

that have grown rapidly. The last twelve years have seen Darrell pioneer sales organizations at DC based SaaS companies and produce no less than 35 percent year-over-year growth rates.

Andrew Bailey is the first recipient of the IES Jay Nussbaum Rising Sales Star Award. A former Marine, Andrew has transitioned into an exceptional young sales professional with a deep and abiding commitment and appreciation for his customers. He's quickly become a top sales performer at SAP NS2.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Craig Abod, Tamara Green-span, Darrell Gehrt, and Andrew Bailey for their exceptional dedication and leadership within the business community.

#### HONORING KATHRIN (KATE) SEARS

### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2020*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Kathrin (Kate) Sears for her outstanding career in public service as Marin County's District 3 Supervisor.

Kate has been a resident of Southern Marin for most of her life, and it is the place where she developed the principled values that have guided her private and public careers.

She earned a bachelor's degree in Asian studies at Carleton College in Minnesota, a master's degree in Chinese studies at the University of Washington, a doctorate in political science from the University of Michigan, and a law degree from Harvard University. In 2005, after working as an attorney in a private practice for 16 years, Kate joined the Consumer Law Section of the California Attorney General's Office. In 2011 Governor Jerry Brown appointed Kate to the Marin County Board of Supervisors after the heartbreaking death of long-standing Supervisor Hal Brown. She was reelected in 2012 and 2016.

Throughout her tenure on the Board of Supervisors, Kate represented the residents of Marin, its renowned public lands and the environment with passion and skill. She worked to improve public transportation, strengthen services for older adults, and increase affordable housing opportunities. Kate has helped to plan and implement key Marin initiatives including BayWAVE and Drawdown: Marin. As Chair of Marin Clean Energy, Kate worked to develop energy efficiency programs and expanded electric vehicle charging stations in Marin.

From Angel Island to Muir Woods, Kate has also fought for Marin's parks and open spaces. I am proud to have worked with her to find compromise in resolving community issues, including through the Muir Woods Parking Reservation System.

Kate is a champion for the people and places of Marin County and leaves an appreciable legacy as she retires from the Board of Supervisors. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in honoring Kate for an accomplished tenure, and extend to her best wishes in her future endeavors.

#### RECOGNIZING COMMANDER MARCUS L. JONES

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2020*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Commander Marcus L. Jones of the U.S. Navy, upon his completion of the Department of Defense Legislative Fellowship program. Assigned to my office for the 2020 calendar year, Commander Jones quickly became an integral part of my team, lending his expertise as a U.S. Navy Supply Corps Officer to guide and inform my work as Chairman of the Readiness Subcommittee within the House Armed Services Committee. Over this past year, Commander Jones has worked closely with my personal staff and Readiness Subcommittee staff on the military's most pressing readiness challenges. He will be deeply missed after an exceptional year of service.

Commander Jones is a native of Columbus, Mississippi, and is a graduate of the University of Memphis with a degree in International Business. He also holds a Master of Business Administration from Pennsylvania State University and a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy.

Commander Jones began his career in 2001, and has since held numerous operational and shore assignments including on the USS *West Virginia* (SSBN-736B) and USS *George Washington* (CVN-73), at the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, Naval Supply Systems Command, Naval Air Systems Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and in the office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Budget. His extensive background in logistics has been critical to my work in strengthening and recapitalizing our nation's maritime logistics force.

Commander Jones and his wife, Sybil, have three beautiful daughters, and his family continues to support him and his service to our nation.

This moment is bittersweet, as we are deeply saddened to see Commander Jones go. However, we are excited for what awaits him and what his future holds.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. Congress and a grateful Nation, I extend our deepest appreciation to Commander Marcus L. Jones for his dedicated service to the U.S. Navy, U.S. House of Representatives, and to our Nation.

#### RECOGNIZING RUSSELL BRYANT FOR 44 YEARS OF MILITARY AND CIVIL SERVICE

### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2020*

Mr. CONNOLLY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Russell Bryant for his 44 years of selfless service to our nation and to congratulate him on his upcoming retirement.

Mr. Bryant attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, receiving a ROTC scholarship after

his first semester. Though he initially studied Aeronautical Engineering, he switched to Nuclear Engineering following his ROTC mid-shipman cruise. After obtaining his Bachelor of Engineering in Nuclear Engineering, he received his commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy on May 13, 1976.

He was first stationed on the USS *Mississippi* and later served on both the USS *South Carolina CGN-37* and the USS *Texas CGN-39*, serving in various capacities of increasing responsibility. Mr. Bryant left active duty on September 30, 1987, at which time he held the position of Ship Maintenance Manager for the USS *Carl Vinson CVN 70* on the Commander Naval Air Forces Pacific Fleet Staff in San Diego, VA. His active duty awards include Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Naval Expeditionary Medal, and two Sea Service ribbons. After his discharge from active duty, he joined the Naval Reserves where he served with distinction, again earning numerous medals and awards.

