

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.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Anna Frushour. Her appointment to the bench is a testament to her hard work, dedication, and commitment to the law. I am grateful for her service and wish her continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING THE REGIONAL PARKS
FOUNDATION

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 the Regional Parks Foundation on the 50th anniversary of its founding.

Since its establishment in 1969, the Regional Parks Foundation has supported the East Bay Regional Park District and its community. The Foundation serves the vibrant and diverse communities of Northern California's East Bay area, including parts of California's Fifth Congressional District. The Regional Parks Foundation is deeply committed to making parks available and accessible to everyone in our community.

The Regional Parks Foundation works to support universal access to parks, promote environmental stewardship, organize and fund educational and recreational programs and acquire parklands. The foundation provides community education around important legislative initiatives that preserve open space, protect our natural resources, and promotes park access for under-served populations.

The Foundation has been instrumental in the environmental education and enjoyment of citizens of all ages and abilities. The Regional Parks Foundation has sent over 10,000 young people to environmental education programs and has funded thousands of other opportunities for seniors, veterans, and those living with disabilities. The Foundation has fundraised nearly \$50 million to support our communities and parks. These funds enable the foundation to provide swim lessons, loan out safety gear, organize community tree planting, shoreline clean-ups and other environmental restoration projects.

Madam Speaker, the Regional Parks Foundation has been instrumental in supporting the betterment and longevity of our open spaces. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor the foundation on the 50th anniversary of its founding.

CONGRATULATING J. THOMAS
MAY ON HIS RECEIPT OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
PRESIDENT'S MEDAL FOR SERVICE

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate J. Thomas May for re-

ceiving the University of Arkansas System President's Medal for Service.

This award is given by the school's president and cabinet to recognize those who have "demonstrated a distinguished and sustained commitment to helping the UA System carry out its mission to the state through their time, knowledge, and philanthropy."

Mr. May has long been a resident of the Fourth Congressional district and was previously the president and CEO of Simmons Bank. May is also the only person in Arkansas history to have served as both Chairman of the Board and Acting President of the University of Arkansas System. His contributions to the University of Arkansas for Medical Science and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff have led to growth, development and successes at both institutions.

His life is an example of servant leadership and one of what wise stewardship and grace can accomplish in the lives of others. I and the rest of the Fourth District of Arkansas are proud to call Mr. May one of our own. I take this time to congratulate him once again on this tremendous honor and to thank him for his service to our district and our state.

CHIEF DAN BRENNAN

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 retired Wheat Ridge Police Chief Dan Brennan on being awarded the West Metro Chamber of Commerce Steve Burkholder Diamond Legacy Award.

Throughout his career, Chief Brennan left his mark on Jefferson County—from the Lakewood Police Department, to helping create Jeffcom 911 and a regional SWAT Team, to a community approach to policing that addresses the causes of crime, not just the crime.

Brennan began his 42 years in law enforcement with the Lakewood Police Department rising through the ranks from Police Agent to Commander. During his career at Lakewood Police Department, he worked in multiple positions where his leadership and dedication to the community became apparent.

After being appointed Chief of the Wheat Ridge Police Department in 2005, along with other department employees, Brennan developed a new mission statement for the department: Exceptional people providing exceptional service. They also established a core set of values, with integrity at the core—which became Chief Brennan's mantra for the next 14+ years.

At the Wheat Ridge Police Department, he led the charge for a community policing approach to responding to crime, traffic, and quality of life issues in the community while ensuring all officers and supervisors received CIT mental health training and engaging the community and stakeholder groups to listen to community concerns and feedback. During that time, he served on various local, state

and national boards and committees, including as the President of the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police. Throughout his esteemed career, he was awarded numerous awards and recognitions and was known for always trying to do the right thing for the right reasons.

Chief Brennan's leadership, compassion, is collaboration, and integrity left a positive mark on our community for years to come. I extend my deepest congratulations to Chief Dan Brennan for this well-deserved recognition and thank him for his countless contributions to our community.

HONORING THE SONOMA VALLEY
FIREFIGHTER HOLIDAY DINNER

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 the Sonoma Valley Firefighter Holiday Dinner and recognize the outstanding efforts of firefighters throughout Sonoma Valley.

At the time, the 2017 North Bay Wildfires were the most devastating in our state's history. We saw firsthand, that wildfires do not respect district or regional boundaries. In response, firefighters from near and far came together to protect our community. Firefighters from all over the valley fought shoulder to shoulder to save lives and property, risking their own lives along the way. Our entire community, both firefighters and civilians alike, left with a renewed sense of comradery and partnership that continues to permeate the area today.

Following this extraordinary united effort, the Glen Ellen Volunteer Firefighter Association extended their annual holiday celebration to their teammates, past and present, from the entire Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue Authority, as well as the Kenwood and Mayacamas volunteer stations. The holiday dinner honors the incredible sacrifices made by the entire fire community and is a joy to all who participate.

The dinner brings together all current volunteer and career firefighters, department board members, retired chiefs, battalion chiefs, and their spouses. Meals are prepared and delivered to the on-duty firefighters staffing their stations. It is a time to honor past leadership, reflect on the year's successes, and support the Explorer program to help develop future staff. Additionally, there is an opportunity to recognize spouses, widows, and families, as it takes an entire village to support those on the front line.

Madam Speaker, the Sonoma Valley fire agencies are always ready to help and protect our community. Their unparalleled commitment to protecting Sonoma Valley makes them a model for the region. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor them here today.