

her law degree from Harvard Law School. As a valuable member of the Computer & Technology Section Council of the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Judicial Council, Judge Miskel is a board certified family lawyer and will soon earn her certification in child welfare law.

Now as Judge Miskel is honored by the National Center for State Courts for demonstrating the outstanding qualities of judicial excellence—integrity, fairness, open-mindedness, knowledge of the law, professional ethics, creativity, sound judgement, intellectual courage, and decisiveness, I encourage my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating her many achievements in the area of judicial excellence and leadership.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN BAYLISS,
LOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONER

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to pay tribute to Logan County Commissioner John F. Bayliss of Rushsylvania, Ohio. John will retire at the end of this year after nearly a quarter-century of outstanding service to the people of Logan County.

Throughout his six terms on the Board of Commissioners—making him the longest-serving commissioner in Logan County history—John has become known for his superb management skills. His years of experience in the private sector, both as the owner of a residential building and remodeling company and as a farmer, prepared him well for the diverse fiscal challenges of local government.

During his time in office, John has served on numerous boards and committees, including the Logan County Community Improvement Board, the Local Emergency Planning Committee, and several committees of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio. He is also a past county president of the Ohio Farm Bureau and a past county and state president of the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association.

A graduate of The Ohio State University, John and his wife of 44 years, Sharon, are the proud parents of three children: Brian, Courtney, and Brendan. They especially enjoy spending time with their seven grandchildren.

John's colleagues and friends will gather on December 8 to celebrate his many contributions and distinguished record. On behalf of the people of Ohio's Fourth Congressional District, I am proud to join in the accolades to him for his many years of fine public service. We wish him and his family every success as they move to a new chapter in their lives.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS FOR
JOHN LYNCH AND ALEXA
PAPADOPOULOS

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Mr. John

Lynch and Ms. Alexa Papadopoulos on their upcoming wedding. John was an instrumental part of my team and I am honored to call him a friend and a colleague. He and Alexa are fine examples of young men and women who have stepped up to work in government to make a positive difference in the lives of all Americans through their efforts, capability and professionalism.

As our Senior Legislative Assistant, John has shown great attentiveness and care for some of the most pressing issues of the Central Valley—water infrastructure, economic growth and public policy. John's tireless work serving our communities is invaluable, and his work on water policy will certainly carry on helping thousands of people here in the Valley. John ties our team together with his personality and humor, all while continuing his vital service to so many individuals and communities.

I offer my warmest congratulations and best wishes to John and Alexa as they begin this new chapter in their lives. We all join their family and friends in celebrating this wonderful milestone. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in celebrating this couple. We wish them well as they continue to build a happy, healthy life together.

HONORING THE LIFE OF WORLD
WAR I AND II VETERAN EXIQUEL
IGLESIAS DE LEON

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of World War I and II veteran Exiquel Iglesias De Leon and his unquestionable dedication to family and country.

At only nineteen years old, Exiquel courageously enlisted in the Navy during the height of World War I. Twenty-six years after his honorable service, he subsequently re-enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve to serve during World War II. Exiquel continued his service for another eight years with the Naval Reserve, stationed at the Eleventh Naval District. For nearly the remainder of his life, he put in hard work as a rigger at the Mare Island Navy Yard in Vallejo, California.

A native Guamanian, Exiquel became a naturalized United States citizen on November 3, 1944, following his decades of honorable service to our country. Never forgetting his roots, he made frequent trips to Long Beach to participate in community events to celebrate the Guamanian people. He believed strongly in celebrating his culture's traditions and the diversity of American culture. As a new American citizen, Exiquel proudly became a California homeowner, residing in Compton, California with his family for the remainder of his life.

His family remembers him as a great cook who always "cooked with love" and as an avid boxing fan. Exiquel and his family frequently took the "Red Car" out on weekends to the Grand Central Market in Los Angeles to enjoy time together and with their community.

