

make up the largest ethnic group at 68 percent. Twenty-two percent of students are white, 6 percent are Asian/Pacific Islander, and 1 percent are African-American. Shelly always insisted that the programming for these students be first-rate, including but not limited to such important offerings as accelerated learning, developmental bilingual education, dual language immersion in Spanish, a gifted and talented education (GATE) program, Mandarin immersion and a program in music and the performing arts.

Advocating for equal opportunity for a high-quality education for every student is both a personal and professional passion of Shelly Masur. In 2013, her advocacy was noted by the influential Silicon Valley Business Journal which named her one of the "100 Women of Influence" in Silicon Valley. She recently ended her term as board president of Redwood City 2020, a public-private partnership engaging 800 plus community members to support the future of the school district and broader community development.

As a city councilmember, Shelly was equally passionate about the need for more housing and often endured strong opposition to building housing for all. For example, a proposal to allow more affordable accessory dwelling units was slated for major downscaling until Shelly developed a compromise that gained six out of seven votes on the council. A property owner near an affordable housing development filed suit to prevent its construction. Shelly and her colleagues fought the suit and ultimately the nonprofit sponsor was able to develop 20 affordable for-purchase new homes for very low and low income residents.

In the past eight years, including five when Shelly served on the council, Redwood City, with a population of 79,000 residents, added over 4,000 new housing units. Presently, over 500 affordable units are either approved or under construction.

Shelly Masur's professional experience includes extensive nonprofit work through seven youth and teen organizations including Teen Talk, the Adolescent Health Collaborative, the John Gardner Center at Stanford, and the Californians Dedicated to Education Foundation. Her husband, Josh, and her three children, Julia, Jacob and Noah, have also contributed to this remarkable woman's efforts, enduring countless hours without Shelly as she attended multiple late night meetings and forums over 21 years of personal and professional responsibilities. We thank them for their contribution to us all.

Madam Speaker, there are many who talk about public service, but few who bear the price and produce such widespread acclaim for their unwavering support of the public's best interests. Whether working on adolescent health, housing, parks and recreation, kindergarten or city infrastructure investments, Shelly Masur demonstrated a knack for getting the job done. Unlike some in public life, her record is real. Our community appreciates her brilliance, insightfulness and honesty. If we've learned anything in 2020, public officials of this caliber are needed to make democracy strong. Fortunately, in Shelly Masur, we have a pillar of democracy. We can truly say, "Thank you, Shelly. Job well done."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2020

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I was recently exposed to someone who later tested positive for the Coronavirus. Based on the recommendation of the Attending Physician, I am in self-quarantine. As such, I was physically absent from the House of Representatives on December 4.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 234 and NAY on Roll Call No. 235.

NATIONAL PURPLE HEART HALL OF HONOR COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANTHONY GONZALEZ

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1830, the "National Purple Heart Honor Mission Commemorative Coin Act."

I would like to thank Leader SCHUMER for championing this issue on the Senate side, and the Gentleman from New York, Congressman MALONEY, for his work. We passed his version of this bill in the House back in September of 2019. Regardless of the chamber, I'm glad we have the opportunity to send this important bill to the President's desk.

The National Purple Heart Mission opened in 2006. The Purple Heart Mission is a New York State Facility that is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and sharing the stories of all Purple Heart recipients from all branches of service and across all conflicts.

Enrollments at the National Purple Heart Mission are voluntary and submissions are made by Purple Heart recipients, their families, or friends. Currently, there are 4,783 Purple Heart recipients enrolled from the great state of Ohio, representing: World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Somalia, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

These courageous men and women are recognized by the National Purple Heart Honor Mission, because surprisingly, the federal government does not maintain a comprehensive list. In fact, the only award for which there is a list, is the Medal of Honor.

