

is at risk. And if a basic need like housing isn't met, parents will struggle to maintain steady employment and children will not learn as well in school. There is no facet of life untouched by this issue.

Eric Burmeister and his team at the Polk County Housing Trust Fund (PCHTF) have been fighting tooth and nail to make sure our most vulnerable neighbors have somewhere stable to call home. Not only does the organization lead local efforts on planning, advocating, and funding for affordable housing in the state's most populous county, its team also finds meaningful ways to help individuals through housing challenges.

Recently due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we've seen a dramatic increase in evictions in Polk County and across the state. To combat the issue, Burmeister, along with the PCHTF and Iowa Legal Aid, came up with a new program to help renters avoid eviction. Implemented nearly a month ago, the project is set up just outside Polk County's eviction court to connect tenants with legal assistance and immediate rental assistance. Funded by \$800,000 from Polk County's share of federal CARES Act funding, the emergency program provides low-barrier funding that can cover rent through the end of September and as far back as March 15. Burmeister's goal for the program is to provide one more reinforcement in the safety net to help Polk County residents avoid homelessness during the pandemic. Since the program began Sept. 1, it's already helped prevent 61 evictions affecting 149 residents, 77 of them children.

Eric has been involved in affordable housing advocacy for decades. He came to the PCHTF in 2010 after a thirty-year career in real estate development and finance. A graduate of Drake University Law School, he has represented developers of notable commercial and residential redevelopment projects in the Des Moines metro area, including the historic Kirkwood Hotel, Brown Camp Lofts, and the Newin Dairy Lofts. Burmeister also has a long history of involvement in the Des Moines community, serving in leadership positions with The Polk-Des Moines Taxpayers' Association, The Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute, and most recently on the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of Grand View University where he teaches part-time in the business department. He stays active in several Des Moines neighborhood associations and is currently serving on steering committees as a community representative for affordable housing issues.

Through his tireless dedication to addressing this issue and finding countless ways to get involved in his community, Eric shows us what it means to be an Iowan. Since before I took office, I've said the best problem solvers live right here in Iowa's third congressional district. Eric's sensible solution to help his neighbors avoid homelessness during a global pandemic is one more example of that fact. I'm forever proud of Iowans like him who have stepped up to the plate to help address this pressing issue. I will continue to promote and push for legislation in Congress that enables organizations like the Polk County Housing Trust Fund, Iowa Legal Aid, and advocates like Eric to work towards their goal of affordable housing and eradication of homelessness. It is my privilege to recognize Eric Burmeister as Iowan of the Week.

TRIBUTE TO RONALD W. SULLIVAN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to and congratulate Director Ronald W. Sullivan for his nearly two decades of dedicated service to Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD).

Director Sullivan has been a Board Member at EMWD since January 2003, representing Division 4, which includes the cities of Menifee and Perris. During his tenure on the Board, Director Sullivan has dedicated himself to helping EMWD advance projects that provide a more reliable water supply for future generations of customers in western Riverside County. He has helped EMWD secure hundreds of millions of dollars in local, state and federal funds that have expanded water, wastewater and recycled water infrastructure. He played a pivotal role in the advancement of EMWD's groundwater desalination program, including the Perris II Desalter. Mr. Sullivan was also a driving force behind the completion of modernized sewer systems in the economically disadvantaged communities of Quail Valley and Enchanted Heights; both projects were offset by significant external funding.

Director Sullivan was passionate about addressing arid west issues. He served as a board member on the National Water Resources Association, was a federal affairs liaison for the Association of California Water Agencies, and was honored by the Texas Water Conservation Association for his dedication to multi-state collaboration on federal issues with Texas. Mr. Sullivan was a tireless advocate in Washington, DC, providing testimony before Congress and pushing federal agencies to partner with EMWD to address the needs of his constituents.

Director Sullivan has served as EMWD's representative to the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), which manages the Inland Empire Brine Line and other regional watershed management programs as well as the Western Riverside Council of Governments. He is a former Riverside County Planning Commissioner, and City of Hemet Planning Commissioner.

Ron is a great American, a true public servant, and a friend. The entire Southern California region, as well as the arid west, thank Ron for his many years of dedicated service and I wish him the best in his next chapter.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAVID M. BARRON

HON. JUDY CHU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of David M. Barron, who passed away this month at the age of 79. Mr. Barron was a colleague of mine in Monterey Park, California, a longtime resident of California's 27th Congressional District, and a dedicated public servant.

