

HONORING KACYN WAYNE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kacyn Wayne. Kacyn is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 96, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kacyn has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Kacyn has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Kacyn has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kacyn Wayne for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING THOMAS SINCLAIR AS THE ARKANSAS SPELLING BEE CHAMPION

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Thomas Sinclair of Garland County for his recent victory at the Arkansas State Spelling Bee. He will be moving on to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in May 2020.

Thomas is ten years old and is a fifth grader at Jessieville Elementary School. After placing 11th in last year's state bee, he finished last week as the state's top speller among 50 students in third through eighth grades from around the State of Arkansas.

Seeing the story of Thomas' perseverance from last year and during this year's competition, I am reminded of the resilience of much of the Fourth District of Arkansas. His is an outstanding example of everything that academic excellence and hard work can accomplish.

I know that he will represent the Fourth District and the State of Arkansas well on the national stage. I wish him well in his future studies and in his efforts at the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

HONORING JEREMIAH KAHMOSON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeremiah Kahmoson for years of exceptional public service to the young people of Lake County, California and to honor him as the Lake County Teacher of the Year.

Jeremiah Kahmoson was born and raised in Sonoma County and believes in giving back to

the next generation of students. Mr. Kahmoson is a teacher at the North Bay Met Academy and serves as the Executive Director of the B-Rad Foundation, which works to empower individuals through environmental stewardship, health, and adventure programs. In August of 2014, he lost his best friend Bradley "B-Rad" Parker in a tragic climbing accident in Yosemite National Park. The B-Rad Foundation was founded in Brad's memory and based upon the three pillars of his life: Health, Stewardship, and Adventure. Today, the B-Rad Foundation seeks to create a universe where children live a life where every year features 365 days of awesome.

For the past five years, the B-Rad Foundation has supported thousands of kids and their families with fun-filled programs and events. They have partnered with the King Ridge Foundation to lead extended back-country adventures for Sonoma County youth in Yosemite National Park. They were instrumental in the giveaway of over 500 bicycles for devastated children, who lost all their possessions in the 2017 wildfires. The B-Rad program also practices an important "pay-it-forward" philosophy, as students use their newly acquired repair skills to fix donated broken bikes and re-gift them to local at-risk youth. Mr. Kahmoson's deep commitment to enriching the education of our youth through environmental stewardship has become a deeply appreciated part of our community.

Madam Speaker, Jeremiah Kahmoson is a passionate adventurer and educator who has made great contributions to better the lives of others in our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM KINZINGER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. KINZINGER. Madam Speaker, due to my Air National Guard unit being mobilized, I was unable to be present and cast votes during the week of January 27. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 23; YEA on Roll Call No. 24; NAY on Roll Call No. 25; NAY on Roll Call No. 26; YEA on Roll Call No. 27; NAY on Roll Call No. 28; YEA on Roll Call No. 29; YEA on Roll Call No. 30; NAY on Roll Call No. 31; YEA on Roll Call No. 32; NAY on Roll Call No. 33; and NAY on Roll Call No. 34.

IN RECOGNITION OF AT LAW GROUP

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize AT Law Group. The firm's positive impact and contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Based in Dearborn, AT Law Group is one of the leading law firms in the state of Michigan. The firm provides unmatched counsel, advocacy, and support to a diverse client base and is committed to protecting the rights, liberties,

and the interests of all they serve. The firm maintains a mission to provide the highest level of service possible and strives to achieve excellence and the most favorable legal outcomes. With professionalism as a key pillar of their practice, AT Law Group ensures all their clients feel that they are heard, respected, and treated with dignity.