Mr. Speaker, the National Purple Heart Honor Mission is an organization that deserves the recognition the commemorative coin will bring.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2020

Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, I was unfortunately unable to attend votes on Decem-

ber 4, 2020, due to unavoidable personal obligations. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 235.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD W. SCHMIDT

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2020

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Richard W. Schmidt, who passed away peacefully on November 4, 2020, at the age of 90, with his wife and son by his side. A veteran, loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Richard will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

A graduate of Hoover High School in Glendale, California and an avid basketball player, Richard proudly served his country in the Korean War surviving freezing temperatures and combat as a sergeant in the U.S. Army. After the war, Richard returned home to work in the financial and real estate development sectors in Orange County.

Later in life, Richard loved to watch sports, play tennis, golf, and camp. Among his fishing buddies, he was known as "The Judge". After listening to one tall tale after another, he would annually award the coveted Fisherman of the Year trophy. After a few toasts around the campfire, Richard would climb into his sleeping bag for a well-deserved rest.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring and celebrating the life of Richard W. Schmidt for his service to our country, to his family, and to our community.

HONORING DICK STEPHENS' 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Mr. GARAMENDI, to recognize Mr. Dick Stephens on the occasion of his 100th birthday and celebrate his family's long legacy of shipbuilding in California. Dick is a world champion sailor, designer, and shipwright in addition to a proud husband and family man.

Dick was born into a boat-building family and gained an appreciation for the trade from a young age. He was always curious and felt at home playing in his father's boatyard. In 1928, at the tender age of 8, Dick salvaged a boat and transformed it, all while ingraining in him a passion for boats.

At the end of World War II, Dick and his three brothers, Theo and Barre took over their uncle Roy Stephens' company, The Stephens Brothers Boat Builders and Designers Company. Their uncle oversaw the construction and launching of over 700 vessels. The Stephens brothers contracted with the military during the Korean War and beginning of Cold War hostilities in 1953. They built many ships for the U.S. military during this period. In the 1960s, the brothers sold their company to the Wrather Corporation. After a short while, they

bought the company back and quickly gained customers with their quality work. Dick was known for always intently listening to his customers and making their dream yachts come to life, while using the finest materials. They built 19 Farallone Clippers and won races in one of his vessels many times on the San Francisco Bay.

In the 1960's, boat design was shifted to angular cruiser loops, and Dick's cruisers continued on into the 1970's like the 48' *Triple Crown*. In 1974, the Stephens Brothers created their very last wooden boat, the 50' *Egret*. A new era of aluminum and fiberglass began grabbing the attention of many designers. In 1975, they launched its first aluminum hull yacht. This success created over 20 more pieces of finely engineered art, with the start of the 85' *Defiance*, one of their most popular pieces of work. After 85 years of success, it was decided in the spring of 1987 that the Stephens Brothers would close their business.

Throughout his career, Dick has always had his loving wife Donna by his side. Many have enjoyed his pieces of art in his shipbuilding skills. In addition to shipbuilding, Dick is also a world champion sailor. He won a three-race series in the International Open Cass with a boat he designed, *Opps*.

Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join us in celebrating Dick Stephens' 100th birthday and his work to further the shipbuilding industry. His love for boats and his customers endures to this day and he continues to be embraced by boat lovers far and wide. We ask that you join us in wishing Dick and his family continued health, happiness and success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I was unfortunately prevented from traveling and unable to make votes on December 3, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted against ordering the previous questions on H. Res. 1244, against adoption of H. Res. 1244, and in favor of H.R. 1380.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JIMMY WISE

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Jimmy Wise of Ackerman, Mississippi who passed away Sunday, November 29.

Born on January 6, 1941, to John David and Jimmie Aline Wise, Jimmy was raised with a passion for sports. He graduated from Provine High School in Jackson in 1959 before matriculating to Mississippi State University to join the basketball team. He played for one year before becoming the team manager. He held this position from 1961 to 1963 when MSU earned the title of SEC champions. In 1963,

Jimmy graduated and moved to Pontotoc to coach basketball, football, and tennis.

On June 20, 1965, Jimmy Wise married Beverly Hester. The family soon relocated to Memphis where Jimmy began his forty-year career with Temple Inland, Inc. They relocated to Pontotoc and began coaching Little League baseball. Jimmy enjoyed nothing more than attending Mississippi State football, basketball, and baseball games and watching his sons play sports. He was deeply involved with the local Baptist church as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and served on multiple committees.