Mr. Barron was born in East Los Angeles on September 29, 1941, and was the youngest of

four siblings. He attended East Los Angeles College for several years and transferred to California State University, Los Angeles, where he would go on to receive his B.A. in Journalism and Communications in 1965. His passion for journalism led him to work as a writer and editor for the Belvedere Citizen and Eastside Journal for many years after college, and he would later go on to publish the Monterey Park Journal and the West Valley Journal for over 20 years.

Mr. Barron met his wife at East Los Angeles College and the two married in 1963. They moved to Monterey Park in 1966 where he began his long career in public service to the community. He served on the Monterey Park Planning Commission for several years before being elected Monterey Park City Clerk in 1988, where I worked alongside him as a member of the City Council. Among his many accomplishments as City Clerk, Mr. Barron was credited with bringing electronic touchscreen voting to the city. He retired from his long career as City Clerk in 2013 after 25 years in the role, but was dedicated to continue his service to the community. He then served for six years on the Board of Trustees for the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library and was a member of the Monterey Park Library Foundation.

Mr. Barron is survived by his beloved wife Mary Ellen, four children, 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He leaves behind an enduring legacy of service to Monterey Park and the San Gabriel Valley, and it is my distinct honor to commemorate his life.

CONGRATULATING NED GOLD

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mr. RYAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ned Gold, of Warren, Ohio, who earlier this year was awarded the Boy Scouts of America's highest honor, the Silver Buffalo Award.

Mr. Gold, who has been in Scouting for more than 70 years, was one of 14 to be honored nationally this year. The Silver Buffalo Award is the distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. It is awarded for extraordinary service to youth on a national level.

Ned has spent countless hours contributing to the work of Scouting, including helping to found the Philmont Staff Association, which supports the Philmont Scout Ranch, the largest youth camp in the world, located in Cimarron, New Mexico.

Additionally, Ned is credited with bringing a 450-piece fine art collection, which includes 65 scouting-themed paintings by Norman Rockwell, out of storage and on exhibit at the Medici Museum of Art in my Congressional District.

Outside of Scouting, Mr. Gold has greatly contributed to the Mahoning Valley community. I am unaware of any other lawyer who devotes as much pro-bono time in our community as Ned. Through his dedicated work with Trumbull 100, our primary civic organization, Mr. Gold has made significant contributions to the economic development within our community. Ned has also led organized movements in our community to honor our veterans

and shelter animals through the Animal Welfare League.

In short, Ned cares for his community and uses his devotion to Scouting's principles for the betterment of our community. I am very proud to have known Ned for many years through my brother Alan, who served as an attorney in Ned's former law firm, and through Ned's son Greg, who was my high school classmate.

I ask that you all join me in congratulating Ned for receiving this distinguished award and thanking him for his service to the communities I represent.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP WILLIE
JAMES CAMPBELL

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, this Proclamation is in tribute to Bishop Willie James Campbell:

Whereas, Bishop Willie James Campbell was called in his eternal rest on November 7, 2020 at age 75; and

Whereas, Willie James Campbell was born in Chicago to the union of Bishop Jesse Campbell and Agnes Campbell; and

Whereas, Bishop Campbell started preaching in 1968 at his father's church on Chicago's Westside at 4147 West Roosevelt Road and was ordained in 1970's; and

Whereas, Bishop Campbell was known as "the prince of preachers," a dynamic, energetic and effective minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with over 25 years of ministry, an evangelist (who preached his Ordination Service when I became a Deacon at the New Galilee MBC Church). He was a loyal community leader and supporter of community revitalization programs including as an original supporter of Community Bank of Lawndale (now Liberty Bank); and

Whereas, Bishop Campbell was appointed by the Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake and the General Board of the Church of God in Christ to the office of President of the Department of Evangelism and subsequently was recommended and promoted to the designation of Bishop; and

Whereas, Bishop Campbell was a member of the Gospel Music Workshop of America Announcers Guild, a member of the NAACP, AARC, Chicago Urban League, Ministers Alliance of Chicago, Operation PUSH and a Save the Children sponsor; and

Whereas, Bishop Campbell leaves to cherish his memory his wife: Lori; sons: Jesse, James and Jared from his first marriage to Anne Campbell; daughter Bridgette Hurt; another daughter, Tjuan Gibbs; children Miisha and Kayla Campbell from his marriage to Lori Campbell; sisters Lillie Mae English, Eunice McIntyre and Clarola Scott; brothers Wardell and Kenneth Campbell; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his Congregation and a host of relatives and friends;

Now, that we join with his family, Congregation and friends in deeply mourning the passing of our friend Bishop Willie James Campbell; and

Furthermore, we express to his family, Congregation, friends and all who knew him, our

respect for his life and works, and we commend his soul to the Almighty God for peaceful repose.