For his exemplary life of service, Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Exiquel

Iglesias De Leon on the House floor. As demonstrated by his commitment to American values, service in two World Wars, admirable work ethic, and tenure as an upstanding citizen, Exiquel is the American Dream personified. May he rest in peace.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
SCARSDALE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize one of the finest civic organizations in my district, the League of Women Voters of Scarsdale, which in January, 2021 will be celebrating its incredible 100th Anniversary.

The Scarsdale League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that grew out of the suffrage movement. There were many suffragists in Scarsdale and Westchester over 100 years ago, fighting for the right for women to vote in public elections. Over its 100 years, the League has worked to protect and expand voting rights in our area. Their mission is to promote civic engagement, to communicate clear voter information, including on the ways to vote, dates of voting, and to help voters understand candidate and policy positions prior to elections. The League prides itself on holding Candidate Forum events in order to help our community members, from Scarsdale and beyond, make informed decisions at the polls.

In addition, The Scarsdale League studies selected governmental issues every year and creates statements through a consensus process. They also organize various speaker events for our community and engage in civics education in the local schools, programming that is particularly important now at this moment in our history.

Madam Speaker, the League of Women Voters of Scarsdale is an active local community organization and they are very excited to be reaching this 100-year milestone. I too am excited that I get to share this wonderful centennial anniversary with them, and I congratulate their team on continuing to raise the bar on civic engagement in New York's 16th Congressional District.

IN HONOR OF SENATOR MARTHA
FULLER CLARK

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor State Senator Martha Fuller Clark, who is retiring from public service after three decades of service to the people of New Hampshire. She has been a fierce advocate for the Seacoast, first serving as a State Representative for 12 years before serving as a State Senator for 12 years.

During our time serving in the state Legislature together, I saw firsthand Senator Fuller Clark's passion, grace, and civility. She is unflinchingly committed to the ideals of public service, always bringing the voices and experiences of those she represents with her to inform her work in Concord. Senator Fuller

Clark has also served as a mentor to so many women in public service, both in New Hampshire politics and across the nation through her involvement with the Democratic National Committee.

Throughout her career, Senator Fuller Clark has been a champion for women's rights and equality, always standing up to advocate for reproductive rights and to make all workplaces, including New Hampshire's State House, more accommodating and welcoming. In addition, Senator Fuller Clark has been a leader on energy and environmental issues, putting forth ambitious and durable approaches to put our state on a pathway to a low-carbon future. She has been a stalwart supporter of the arts and historic preservation, and I know her commitment to these issues will continue through her involvement with Strawberry Banke and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

While Senator Fuller Clark may be stepping away from elected office, I know she will continue to serve our community in many ways. On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I thank Senator Fuller Clark and her family for their decades of dedication to our state. The Granite State is a better place because of the public service of Senator Martha Fuller Clark.

**HONORING VALERIE EMICK FOR
HER LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO
CONSERVATIVE PRINCIPLES**

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Valerie Emick, a lifelong conservative advocate and outgoing president of the Hi-Desert Republican Women Federated.

Valerie has served the Hi-Desert Republican Women Federated in various capacities for over two decades. Her tenure with the chapter has been marked by an expansion in the club's membership, a commitment to serving the community, and a strong focus on conservative values. More recently, she has been responsible for securing outstanding speakers for Hi-Desert Republican Women Federated events, including conservative commentator Dinesh D'Souza and Benghazi survivor Kris "Tanto" Paranto. She has also led the community in supporting our first responders, which included purchasing billboard space thanking law enforcement for their hard work protecting our community. In addition to her work with the Hi-Desert Republican Women Federated, Valerie is also an elected member of the San Bernardino County Republican Party Central Committee, a position she was resoundingly re-elected to earlier this year.

Valerie is the epitome of a grassroots, conservative champion. Her hard work has advanced our principles and beliefs in the High Desert for decades, and as I depart Congress, I am happy to take this chance to honor her work and achievements.

**RECOGNIZING MISS EMMA VANA
OF PUNTA GORDA**

HON. W. GREGORY STEUBE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. STEUBE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Miss Emma Vana for her outstanding efforts to show appreciation to our law enforcement officers.