Jimmy is survived by his wife Beverly; son, Rhett; son, Scott; son, Reagan; son, Josh; and ten grandchildren. He impacted countless lives across the state of Mississippi and beyond, and will be celebrated by all those who had an opportunity to know and love him.

Jimmy Wise lived a profound life marked by service, dedication, and commitment to family. He will be greatly missed.

IN HONOR OF JANET BORGENS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2020

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Janet Borgens, departing member of the city council of Redwood City. She leaves the council after five years of service and after more than ten years on the city's planning commission. The community owes her a tremendous debt for the countless hours she has served.

Janet grew up a few miles away in East Palo Alto where she went to local elementary, middle and high schools. In 1969, she moved to Redwood City and put down roots in part by buying a hair salon. As a single mother, she needed the flexibility of owning her own shop and setting her own hours.

I first got to know Janet when she came to my office in the state legislature to advocate on behalf of cosmetologists. She has always been a consumer advocate and her efforts on behalf of clients improved the health and safety of both clients and practitioners. As the owner of a small business, she also became aware of the impact of city government on local establishments.

Ultimately, she was selected to serve on the Redwood City Senior Affairs commission, the Housing and Human Concerns committee and the planning commission. Through these positions of progressively greater responsibility she came to understand the needs of various populations of her community.

Redwood City is a thriving city of 86,000 persons located 15 miles south of San Francisco Airport and a few minutes north of Facebook. Within the city's boundaries are the headquarters of Oracle and Box.com, many pharmaceutical companies, and the Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative. Redwood City is also the county seat of San Mateo County, hosting the county government center, jail and numerous other county agencies.

Downtown has exploded in population during this past decade as employers seek to locate near its heavily utilized train and bus lines. 48 percent of adults age 25 and older have a college degree, and housing costs re-

flect this high-earning cohort. Median rental costs are \$2,100 per month for an apartment, necessitating an annual income of at least \$76,000.

Officially, 10 percent of the population lives in poverty but since the official poverty level is not reflective of reality in Redwood City, the actual population living in poverty is likely greater. Non-college educated adults working in the service sector and recent immigrants often struggle to make ends meet.

The hallmark of Janet's service is her consistent advocacy on behalf of wage-earning families who struggle with the cost of living in the city. She's been outspoken about her support for affordable housing, repeatedly voting to allow affordable developments in the community. In recent council discussions about establishing a safe site for recreational vehicle living, Janet wanted to be sure that fines for failing to heed the city's overnight parking ordinance were not ruinous.

Her work on the Bayfront Canal is a special example of her concern for low income residents. I've visited the Redwood City trailer parks, filled with wage-earning families and retirees, that are flooded almost every year because the canal overflows. This project was not fully funded but Janet and the city kept at it, eventually raising the money needed to fix the problem. She will leave office just as permits allowing construction may be issued.

Through her council duties, she currently serves on the San Francisco Airport Community Roundtable, various Caltrain-related committees, and she is an active CERT trainer. Her commitment to the community is truly noteworthy. For 20 years, she led the American Cancer Society's Wig Bank, work which earned her honors. She has long worked with the homeless by packing and distributing meals, collecting clothing, and by working with the Salvation Army. She raises funds for college scholarships and is an active member of the Peninsula Sunrise Rotary Club.

Madam Speaker, after five years on the city council and decades of service to the community, Janet is now leaving public life. She and her husband Milt, a former police officer, will have additional time to spend with their three children and four grandchildren. Her neighborhood of Friendly Acres has many remaining challenges, but residents will always have an advocate because her love of Redwood City is genuine and unwavering. Even out of the public eye, Janet Borgens will remain in service to the public and its future. It has been my honor to serve with her.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2020

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I regret that I was not present for roll call votes on December 3, 2020. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 230; NAY on Roll Call No. 231; and NAY on Roll Call No. 232.