Beyond offering exceptional legal services, AT Law Group has become an important voice in our community. They carry a large presence in outreach work for people in need in Washtenaw County, and their generosity has improved the lives of many. In addition, the firm has been a strong advocate for undocumented immigrants in our region. They have assisted many immigrants through difficult legal challenges, always ensuring they were afforded their Constitutional rights regardless of legal status. Undoubtedly, AT Law Group has shown a true commitment to our community. Their presence has made a real and meaningful difference.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring AT Law Group. The firm is a critical resource for our community and their services help many get through the toughest of legal challenges. I am grateful for their dedication and wish them continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING PATRICIA G. LEARY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Patricia G. Leary and to celebrate her retirement after three decades of public service on a local, state, and federal level.

Ms. Leary began her career in public service after graduating from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1981 with a degree in Political Science. Upon graduating, Ms. Leary began working as a legislative staffer in California State Government. From 1991 to 1995, Ms. Leary worked as my Legislative Director in the California State Senate, where she was a valuable asset to my team. She was an articulate, straightforward communicator with a strong passion for public service. Her institutional knowledge and astute political advice were instrumental to our success.

After working in my office, Ms. Leary became the Principal Consultant for the California State Senate and later the Legislative Representative for the California State Association of Counties. After several years as the Assistant County Administrator for Yolo County, Pat became the Chief Deputy Director at the Department of Social Services and was Acting Director in 2019.

Ms. Leary's professional public sector career has been unparalleled. She has shown her commitment to the state of California and our community through her decades of public service and leadership. Ms. Leary's integrity, honesty, intelligence and creative problem solving has served all those she has met throughout her career, and our district is certainly a better place because of her dedicated service.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Leary is the kind of citizen we should all strive to be, and I am

proud to call her my friend. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor Patricia G. Leary here today.

EATON SENIOR COMMUNITIES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Eaton Senior Communities on being awarded the West Metro Chamber of Commerce Medium Business of the Year Award.

Eaton Senior Communities (ESC) evolved from the West Alameda Community Baptist Church with big ideas and a passion for serving their community. ESC is also the parent organization of several nonprofits including local senior communities in the area and the Eaton Healthy Food Truck.

Since 1980, ESC's mission has been to provide affordable housing in a service-rich environment that enables all individuals to live to their fullest potential. Their wholistic approach on providing services for the whole person means they are focused on the physical, emotional, intellectual, nutritional, environmental, social, and spiritual aspects of each individual, which is what earned them this recognition.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Eaton Senior Communities for this well-deserved recognition.

HONORING TEMPLE SOLEL OF HOLLYWOOD

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to wish a heartfelt Mazel Tov to Temple Solel of Hollywood, Florida on their 50th Anniversary Jubilee.

The Jewish faith teaches us that we must lift up everyone to make the world a better place—Tikkun Olam. For 50 years, the members of Temple Solel have humbly done their part to repair the world for all those who struggle, for all who are forced to go without, and for everyone who is in need of a helping hand. And they do it unconditionally, with generosity, and with Gemilut Hasadim—the gift of loving kindness.

Congratulations to Rabbi Robert Frazen, Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin, Cantor Israel Rosen, and all those who have served the congregation over the past 50 years. Their decades of leadership, spiritual guidance, and service have helped make Temple Solel become one of the most progressive faith-based institutions in Broward County. Whether educating our community about the dangers of climate change and sea level rise or supporting the values of full equality for LGBTQ Jews and their families, they have set an example for all to follow.

I hold a deep admiration for the tremendous kindness the clergy and congregants of Temple Solel have shown our community for half a century. I wish them much success and joy as they continue to grow for the next 50 years.

HONORING CHIEF ERNIE SANCHEZ

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Ernie Sanchez for his exceptional public service to the people of Northern California and to honor his retirement after 29 years as a California Highway Patrol (CHP) officer.

Chief Ernie Sanchez was born in East Los Angeles, California. He earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Spanish from Brigham Young University. Since then, he has dedicated his career to improving the community around him. As he rose through the ranks from CHP Officer to Chief of the Vallejo Golden Gate Division, he garnered the respect of those he worked with as a compassionate and fair leader. As Chief, he was committed to the Department's vision and maintained an unwavering dedication to serving our community with professionalism. This allowed him to gain the support and gratitude of his subordinates, peers, allied agency leaders, and members of the public for his dedication and expertise.

