

two children, Anh Tran and Julie Quynh Nhu Tran; and his two grandchildren, Alexander Tran and Benjamin Tran.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the legacy of Mr. David Tran. May his honor and commitment serve as an example for all and his spirit rest in peace and glory.

HONORING THE FAMILY OF GREG Mc DANIEL

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the family of Greg McDaniel on Atwater's 2019 4th of July parade. On December 25, 2018, the greater Atwater community lost one of their most dedicated leaders who served as the President of Atwater's 4th of July Committee for over 20 years. In honor of Mr. McDaniel's many years of commitment to organizing this parade, his wife Pinky has been named the Grand Marshal of this year's parade.

As President of the Atwater 4th of July Committee, Mr. McDaniel played an integral role in the planning of Atwater's annual 4th of July parade and celebration. Each year he successfully helped raise the necessary funds and oversaw many of the operations that helped make the parade the event it has grown into today. Mr. McDaniel was committed to making each year's celebration better than the year before, which is reflected in what Atwater's 4th of July celebration has become.

Atwater's 4th of July celebration is now a day consisting of a morning run, parade, and fireworks that attracts thousands from throughout the City of Atwater and other cities in Merced County. The positivity Mr. McDaniel exuded in this endeavor is now present in the Atwater community members that have stepped up to continue the traditions Mr. McDaniel cared so deeply about.

Mr. McDaniel was joined in all he did by his wife of 45 years, Pinky. She was by his side assisting him in all his tremendous community contributions. In addition to planning the 4th of July celebration, Mr. McDaniel spent many years with local youth sports organizations, announced the Atwater High School football games, and served many times as the president of the Atwater Chamber of Commerce, among various other civic engagements. Though he is deeply missed, his wife Pinky, sons Christopher and Jeffory, grandchildren, and residents of Atwater continue to carry on the legacy he left.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the family of Greg McDaniel. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor them as his wife Pinky is recognized as the Grand Marshal of a parade and celebration her husband dedicated so many years to. I wish his family and the residents of Atwater the best as they celebrated the 4th of July.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
CAPTAIN JASON B. FITCH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Captain Jason B. Fitch. Captain Fitch has devoted his young adult life to the service of his family and country. Later this year, on December 1, 2019, Captain Fitch will retire from active duty after honorably serving this Nation for 28 years. As he completes his tour of duty in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, and prepares to hang up his military uniform, we all know that his influence has reached far beyond the strict confines of his rank and previous job titles.

Captain Fitch's military career began 28 years ago today as a Midshipman when he took the Oath of Office at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. After graduation, he was commissioned as an Ensign into the United States Navy. He served honorably in uniform for nearly three decades with tours of duty across the United States and deployments around the world. He served as the Supply Officer for Naval Special Warfare Center in Coronado, California. He served aboard the USS *Bonhomme Richard* (LHD 6) and the USS *Mount Vernon* (LSD 39). In 2006, Captain Fitch was recognized as the Navy Fuel Officer of the Year and as the Fuel Director for the Navy Bulk Fuel Terminal of the Year for 2007. He also served as the Naval Aviation Enterprise Officer and Director for the H-60 "Seahawk" Integrated Weapons Support Team at Naval Inventory Control Point in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. While assigned to U.S. Special Operations Command, he deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom (2013) in support of the Special Operations Joint Task Force-Afghanistan (SOJTF-A) as the J4 director.

Captain Fitch was entrusted with command ashore, where he served as the Commanding Officer for Naval Special Warfare Group ONE Logistics Support Unit. During his tenure in command, he deployed to Operation INHERENT RESOLVE (2015) as the J4 director of Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Iraq and received the Bronze Star Medal. He currently serves at the Pentagon as the Director for Outcome Based Logistics and Supply Chain Management, in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Expeditionary Programs and Logistics Management (E&LM).

In addition, Captain Fitch earned a master's degree in Business Administration with concentrations in Petroleum Management and International Business from the University of Kansas. He earned a Master of Science in National Security and Resource Strategy from the National Defense University's Eisenhower School. Captain Fitch also completed Kellogg's Executive Development Program.