Emma is a 9-year-old resident of Punta Gorda, Florida. Since July, Emma has handed out over 250 homemade blue line flags to law enforcement officers across Florida to thank them for their service to our community. She has passed out flags in Alachua, Charlotte, Collier, Columbia, DeSoto, Hamilton, Hendry, Lee, Levy, Madison, Manatee, Polk, Sarasota, and Suwanee Counties so far. However, this is only the start for her efforts to give our members of law enforcement the appreciation and support they deserve.

When asked why she appreciates law enforcement officers, Emma explains that they "put bad people in jail and protect our communities." As Emma understands, Florida is home to some of our nation's finest law enforcement officers who risk their lives every day to ensure our communities and families are safe.

Emma's effort to show appreciation comes during a time when law enforcement officers across the country face threats and physical attacks from those calling to defund the police. Emma should be a role model for all Floridians and Americans in standing up to defend the police, not defund them.

I am honored to have the privilege to represent outstanding constituents such as Emma. Her selfless acts of kindness inspire all of us as she continues to go above and beyond for Floridians. It is individuals like her who make Florida and America great.

HONORING SARA WYFFELS AS ARIZONA'S 2021 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and congratulate Sara Wyffels for being named the 2021 Arizona Teacher of the Year by the Arizona Educational Foundation. Mrs. Wyffels has dedicated her 14-year career to serving her students and community as a Spanish teacher at Chandler High School.

Her selection for Teacher of the Year comes at a time when Arizona's educators face unprecedented challenges, yet Mrs. Wyffels has risen to the occasion each step of the way. Every day, Mrs. Wyffels puts her students first and strives to motivate and inspire through boundless enthusiasm, kindness, and compassion. Although this past school year was unlike any other for teachers throughout our country, she continued to bring new ideas and life to her classroom, both in-person and virtually. Her lessons immerse students in a new culture and emphasize the power of language in forming human connections. Mrs. Wyffels pulls from her own experiences as she teach-

es her students to listen and connect with one another and broadens their worldview, helping them reach their full potential.

In her work, Mrs. Wyffels has created more equitable conditions for teachers and students in the Chandler Unified School District, in our community, and throughout Arizona. Since she began teaching, her tireless devotion to students has served as an example of what can be accomplished when young adults are empowered with the tools to explore, discover, and achieve their highest aspirations. Mrs. Wyffels' students leave her classroom and enter the world with a greater appreciation for the differences that make us all unique, a deep respect for others, and a passion for creating positive change as global citizens.

I am proud to recognize Mrs. Wyffels for her extraordinary service and the difference she has made both inside and outside the classroom. She is a National Board-Certified Teacher and a member of the Chandler Education Association. Mrs. Wyffels chose to become a teacher to inspire and help change the lives of her students, and we are all grateful for her work as a teacher, role model, and mentor. I wish her the best as she continues to inspire her students to create a better and brighter future for Arizona.

**HONORING THE CAREER OF
MONICA RUSSO**

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the remarkable career of Monica Russo.

After decades of service, Ms. Russo is retiring as Executive Vice President of 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East—the largest local union in the nation representing more than 400,000 healthcare workers in five states and more than 25,000 healthcare workers in Florida.

Ms. Russo is recognized for having led the most successful private sector healthcare union organizing campaign in the southeastern United States, now known as 1199SEIU Florida. Under her leadership, 1199SEIU Florida has grown to represent more than 35,000 healthcare workers and retirees in more than 100 hospitals and nursing homes across the state—becoming the largest union of healthcare workers in Florida and the southern United States.

She also serves as International Vice President of the Service Employees International Union and as President of the SEIU Florida State Council, where she politically unites more than 55,000 active and retired SEIU members from bus drivers and janitors to healthcare workers.

Through Monica Russo's leadership, 1199SEIU Florida members are the go-to base to "make things happen." Her emphasis on multi-cultural leadership development and grassroots, member-driven organization building has given a voice and power to healthcare workers, women, immigrants, working-class, professionals and low-wage workers.

From raising quality standards for 80,000 elderly residents in Florida's nursing homes to