Mr. Bryant continued his service to our nation beginning November 11, 1987, as a civil servant in the Aircraft Carrier Program Office, PMS 312, of the Naval Sea Systems Command. In 1994, he took a new position in the Program Executive Office for Ship Self Defense Systems (PEO SSDS), which is now the Program Executive Office for Integrated Warfare Systems. Mr. Bryant has contributed greatly to the Navy through his involvement in the realm of electronic warfare and decoys from 1994 to present day.

Even while balancing the demands of a top-level civil service position and his responsibilities in the U.S. Naval Reserves, Mr. Bryant still found the time to complete courses at the Naval War College, receiving his diploma in 1997. He also completed the USDA Executive Potential Program and was recognized as the Outstanding Alumni for 2000. He went on to take other graduate level courses and received his Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in 2003. A recognized expert in various aspects of technical, social and organizational components of Command and Control, Mr. Bryant has published numerous peer-reviewed papers since 2000.

Mr. Bryant has also contributed to his local community. He served as his Prince William County Supervisor's Budget Advisory Committee Chair for two years. He subsequently served as Prince William County Woodbridge District Planning Commissioner, advising the Prince William County Board of Supervisors on land use and development issues in the County. Mr. Bryant remained in this position until December 31, 2018 after serving on the commission for 16 years, including 12 as Chairman.

At the end of December 2020, Mr. Bryant will retire following 44 years of exemplary service as a Naval Officer and a Civil Servant. I congratulate Mr. Bryant and commend him for his outstanding service to the protection of our great nation and the betterment of our local community. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Russell Bryant on his retirement and in wishing him and his wife Janelle continued health, happiness and success.

IN HONOR OF CATHERINE “CAT”  
CARLTON

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 15, 2020*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker and members, I rise today to recognize Catherine Carlton, known as “Cat” by her community, for her eight years of service on the city council of Menlo Park. It’s been a remarkable time for this native of Tarrant County, Texas, who eventually made her way west to lead her dynamic community astride San Francisco Bay.

Catherine graduated with a Bachelors in Rhetoric and Public Communications from Tulane University and received her MBA at the Cass Business School in London where she was president of her class and graduated with Deans Honors. She worked in Hong Kong for 10 years for, among others, Equant and for a company that she founded and managed—Search Bank. During her global business career, she has worked at eight different companies.

Menlo Park is a community of 35,000. Its daytime population swells by thousands as high technology employees stream into globally competitive businesses, including Facebook. After moving to town, Catherine became immersed in her new community.

Catherine was appointed to the parks and recreation commission in 2009 and served until elected to the city council in 2012. She joined as the Great Recession and its impact on city finances ebbed. In 2012, local measure K passed. It increased the hotel occupancy tax. Ultimately, these revenues and others made possible upgrades to the city’s parks

and libraries, among several other worthy initiatives supported by Catherine.

With the explosive expansion of Facebook and other high technology companies, Catherine and her colleagues were repeatedly called upon to guide the community’s growth so that it did not overwhelm residents. For example, when a major project at Willow Road and Highway 101 commenced, Catherine and the council tried to ensure that it concluded as quickly as possible. It was a huge thread-the-needle project with long lines of cars slowly snaking in various directions over many months. While the end result is a great interchange, Catherine spent many hours of council time listening to nearby neighbors. She and her colleagues worked hard to reduce negative impacts when possible.

During her time on the council, Catherine represented Menlo Park on twelve regional committees or agencies. These included the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority, C/CAG, the Airport Community Roundtable, and an ad hoc council committees on parking.

She is a passionate advocate for local businesses. Now, with the pandemic restricting many downtown merchants, Catherine and her colleagues are adapting Menlo Park so that dining in downtown streets is possible. Pedestrians and bicyclists (walking their bikes) support restaurants and merchants.

We often hear the expression, “Out of the frying pan, into the fire.” It would be simple to describe sitting on the Menlo Park council from 2012 to the present in those terms given the yin and yang of long-running explosive job growth followed by pandemic-induced restrictions. However, this would be an incomplete picture. Many wonderful things happened over the past eight years under Cat’s leadership and guidance.

The city is revitalized with longtime vacant lots on the El Camino Real sporting new office buildings. Parks are refreshed, the libraries upgraded, and long-needed infrastructure investments were made. Crime—never a significant problem in Menlo Park—remains low. Issues related to community-wide planning were dealt with. The city’s schools remain strong and its families treasure the environment, including its bayfront park and tree canopied streets.

A mother of two young children, Catherine and George, Cat helped run her daughter’s Girl Scout troop and volunteered with AYSO. She was the vice president of her homeowner’s association and served on the board of the Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. She volunteered as an after-school tutor. Her volunteer work for the Junior League led to her support of Project Read, Foster Families and HIP Housing. She was a board member and past president of the Las Lomas Education Foundation. She worked with state legislators on legislation to address human trafficking and domestic violence. In all, she served as a volunteer with over nine nonprofits or associations dealing with local and state subjects touching youth, women, and quality-of-life issues.

Catherine Carlton has played an important role in all of these achievements. Now she, husband Robert Ridenour, and their children will have more time together. This is likely welcomed by everyone in the family after years of her intense dedication to neighbors and to the future of the community that she loves. I was honored to know and to work with Catherine Carlton, and I wish her all the best in the years ahead.