In honor of his service, I would like to express my gratitude for Captain Jason B. Fitch's dedication to this country and our community. I wish him and his family the best as he retires to San Diego this December.

CAPE CORAL CITIZEN FLORIAN MICKULEIT RECEIVES THE CITIZEN COMMENDABLE ACTION COIN

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Florian Mickuleit on receiving the Citizen Commendable Action Coin for aiding law enforcement in rescuing a man from a canal. This award is given by an Officer of the Cape Coral Police Department to a civilian for exemplary behavior or a remarkable act.

On June 4, 2019, a concerned citizen called Cape Coral Police to report that a man had been swimming in the canal by their home for an extended period, and he refused to come out of the water. When police arrived, they found the man was not acting rationally and was out of their rescue rope's range. The man claimed that the current was too strong for him to swim to shore.

Mickuleit had been delivering a rental boat in the area and offered to use the boat in a rescue attempt. He drove the boat to the middle of the canal with officers onboard, and they were finally able to bring the man safely to shore. The man was then taken to the local hospital by Lee County Emergency Medical Services.

I am grateful for Florian and his actions to help save a citizen in need. I commend his actions and congratulate him on receiving this honor.

MEDICAID AND CHIP TERRITORY TRANSPARENCY AND INFORMATION ACT

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLÁN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. SABLÁN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Medicaid and CHIP Territory Transparency and Information Act, which would require the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to publish on its website, and periodically update, specified information related to federal expenditures under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in each of the U.S. territories.

Presently, data reporting for the Northern Mariana Islands' (NMI) Medicaid program is waived at the discretion of Secretary of Health and Human Services, as allowed by Section 1902(j) of the Social Security Act. American Samoa also has this waiver. Absent this waiver, other insular areas are required to maintain appropriate reporting systems as a condition of receiving Medicaid funds. However, there is little evidence to suggest that CMS has been carrying out any robust oversight. An April 2016 Government Accountability Office report found that "the lack of enforcement of program integrity mechanisms and information systems—have contributed to the limited federal program integrity efforts in the territories." The report goes on to state "until recently,

CMS regulations exempted territories from the requirement to develop a Medicaid Management Information System, which could provide more detail on the territories' Medicaid and CHIP spending, including increasing the level of detail on the territories' . . . reporting."

Data collection on existing insular area Medicaid programs is not only important for transparency and accountability, but essential if long-term Medicaid funding solutions are to be developed for our most remote U.S. jurisdictions. Gathering enrollment, utilization, and expenditure data will allow for a greater understanding of unique health care needs—enabling local government and CMS officials to make evidenced based decisions when it comes to Medicaid program improvements for our insular areas.

The gentleman from Florida, Mr. BILIRAKIS originally introduced this bill in the 115th Congress and is an original co-sponsor of this bill today along with my colleagues, Ms. PLASKETT, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, and Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. This bill is important to the future of Medicaid in the U.S. Territories. I urge all my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation.

REMEMBERING JULIUS W. HEGELER II OF DANVILLE, ILLINOIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to note the passing of a most remarkable man. Julius W. Hegeler II of Danville, Illinois died July 5, 2019 at the age of 91.

To say that Mr. Hegeler led an impactful life would be to gloss over the thousands who benefitted from his caring nature, his generosity of spirit, and his humanity. Few people are in a position to make such a positive impact, and even fewer take the opportunity. Mr. Hegeler will forever be remembered for having seized his opportunity with such an outsized desire to help that he never turned anyone away.

A lifelong resident of Danville, Julius graduated from Danville High School and went on to earn a business degree before enlisting in the Air Force. He flew 70 missions as a jet pilot during the Korean War, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in May 1954 for "extraordinary achievement," and earned the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster as well.

Returning from the war, Julius and others built a chemical packaging company that he later sold. His fortune made, in 1992 he placed 90 percent of his wealth into the Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation and set out to give back to the community that he loved. Julius was especially concerned with helping those with disabilities and gave generously to local organizations such as Danville AMBUCS and WorkSource Enterprises. There were no limits to causes he would support, however, as the arts, education, recreation, community, and youth-focused groups and organizations have all benefited from Julius's assistance.

