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln wrote, "Honor to the Soldier, and Sailor every-

where, who bravely bears his country's cause." Each of us in this chamber and in this nation should be humbled by the courage of these brave veterans who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CHEF LEAH LANGE CHASE

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Chef Leah Lange Chase, New Orleans' matriarch of Creole cuisine, who fed civil rights leaders, musicians and presidents in a career spanning seven decades. Mrs. Chase passed away on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the age of 96.

Mrs. Chase was born on January 6, 1923 in Madisonville, Louisiana. Her parents, Charles Lange and Hortensia Lange, raised 13 children. When she was 13 years old, Mrs. Chase moved to live with her aunt in New Orleans, so she could attend St. Mary's Academy.

Upon graduation, Mrs. Chase took on several different jobs before she finally entered into the culinary industry as a French Quarter restaurant waitress. After meeting Edgar "Dooky" Chase Jr. in 1946 and eventually marrying him three months later, she transformed his family's sandwich stand into a full-fledged restaurant known as "Dooky Chase" that served as the only top-tier dining option available to African Americans in New Orleans.

During the following decade, Dooky Chase became a key location for leaders of the Civil Rights movement to come together, organize, and discuss pressing social issues. ore broadly, countless black entertainers and icons dined at her restaurant including James Baldwin, Thurgood Marshall, Quincy Jones, and Ray Charles.

In August 2005, Hurricane Katrina ravaged her home and her restaurant with devastating flood waters. However, it was her steadfast determination and sheer will to rebuild the restaurant that made it possible to re-open its doors a mere two years later.

Mrs. Chase's talent and contributions led to numerous accolades, including awards from the James Beard Foundation, the NAACP, and Southern Foodways Alliance. In her honor, the Southern Food and Beverage museum even named a permanent gallery after her.

Mrs. Chase served on several boards including the New Orleans Museum of Art, the Arts Council of New Orleans, the Louisiana Children's Museum, the Urban League of Greater New Orleans, and the Greater New Orleans Foundation.

Mrs. Chase was known to most as the legendary Queen to Creole Cuisine, but to me, she was a close friend, mentor, and source of inspiration. Her passion and skill in culinary