Throughout his time as a member of the California Highway Patrol, Chief Sanchez was recognized for his hard work and commitment. He was awarded the Governor's Employee Safety Award for lowering motorcycle involved injury collisions in the Bay Area and the Commissioner's Unit Citation for the development of the Office of Inspector General and related policies and procedures. In addition, he was a multiple year awardee for the California Law Enforcement Challenge, designed to help reduce motor vehicle involved injury collisions and lower the Mileage Death Rate. Most recently, he lent his support to our community as Incident Commander during the devastating Atlas, Tubbs, and Kincadee fires.

Madam Speaker, Chief Ernie Sanchez is the kind of citizen we should all strive to be. He has made immense contributions throughout his career to better our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF CONGREGATION BETH JACOB ON ITS 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, we rise today to honor Congregation Beth Jacob of Redwood City, California, as it celebrates its 90th Anniversary of service to Jewish residents living between the cities of San Francisco and San Jose. The founders, Polish and Russian immigrants, were among the many Jews who fled Eastern Europe between 1882 and 1910. The group's first service was attended by 25 members and was held in a member's home.

The Congregation held services in its first synagogue in Menlo Park in 1931. In 1952, the Congregation broke ground for its current facility on Alameda de las Pulgas in Redwood City. In 1979, Beth Jacob suffered a cata-

strophic fire, and the current facility was rebuilt in 1981.

Congregation Beth Jacob's first leader was Kenneth Carlton Zwerin who served for a decade, followed by numerous rabbis and lay leaders. Rabbi H. David Teitelbaum, a distinguished civil rights activist, led Beth Jacob to join the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, an affiliation that continued until 2013. Rabbi Nathaniel Ezray, the Congregation's current leader, took the leadership position in 1995.

Beth Jacob, a vibrant and egalitarian Congregation, is widely known and highly regarded for its leadership in progressive actions within the Conservative movement. For many years, women, LGBTQ individuals, people with disabilities and those who are homeless have been active and important within the Congregation. In fact, Beth Jacob was the first local synagogue to build a ramp so those with limited mobility could reach the Torah. Beth Jacob strives to see the image of God in every person who steps through its doors and believes in the importance of honoring differences.

Madam Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in wishing Congregation Beth Jacob many more years of service to our community, and in thanking Beth Jacob for 90 years of providing a welcoming, safe and joyful place of worship to its devoted members. Congregation Beth Jacob is a beacon of hope in a world in need of hope, and a shining jewel in the crown of the San Francisco Peninsula.

IN RECOGNITION OF JUDGE ANNA FRUSHOUR

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anna Frushour as she is appointed to the 14A District Court judge bench. Her dedication to our community is worthy of commendation.

Anna Frushour is a well-respected professional whose years of legal experience make her a qualified addition to the District Court. Frushour is an accomplished attorney who is a partner at Feiser & Frushour, a law firm that contracts with Ann Arbor to represent criminal defendants for misdemeanors, and is a private practice attorney with Frushour Law. Moreover, she has served as assigned defense counsel for the Mental Health Court, Veteran's Treatment Court, Sobriety Court, and Street Outreach courts in Washtenaw County. Frushour earned her Juris Doctor degree from Wayne State University and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.

On December 17, 2019, Governor Gretchen Whitmer appointed Anna Frushour to the 14A District Court, and we celebrate her investiture today. Frushour will be an exemplary District Court judge, exemplified through her positive reputation in the community, diligent work ethic, and legal expertise. Throughout all of her professional pursuits, Frushour has been regarded as a fair, dedicated, and humble leader who strives for excellence. Her commitment to the law and her entire community will enable all to feel that they are heard, respected, and treated with dignity in her courtroom.