Danville has lost one of its very best, a man who shunned the limelight but who nonetheless made so many lives brighter and richer. It has been my privilege to spend time with

Julius Hegeler, and those memories I will always hold dear.

Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my sincerest condolences to the family of Julius W. Hegeler II on the loss of this truly remarkable individual, and I wish the family the best during this very trying time.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNUAL ANN ARBOR CITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Ann Arbor's 100th City Tennis Tournament. The event provides a vital outlet promoting community building and healthy competition.

Established in 1919, the Ann Arbor City Tennis Tournament is one of the oldest city tennis tournaments in the country. Starting with a tournament of 24 men at West Park, the competition has expanded to over one hundred players across several categories, adding a women's event in 1922 and parent-child matches. The Ann Arbor Area Community Tennis Association organizes the tournament, youth programs, and charity events with the support of corporate sponsorships and local donations. The Town Tennis Celebration, a citywide event featuring afternoon clinics, food, and a viewing of the doubles finals of the competition, marks the conclusion of the tournament.

The Ann Arbor City Tennis Tournament provides an outlet for community building and allows local athletes to showcase their commitment to the sport. The tournament underscores a dedication to fellowship and friendly competition and its continued success highlights the importance of these events in our communities. We are grateful for the commitment of the Ann Arbor Area Community Tennis Association for their exceptional work supporting physical fitness, charity, and community building.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Ann Arbor's 100th City Tennis Tournament. We thank the Ann Arbor Community Tennis Association for their exemplary work supporting the city of Ann Arbor.

HONORING JOHN FALKENBURY AND HIS RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT AND COO OF THE USO OF NORTH CAROLINA

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Falkenbury, the President and Chief Operating Officer for the United Service Organizations (USO) of North Carolina, on his decades of service to the State of North Carolina.

John was appointed President and COO for the USO of North Carolina in March 2009. During his tenure, he was responsible for planning, organizing and directing the oper-

ations of the state headquarters, five USO fixed centers and a mobile center. More than that, he helped organize and marshal thousands of volunteers over the years to support hundreds of thousands of active-duty servicemembers, veterans and their families. John brought 25 years of corporate and military experience to the job, which allowed him to grow and advance the mission of USO.

The USO centers across the state provide vital resources and support to our men and women in uniform and their families. These services include transition assistance, financial literacy, child educational programs, deployment and homecoming operations, military and civilian outreach programs, Fallen and Wounded Warrior escort services, and a focus on providing the entire community with support and assistance. Through his leadership, dedication and passion for service, John has been a champion in ensuring these programs are readily available for anyone who needs them.

A resident of North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District and someone I've been lucky enough to call a friend for more than two decades, I can say from experience that John is a true pillar of the community above and beyond his USO and military service. John has served as President and CEO of Five Oaks Nursing Center in Concord, the Managing Partner of the Falkenbury Family LLC, and President of the Stephen D. Falkenbury Jr. Foundation in Charlotte. He also served as the WBT-AM radio station's on-air analyst and was a credentialed military consultant and frequent guest for News14 Carolina. I know I speak for everyone in the community when I say we are truly grateful for his unwavering service and cannot thank him enough. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him a long and happy retirement.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring President John Falkenbury and his service to our state.

HONORING ROSS PEROT

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, today, I would like to honor the life and legacy of Ross Perot, a Texas native and gracious philanthropist. His innovation, leadership, and generosity in both the private and public sectors were immeasurable.

Mr. Perot led a life of excellence and service. He was a pioneer in the computer services industry, founding the Electronic Data Systems Corp. in 1962 and Perot Systems Corp. in 1988. With his success, he prioritized efforts to honor and care for our nation's POWs and veterans. For this work, he was recognized with the Winston Churchill Award, only the third American to receive this award.

His humanitarian efforts through the Perot Foundation have brought immeasurable gains to the Dallas community and the state of Texas. He was a strong supporter of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in my district, and his family continues to honor his legacy with the Perot Museum of Nature and Science.

We are all grateful for the talents he shared with us. I would like to extend my deepest