

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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2020

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I missed votes last week because I tested positive for the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 230; NAY on Roll Call No. 231; NAY on Roll Call No. 232; NAY on Roll Call No. 233; YEA on Roll Call No. 234; and NAY on Roll Call No. 235.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2020

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I was absent for the votes scheduled on Friday, December 4, 2020, due to a conflict in my schedule. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 233; YEA on Roll Call No. 234; and NAY on Roll Call No. 235.

VICTORVILLE MAYOR GLORIA GARCIA RETIRES

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2020

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the retirement of Gloria Garcia from the Victorville City Council.

Mayor Gloria Garcia was born and raised in Victorville, CA. Gloria attended Victor Valley Sr. High School, Victor Valley College, and Skadron College of Business. She was elected to the Victorville City Council in November 2012 and was appointed Mayor by her fellow Council Members in December 2014. She was reelected in 2016, and continuously reappointed as Mayor by her colleagues on the council. Gloria's time on the council has been marked by many successes in Victorville. Her focus on public safety, new infrastructure, road maintenance has led to great improvements and safer neighborhoods in Victorville.

Mayor Garcia has served the council with honor and integrity, and her commitment to good government and transparency has served the citizens of Victorville well. Although her second term has seen Victorville and its Council experience discord and disruption, Gloria has remained steadfast and focused on working for the people of Victorville. I will truly miss Gloria's face on the council dais, and I wish much happiness and success in her future.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EDWARD LANE

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2020

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of longtime Fresnan and Pearl

Harbor survivor, Edward Lane, who passed away on September 6, 2020. He was a proud husband, father, public servant, leader and a survivor.

Edward was born on December 2, 1936 in San Francisco, California. Although he was not born in Fresno, he always considered it home. Growing up, he frequently moved across the country due to his father's military career, but he always returned to Fresno. He graduated from San Joaquin Memorial High School in 1954 and attended Fresno State in 1958 with a degree in marketing.

Edward's life took an interesting journey, beginning with the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. His father was responsible for overseeing a military hospital in Hickam Field, Hawaii when World War II began. His home was only two blocks away from Pearl Harbor. During the attack, an anti-aircraft shell landed on his family's house. Fortunately, it did not explode and he survived. Telling the "December 7th story" was an annual event for the family.

Edward often thanked his parents and big brother, Mike, for teaching him work ethic. These skills led him to his 36-year career with the State of California's Employment Development Department (EDD). He was appointed by several governors to serve in many senior management positions during his tenure. He worked to establish EDD as an important and active asset in communities throughout the state and maintained his belief in the positive power of government to respond to the needs of individuals and the community at large.

Edward was a big sports fan. A Fresno State season ticket holder for over 60 years, he rarely missed home football and basketball games. However, his biggest passion was tennis. He was active on and off the court for over 47 years in the Fresno tennis community. He captained two teams that won national championships and served as a club president. He loved animals and had pets ranging from dogs, cats, to a small rhesus monkey from South Africa.

Edward is survived by his wife and best friend for over 60 years, Jean Lane; children Brian, Valerie, and David; grandchildren Michael, Nicholas and Alyssa Bavaro; son-in-law Vince Bavaro; and daughter-in-law Lucy Gonzalez.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating and honoring the life of Mr. Edward Lane. His leadership and story will be remembered for many years to come. We join his family, friends and community in honoring his great life and legacy.

HONORING THE STAFF MEMBERS REPRESENTING CALIFORNIA'S 21ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. TJ COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 7, 2020

Mr. COX of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the individuals who dedicated their time and talents to the constituents of California's 21st Congressional District. During my time in office, my staff made incredible strides in improving the lives of thousands of people, and it did not go unnoticed. I want to recognize and thank the following individuals for their service and dedica-

tion to helping others with great gratitude for a job well done:

Christopher Bornmann; Gilbert Felix; Gabriel Garcia-Contreras; François Genard; Andrew Godinich; Jared Henderson; Rebecca Kahn; Joel Kasnetz; Joseph Lopez; John Lynch; Lindsey Madrigal; Lucine Mikhajian; Araceli Muñoz; Nandini Narayan; Virginia Peñaloza; Fabiola Rodriguez; Cody Sedaño; Amanda Stayton; and Jannett Tapia.

My staff went above and beyond to serve our district by developing meaningful legislation, completing hundreds of casework, answering thousands of constituent inquiries, keeping in contact with constituents both in person and through media, and much more.

Because of their efforts, we accomplished incredible things in the 116th Congress. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring these public servants and giving them the recognition they deserve.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF ROBERT PITTS

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 Robert Pitts. Bob represents the best of our greatest generation, and I am forever indebted to him for his service to this nation. As a fellow member of the 150th Combat Engineer Battalion, I am grateful for the precedent set by these brave soldiers.

Bob was born in 1923, the second oldest of ten siblings. In the height of the Great Depression, Bob often found himself working odd jobs after school to support his family. In the 8th grade he dropped out and attended Boston Trade School to train as an electrician.

In 1943, Bob enlisted in the United States Army. After training in Ft. Devens, he joined the 150th Engineer Battalion, an experimental unit comprised mostly of New England locals. After Basic and Engineering Training, Bob relocated to New York to continue his training as an electrician. The outfit returned from West Virginia and trained in a mock German village at Camp Edwards. On Christmas, Bob deployed with the 150th on the Queen Mary to Europe.

While overseas, Bob was assigned as battalion photographer. His duties included taking photos of unit operations, which often placed him in the line of fire. He was awarded the Bronze Star for actions under fire while operating in Germany. He was also awarded the rank of Tech5. After VE Day, TSGT 5 Pitts and his unit were sent to Czechoslovakia and returned to the states with different outfits. What distinguishes the 150th is their continued relationship. For more than sixty years the unit enjoyed annual gatherings. After the war, Bob pursued his interest in engineering at MIT. He worked on some of the earliest computers and earned the title Electronic Engineer Assistant.

Mr. Pitts was married to Eleanor M. Hathaway for 48 years before her passing in 1998. Together, they had three children; Robert, Nancy, and Richard. His youngest built and maintains the webpage for the 150th battalion, honoring his father's memory and the accomplishments of the unit.