IN HONOR OF THOMAS REED HAUN

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a special man, Mr. Thomas Reed Haun. Mr. Haun is part of a special group of heroes that served our nation during World War II. He passed away on November 14, 2020.

Mr. Haun was born on July 27, 1924. He grew up in Sweetwater, Tennessee, where he lived until moving to Nicholasville, Kentucky for his final years. On August 3, 1943, he entered service in the United States Army. He served in the United States Army's 34th Division, 168th Infantry Regiment, under the command of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark. Mr. Haun earned the rank of Staff Sergeant and served in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater. He was wounded in the Po Valley in northern Italy on September 29, 1944. He was shot 9 times, from shoulder to ankle. Mr. Haun was hospitalized for a year, first in Italy, then transported on a hospital ship to New York and then Florida. He was given an experimental drug called penicillin. Mr. Haun was honorably discharged on July 2, 1945. For his brave service to our country, he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, and the Bronze Star.

Upon returning from military service, Mr. Haun married Betty Ruth Ramey on October 6, 1946. They were married for 67 years. He worked as a manager at Sweetwater Hosiery Mill and then as a Deputy Clerk in the General Sessions Court. He served the people of Sweetwater and Monroe County on the City Commission, as a Trustee for 32 years, and as Fire Department Commissioner. He was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church. Mr. Haun was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Mr. Haun and his fellow veterans are true heroes. As members of the "Greatest Generation", they willingly served and sacrificed to protect and defend the freedoms that we enjoy today. I am humbled to honor the service of Mr. Thomas Reed Haun before the United States Congress.

TRIBUTE TO MIKE R. VASQUEZ

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an outstanding individual, Mike R. Vasquez, who passed away at the age of 82 on October 27, 2020. As a restaurant entrepreneur and philanthropist, Mike was a dedicated and integral member of the Corona community who will be deeply missed.

Mike was born in Phoenix, Arizona on September 8, 1938, and was later raised in San Bernardino, California. Known to close friends

as Mickey and Don Miguel, Mike met his wife Mary Sanchez during a trip to Mexico. In 1973, Mike and Mary moved to Corona and bought an existing restaurant that they reopened as the first Miguel's full-service restaurant serving Mary's family recipes. Just two years later, the couple expanded the family business by opening their first fast food restaurant, Miguel's Jr. Over the decades since then, the Vasquez family has expanded the chain to more than 20 restaurants throughout southern California. The City of Corona, and its residents, are extremely proud to be home to the original Miguel's restaurants and they are second to none in the quality of food and service.

As a hard-working small business owner, Mike became increasingly active in his community throughout his life. He was incredibly generous to both his employees as well as causes and organizations throughout our region. In recognition for their significant contributions, Mike and Mary were selected as Citizens of the Year in 2009 by the Corona Chamber of Commerce.

As a fellow Corona resident and small business owner, I had the pleasure of knowing Mike and his family and I can personally attest to his numerous achievements and the countless lives he touched. He was a great American, a leader in our community, and a dedicated husband, father, and friend. I extend my heartfelt condolences to his wife, Mary, to their children, Eva, Danny, Michael, Carol, Sylvia, and Javier; and 14 grandchildren. Although Mike may no longer be with us, he will continue to have a lasting impact on the lives of his family and community.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF
THE HONORABLE PHILIP RANDOLPH LEE, M.D.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a highly distinguished American, Dr. Philip Randolph Lee, who was born in Palo Alto, California, and died in New York City on October 27, 2020, at the age of 96.

Dr. Philip Lee was the son of Dorothy Womack Lee and Peter Van Arsdale Lee, a physician who founded what is today, the Palo Alto Medical Foundation. Dr. Lee, his three brothers and sister followed in their father's footsteps, all becoming highly regarded physicians. His nephew Peter Lee, serves as the distinguished and highly effective Executive Director of California's health benefit exchange, Covered California. Medicine, healthcare and public service run deep in the Lee family.

Dr. Lee received his undergraduate and medical degrees at Stanford University. He earned fellowships at the Mayo Clinic and New York University; and a Masters of Science degree from the University of Minnesota. He was a professor at both Stanford and UCSF, and he served our country on active duty and as a member of the United States Naval Reserve from 1943 to 1951, including during the Inchon Invasion in Korea.